

## The EU Liaison Office in Brussels

Freie Universität Berlin maintains a worldwide network of liaison offices to build, strengthen, and support international connections for students and researchers.

The Brussels Office encourages researchers of Freie Universität Berlin to actively participate in the European research program Horizon 2020. Its staff gives strategic advice to researchers on how to get involved in European research policies and thus increase the visibility of Freie Universität Berlin in Brussels.

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### The Brussels Office:

- increases the visibility of Freie Universität Berlin in Brussels and Europe, highlighting its outstanding contributions to research;
- brings together European policy makers with researchers of Freie Universität Berlin who can offer cutting-edge academic advice;
- assists scientists and academics in networking with colleagues from other European universities and research institutions; and
- supports Freie Universität's local alumni network in Brussels



## International from the Very Beginning

Freie Universität was founded in 1948 to re-establish a university free of political influence in Berlin. Located within the then insular western part of the city, the young institution's success relied on international contacts and support.

Today, Freie Universität Berlin is one of Europe's leading research universities and continues the emphasis on global cooperation and exchange through its award-winning development strategy of expanding long-standing international networks in research and teaching.

The university's main campus is located in Berlin-Dahlem and lies in close proximity to a number of other world-class research institutes including those of the Max Planck Society.

## Rich Academic Diversity

Freie Universität Berlin is a comprehensive university offering almost 200 programs at undergraduate and graduate levels in a wide range of disciplines. They are organized in the departments of:

- Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy
- Business and Economics
- Earth Sciences
- Education and Psychology
- History and Cultural Studies
- Law
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Philosophy and Humanities
- Physics
- Political and Social Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine

as well as in three central institutes for area studies and the Charité Medical School (in cooperation with Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin).

## Excellent Research Opportunities

The research performed at Freie Universität Berlin is characterized by excellence within disciplines as well as plentiful opportunities for interdisciplinary work.

The university has formed a broad variety of academic and scientific networks and research clusters that enjoy high international visibility. Furthermore, one of the central aims of Freie Universität Berlin is to provide generous and targeted support for junior academics, in particular to those with an international background.

## A Global University

- 21 % of Freie Universität's 31 000 students and one third of its 5 750 doctoral candidates are from abroad. This makes it Germany's most diverse comprehensive university.
- Freie Universität welcomes more incoming Alexander von Humboldt Scholars, DAAD scholarship holders and Erasmus students than any other university in Germany.
- The university has formed strategic partnerships with top institutions around the globe and maintains seven liaison offices to foster worldwide cooperation.



## A University of Excellence

- Freie Universität Berlin has proven itself as one of the most successful institutions in the German Excellence Initiative.
- The THE World University Ranking (2016) names Freie Universität #18 in the world (#1 in Germany) for the arts and humanities.
- According to QS Top University Ranking (2016), Berlin is one of the world's top 10 cities for students, with Freie Universität named as Berlin's leading institution. The ranking also lists the university #1 in Germany for social sciences and management.