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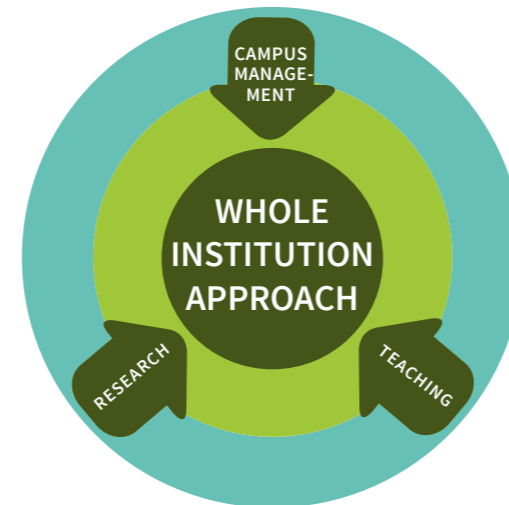
mission

Sustainable development is one of the biggest global challenges and will remain a focal point of global societal concern, political debate and technological innovation in the decades to come.

We see it as our responsibility to actively shape the discourse on sustainability and to meet global challenges within all parts of the university.

We focus on sustainability as a comprehensive topic for collaborating in research, teaching, and campus management.

Under the guiding principle of a whole institution approach, we place sustainability issues in all structural and thematic entities of the universities, going beyond the usual segmentation of different parts of a higher education institution.



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Research stays for researchers, summer schools for PhD students, conferences on the topic of “Green Campus” for management personnel, and several study and internship abroad options will spark extended dialogue between all stakeholders on campus and beyond.

Our joint efforts in research and teaching as well as our good practice exchange in campus management shall make the University Alliance for Sustainability an incubator and example to follow for university cooperation in the field of sustainability.

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 **University Alliance for Sustainability**

concept

The University Alliance for Sustainability combines the strengths of five strategic partner universities to develop joint research and teaching projects on the topic of sustainability. We offer exchange options for students, faculty members and administrative staff from across faculties and the universities to promote sustainability discourse throughout whole institutions.

The partner universities are:

- > **Freie Universität Berlin, Germany**
- > **Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel**
- > **Peking University, China**
- > **St. Petersburg State University, Russia**
- > **University of British Columbia, Canada**

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To reach the goals of the University Alliance for Sustainability, we introduce the following activities:

Annual Sustainability Spring Campus in Berlin

- > **Public Events:** keynotes by renowned experts
- > **3-day Research Incubators:** to develop or work on joint research projects
- > **3-day Management Incubator:** sustainable campus management workshop
- > **6-day Sustainability Springboard:** intensive training for up to four doctoral students from each university

Teaching Incubators, 2015 and 2017

- > 3-day meeting of academics in charge of teaching activities from relevant partners' departments at Freie Universität Berlin
- > Identification of suitable degree programs and individual modules for cooperation

Management Incubators, 2015 and 2017

- > One week workshop at Freie Universität Berlin
- > Management staff shares best practice in sustainable campus management and develops joint projects

mobility program



The success of the University Alliance for Sustainability is built upon the research and networking of our fellows. Our mobility program offers the opportunity of a research stay abroad to academics at all levels, from students to leading scientists, as well as to university administrators. This is our key strength: engaging people from across the university in dialogue about sustainable development.

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- > **Explorative Research Visits, 2015 – 2018**
Discussion and development of possible new research projects with a focus on sustainability topics.
Who: 2 Freie Universität Berlin researchers per year
- > **Senior Research Stays, 2015 – 2018**
Development of new research projects or research in an already existing project dealing with sustainability.
Who: 2 outgoing and 2 incoming researchers (Postdoc+) per year
- > **Junior Research Stays, 2015 – 2018**
Research on own PhD subject in the field of sustainability.
Who: 2 outgoing and 2 incoming students per year
- > **Student Research & Study Stays, 2015 – 2018**
Study, research, or internship stays in the field of sustainability at the partner university.
Who: 2 – 3 outgoing and 2 incoming students per year
- > **Sustainability Volunteer Swap, 2015 – 2018**
Exchange between student initiatives at the partner universities.
Who: 5 persons engaged in student initiatives at FUB
- > **Administrators' Explorative Stays, 2015 – 2018**
Alternating exchanges for campus managers.
Who: 2 administrators to Freie Universität Berlin (2015+2017) / 2 administrators to partners (2016+2018)