Humboldt-Universität’s Venture Service supports the university’s students and scientists with transforming their ideas, knowledge, and research results into a business. Jointly administered by the Research Service Centre (Servicezentrum Forschung) and Humboldt-Innovation GmbH (HI), the Venture Service is every Humboldtian’s first contact point when it comes to matters of entrepreneurship.

Our services are tailored to those interested in starting their own company, those currently doing so as well as those who have already established their startup. Investors as well as partners from the private and public sectors are also catered to. In particular, the Venture Service offers consulting regarding a variety of funding opportunities and the everyday work of running a business. More than 60 successful startups, creating more than 550 jobs, have emerged from the Venture Service’s work since 2005.

Moreover, the university’s startups can benefit from the office space as well as the training opportunities that the Venture Service offers. In 2015, the Humboldt Venture Club was established as a platform that fosters the exchange of know-how and offers networking opportunities for investors and startups.

The Venture Service is a member of B!GRÜNDET, the entrepreneurship network of Berlin’s academic institutions.
SERVICES FOR STARTUP PROJECTS:

- Initial consultation
- Consultation on financing (i.e. EXIST programmes)
- Assistance with patent issues
- Office space in one of HU’s Gründerhäuser (venture zones)
- Workshops and training opportunities
- Access to BIGRÜNDET’s coaching network
- Berliner Gründl – the Venture Service’s network event

SERVICES FOR EXISTING STARTUPS:

- Office space in one of the Gründerhäuser
- Consulting on follow-up financing, marketing and PR
- Use of HU’s intellectual property, such as patents
- Training opportunities
- Access to partner networks (coaching, accelerators)
- Use of cloud resources (BizSpark, Amazon)

SERVICES FOR COMPANIES AND INVESTORS:

- Humboldt Venture Club
- Network events
- Investor meetings with HU’s startups
- Marketing opportunities

A SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL HU STARTUPS

**greateyes**

Development and production of high-performance digital cameras for spectroscopy and imaging procedures

- Founded by Michael Menz and Dr. Martin Regehly
- Established in 2008
- Mentor: Prof. Röder
- Department of Physics

**sofatutor**

Interactive online video platform that offers didactically condensed videos for every topic in formal education

- Founded by Stephan Bayer, Andreas Spading, Alexander Weise
- Established in 2008
- Mentor: Prof. Paulssen
- Faculty of Business and Economics

**Production of fertilisers by ecologically efficient reuse of by-products of the food industry**

- Founded by Dr. Ines Eichholz, Daniel Kania, Dr. Sabine Schäfer
- Established in 2013
- Mentor: Prof. Ulrichs
- Albrecht Daniel Thaer Institute of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences