



Welcome: 22 new trainees start at Humboldt-Universität

On 1 September, 22 new trainees started their vocational training at Humboldt-Universität - welcome! The young colleagues are being trained in the following professions: Administrative Assistant (6), Industrial Mechanic (4), Chemical Laboratory Assistant (3), Media and Information Services Specialist (3), Sports and Fitness Clerk (2) and Events Clerk (1). The first working day began on Monday with a ceremonial welcome by Prof. Dr Christoph Schneider, Vice President for Research, and ended with a rally around the Mitte campus after various programme items. Carola Hahn, long-standing Head of Training in the Department of Budget and Human Resources, also welcomed the new colleagues. She is already looking to the future: 'We are already looking for talented and interested young people for the start of training in 2025.'

[Further information on training opportunities at the HU](#)

[Picture gallery: Ceremony for the new trainees](#)

Science & Teaching

Interview: 'Compliance with scientific standards is more important today than ever'

At a time when science is gaining in importance as a counterweight to 'fake news', good scientific practice plays a central role. It defines standards that ensure that scientists work in a comprehensible and objective manner. In this interview, Katrin Schaar, Head of Good Scientific Practice at HU, talks about the importance of these standards, current developments and how researchers at HU are supported in this endeavour.

[Read the interview on the intranet](#)

Absence of students from courses: Results of the lecturer survey are available

At the beginning of this year, lecturers at Humboldt-Universität were invited to take part in a short survey on the topic of 'student absence from courses'. The results are now available to the Quality Management Office, which carried out and analysed the survey. According to the results, most students are absent from lectures.

[To the results of the survey](#)

Circle U. - COIL: Apply for funding for European online teaching by 30 September

Teachers at HU have the opportunity to internationalise their teaching by collaborating with European partners and offering their students the opportunity to learn in a virtual classroom together with fellow students from Circle U. partner universities. As a member of Circle U., HU supports the modern concept of Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) with targeted funding. Applications can be submitted until 30 September.

[Apply for COIL funding](#)

CU.til Week: Developing teaching in a training week from 11 to 13 September

The Circle U. Teaching Innovation Lab (CU.til) is organising a training week to develop innovative teaching methods. From 11 to 13 September, a combination of training modules, a co-creation lab and coaching labs for lecturers, students, teacher trainers and other developers of educational programmes will take place in Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium. The aim is to jointly develop and implement innovative educational programmes.

[Find out more and register](#)

Humboldt Research Track Scholarships: New call for applications

The HU is again offering Humboldt Research Track Scholarships: The six-month transitional scholarship is aimed at outstanding graduates or students shortly before completing a Master's programme and serves to prepare a doctoral project. In order to open up the path to a doctorate to more people with disabilities or chronic illnesses, applications from this target group will be given special consideration. The current application period runs from 1 September to 15 October 2024 for funding to begin from 1 January, 1 February or 1 March 2025.

[Detailed information on the transitional scholarships](#)

THESys Award 2024: Students can submit theses on the topic of 'sustainability'

Writing a Bachelor's or Master's thesis is a great achievement and should be recognised. For this reason, the IRI THESys is asking all teaching staff at HU to draw their students' attention to the THESys Award. For the tenth time, this award recognises particularly committed theses on the topic of 'sustainability'. The only condition: The theses must have been completed and graded between 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024. The deadline for applications is 1 November 2024 and the award ceremony will take place on 30 January 2025 as part of the Sustainability Office's lecture series 'The Green Thread'.

[Find out more about the THESys Award](#)

Conference: AI and fake news in education and everyday life

Digital technologies are changing learning and teaching. The international conference 'Digital, analogue, and hybrid learning spaces: Rethinking dialogue, inquiry, and argumentation?' invites you to discuss changing forms of learning and the self-determined use of digital technologies. Prof. Dr Elisabeth Mayweg and Theresa Ruwe are organising the international conference together with the European Association of Research in Learning and Instruction (EARLI), which will take place at Humboldt-Universität from 18 to 20 September.

[All information about the conference and registration](#)

Campus Adlershof: Science Senator Czyborra visits the CSMB

At the end of her summer tour this year, the Senator for Science, Health and Care, Dr Ina Czyborra, visited the Adlershof technology campus together with the State Secretary for Science, Dr Henry Marx, at the end of August. The tour started at the HU's Centre for the Science of Materials (CSMB), where scientists from various departments are conducting joint research into new and sustainable materials. Among other things, an electron microscope was presented that visualises the structures of materials and is requested by researchers from all over the world. Other stops on the Senator's visit to Adlershof included the Ferdinand-Braun-Institut and the Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin.

[To the picture gallery on the intranet](#)

Administration & Service

Invitation: Workshops on diversity-competent leadership

In September, we will continue with further training on the topic of 'Fundamentals of Diversity Competence' - aimed primarily at people with management responsibility at HU. The workshops will take place in Adlershof and Mitte, in presence and digitally, in German or English. The comprehensive programme is designed to make it easy for all interested parties to participate. The entire Executive Board has already completed a workshop on diversity-competent leadership together. The members of the Executive Committee shared their impressions on the intranet.

[What the Executive Committee says about the workshops](#)

Don't forget: Digital retrieval of salary documents in Employee Self Service

Since January 2023, employees of Humboldt-Universität have been able to retrieve salary statements, social security registration certificates and income tax statements for previous calendar years (from 2023) via the Employee Self Service (ESS). It is not possible to retrieve documents in the ESS for the period before 1 January 2023. In this context, the Salaries Office would like to point out that access to ESS ends when the employment relationship has ended. Employees must retrieve their documents promptly and regularly.

[More about the ESS](#)

Berlin University Alliance

BUA Run Club x adidas Runners: running meets science on 11 September

The BUA Run Club in cooperation with adidas Runners is entering its second round: on 11 September, running enthusiasts of all fitness levels can jog through Berlin-Mitte on the after-work run. This time, the 60-minute social run will start and finish at Humboldt University. There will also be another expert talk from Berlin's sports science community with practical tips and advice for running.

[Further information and registration](#)

Fellows Club: New network for grantees and visiting researchers

Fellows of the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) are now invited to become members of the newly founded Fellows Club. The network is open to researchers at all career levels from Germany and abroad who are staying at the FU, HU, TU or Charité for a limited period via a BUA funding programme or a Cluster of Excellence. The aims of the fellowship are to network, exchange ideas and increase the visibility of research. The first series of events will start on 4 November with the Fellows Forum, which will take place twice a year in future. Membership is free of charge.

[Find out more and register](#)

Competition: Ideas for sustainable agriculture and nutrition wanted

How can agriculture be made more sustainable, animal welfare promoted and food security improved? Early-career researchers are invited to submit their practice-relevant and innovative ideas in the 'Forum Junge Spitzenforschung' science competition. The best concepts will be honoured with a total of 42,000 euros in prize money. Doctoral students, postdocs, research associates, junior professors and senior physicians from the BUA network can apply. The application phase starts on 2 September and ends on 27 October.

[To the press release](#)

People

Recognition: Sven Wang elected to the 'Junge Akademie'

Sven Wang, junior professor at HU and member of MATH+ since September 2023, has been elected to the Junge Akademie. A recognition that underlines his contributions to mathematics and his interdisciplinary approach. The Junge Akademie is an interdisciplinary platform for outstanding young scientists and artists in Germany that promotes innovative ideas and strengthens the dialogue between science, art and society.

[Full announcement from MATH+ \(English\)](#)

Obituary: Mourning for Heinz Arthur Seifert

On 7 July 2024, Prof. Dr Heinz Arthur Seifert, a long-time employee of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, passed away at the age of 89. His former colleagues at the Albrecht Daniel Thaer Institute of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences remember him with an obituary.

[Read obituary](#)

Award: Phil Beier receives the SWEA Literature Scholarship 2024 for his doctoral project

Phil Beier, research associate in the Collaborative Research Centre 1412 'Register', has been awarded the SWEA Literature Scholarship 2024 by the Swedish Women's Educational Association for his linguistic research into the revelations of Saint Birgitta of Sweden. Phil Beier is currently doing his doctorate in Scandinavian Linguistics at the Northern European Institute of the HU.

[Read press release](#)

Winners: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation scholarship holders and award winners

Since August, the HU has welcomed Prof Dr Thomas Richard Hilder from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, to Berlin. As part of a Humboldt Research Fellowship for experienced researchers, he will be conducting research in musicology together with Prof Dr Mark J. Butler. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation promotes academic exchange by awarding fellowships and prizes to outstanding researchers worldwide.



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