



Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin –
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As one of Germany's leading research universities, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HUB) stands at the forefront of academic excellence, engaging in dialogue with institutions worldwide. Through our strategic partnerships, we support top-tier research with outstanding international partner universities, strengthen knowledge exchange on global issues, and thereby contribute to addressing societal challenges.

In our continued commitment to expanding research horizons, we are excited to announce the new partnership with *Collège de France* (Université PSL – Paris Sciences & Lettres), France's most renowned research organization. The Collège is organized into Chairs. The current 46 statutory chairs cover a vast array of disciplines: from mathematics to the study of great civilizations, physics, chemistry, biology and medicine, philosophy and literature, social sciences and economics, prehistory, archaeology and history.

The new collaboration aims to promote reciprocal relations through invitation of professors affiliated at HU and the Collège de France.

HOSTING VISTING PROFESSORS FROM COLLÈGE DE FRANCE

With the current call, we would like to invite professors from the HU to host colleagues from Collège de France to Berlin for a **guest stay for the 2026-27 academic year**. At the same time, the Collège encourages its chairs to invite professors from the HU to Paris.¹ Collège de France faculty members (chaires statutaires) can be found on [this page](#).

Visits are typically expected to last one week. Considerations for longer stays up to 4 weeks will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. During the visits, the invited guests will have the opportunity to give public lectures as well as seminars with students or doctoral candidates, and to work on joint research projects and publications.

The Collège de France finances the travel costs while the costs for accommodation, per diems and local event organization are covered by HU. Up to three guest stays at the HU per academic year can be funded. Priority will be given to visiting scholar nominations that contribute to a balance of academic disciplines, diversity, and knowledge transfer opportunities each academic year.

Please carefully read the information below regarding the financial and logistical conditions and coordinate the planned guest stay with the administration of your faculty in a timely manner. Additionally, you should contact the guest of the Collège de France prior to submitting your application to gauge interest and agree on the possible timing of the stay. The professors of the Collège de France can be reached at their professional email address: firstname.lastname@college-de-france.fr.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility: Tenured track professors of all disciplines are eligible to apply. Applicants should utilize the provided application form and briefly describe their project, addressing aspects such as planned activities, targeted groups, budget and potential for continued collaboration beyond the visit.

¹ The initiative for these invitations comes from the holders of the chairs. The Collège will provide each visitor in Paris with a pro rata stipend according to the duration of the stay, sufficient to cover meals and local transportation, in addition to providing accommodation. HU will pay the travel expenses to Paris and back, for each of no more than three professors annually.

Grant Amount: Each applicant may receive a grant of up to a maximum of € 6,980, depending on the duration of the planned visit and related number of scheduled lectures and workshops.² The grant should cover the following expenses: Accommodation costs, per diems for the visiting professor (to cover supplementary local costs), and costs for the organization of public events and workshops (room rental, reception, faculty dinner, etc.).

- Accommodations: 90 Euro/day
- Per diem: 70 Euro/day
- Event costs: up to € 2,500 (depending on the number and size of the planned events)

Deadline: All applications must be submitted **by March 15, 2026**, for proposed visits that would take place during the following 2026-2027 academic year. Please consult with the person responsible for finances at your institute or the faculty dean's office before submitting the application.

SELECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Selection Procedure: Proposals will undergo evaluation and selection by the International Office at HU based the criteria stated above. The results will be communicated by the end of March 2026. Please note, that the official invitation letters to be sent to the invited scholars must be agreed upon before mid-April 2026, at the latest, in order to be taken into consideration in the internal procedures of Collège de France.

Funding Transfer: After confirmation of the Collège de France (expected early July 2025), the allocated funds will be transferred to the cost center ("Kostenstelle") of the HU department responsible for the invitation. The approved funds are designated as "Haushaltsmittel" ("Grundhaushalt/S1-Konten").

Host Obligations: After approval, the hosting department is responsible for the implementation of the guest visits and takes care of the following steps:

- editing of the invitation [*letter to the visiting scholar*](#) and the [*contract for guest stays*](#)
- arrangement of [*accommodations*](#)
- provision of a suitable office space for use by the visitor while on campus
- organization of one or two public events, in collaboration with the visiting scholar
- Lead in publicizing lectures in advance of the scholar's visit
- Organization of a faculty dinner and other appropriate occasions (e.g., workshop attendance, seminar, office hours, etc.) where faculty and students might meet and interact with the visiting scholar.

Report: After completion of the visit, a brief report must be submitted. A corresponding form for this report will be provided by the HU International Office.

SUBMISSION/CONTACT

Please submit the application form and questions regarding this call to Dr Susanne Beer (susanne.beer@hu-berlin.de) and Dr Stefan Karsch (stefan.karsch@hu-berlin.de).

² Please note that only "Sachmittel" are eligible for funding. Travel and accommodation costs are to be calculated in accordance with the Federal Travel Expenses Act ("Bundesreisekostengesetz").