



A successful start to HU student life: Matriculation ceremony at the Humboldt Forum

Humboldt-Universität welcomed its new students on 14 October for the first time with a matriculation ceremony in the Humboldt Forum (photo). Since 2021, the HU has been presenting research projects from the Clusters of Excellence of the Berlin University Alliance in the Humboldt Lab. The same location had hosted HU matriculation ceremonies in the Palace of the Republic for many years during the GDR era. The Presidential Board and the RefRat welcomed the first year students - 7,000 newly enrolled students this semester - and gave impulses for studying at HU. The highlight of the official part was the interviews with the General Director of the Humboldt Forum and HU alumnus, Prof Hartmut Dorgerloh, and the HU Olympians Leo Köpp, Renée Lucht, Christina Wassen and Martin Zwicker. The Humboldtians rounded off the evening with music, food and a free drink.

[Visit the Humboldt Lab at the Humboldt Forum](#)

Award for Excellent Teaching: Nominate a course!

When does teaching qualify as ‘good’? How can it be improved? Every year, the Vice President for Teaching and Learning invites you to discuss these and other questions at the HUMBOLDT Day of Teaching. On this day, he also presents the Award for Excellent Teaching, which recognises innovative and successful teachers and teaching concepts. Focusing on different aspects of excellent teaching every year, this time the award honours successful examples of ‘sustainable teaching and learning’. Courses that are eligible for the award are also nominated by the students; and you can still make suggestions for lectures from the current winter semester until 12 January 2025.

[Read more about the Award for Excellent Teaching](#)

[Nominate a course](#)

Sustainability: discover suitable courses and collect ECTS

If you want to expand your knowledge of sustainability, from this semester onwards you can easily find suitable courses in the ‘Courses on sustainability’ folder on AGNES. Furthermore, the Sustainability Office offers you the opportunity to acquire both basic knowledge and application-oriented skills in the Studium Oecologicum and to reflect critically on the topic - and on top of that, you can have it all recognised for ten ECTS as an extra-disciplinary elective (ÜWP)!

[Find courses related to sustainability](#)

[Learn more about Studium Oecologicum](#)

Sustainable teaching 2025: Join in and shape it

In 2025, ‘sustainability’ will be the focus of the HU: The ‘Sustainable Teaching’ theme week from 3 to 5 June 2025 will put the spotlight on teaching and learning projects concerned with this issue. To open the week, the Award for Excellent Teaching will be presented on the Day of Teaching on 3 June. On 5 June, the Circle U. Climate Day will then take place simultaneously at all partner universities: Numerous events and initiatives will raise awareness of sustainable teaching and promote dialogue. And students can propose events for Climate Day until 22 November, too!

[Make suggestions for Climate Day](#)

[Find out more about Humboldt Teaching Day](#)

‘LICHTember’: A month for your own well-being

The University Health Management (HGM) is transforming the grey month of November into ‘LICHTember’ - a month dedicated to mental health. After all, the HGM health surveys clearly show that many Humboldtians feel mentally stressed. Throughout November, daily events on topics such as self-care, dealing with crises and resilience are on the programme - both digitally and in person. A number of these are tailored specifically to students. LICHTember not only aims to provide inspiration, but also to create space for dialogue and co-creation and to focus on resource management and coping strategies.

[View the LICHTember programme](#)

Deutschlandstipendium : Apply now for 2025/26

Humboldt-Universität is once again awarding Deutschlandstipendium (German public-private scholarship) to its students for the 2025 summer semester. It's worth applying: The scholarship supports committed students with a very good university record with 300 euros per month for one year (extension possible). The scholarship application period runs from 18 November to 15. Dezember.

[Apply for the Deutschlandstipendium](#)

HU scholarships: THESys Award & Research Track

You are at the end of your studies and are dealing with human-environment research in your final thesis? The HU would like to support you: Excellent theses can be submitted for the THESys Award. And if you are aiming for a doctorate after your Master's degree but need financial backing along the way, you can apply for a Humboldt Research Track Scholarship.

[Get to know the THESys Award](#)

[Find out more about the Humboldt Research Track Scholarship](#)

X-Tutorials: Opportunity for your own research projects

The Berlin University Alliance (BUA) would like to support students with a passion for research. In the X-Tutorials, the alliance encourages you to explore your special subject interests collaboratively with other students in your own projects. That sounds interesting? Then you will find more information and the call for proposals on the BUA StuROPx website, which you can apply for until 1 December.

[Go to the StuROPx website](#)

Utopia workshop: Safer spaces for FLINTA* students

In the Utopia Workshop, students who identify as FLINTA* (women, lesbians, inter, non-binary, trans and agender people) are given the opportunity to exchange ideas and form networks. Small groups will discuss topics such as sexism, racism, anti-Semitism, classism, queerness, disability and illness as well as being a student with a child. The event will take place on 26 November from 2 to 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum, Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 1-3, 10117 Berlin.

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