

CURRENT TOPICS

75 Years of the Division for International Affairs at Freie Universität Berlin

In January 1949, just a few weeks after it was founded, Freie Universität set up a commission to contact international partners, invite renowned guest lecturers and researchers, and manage the small but rapidly growing number of international students. It was only a few months before the first students were able to go abroad as part of their studies and the first contracts were signed with international partners (mainly in the USA at the time). The small commission soon grew to become the International Office.

➔ [Read the full article here](#)

Una Europa Starter Funds

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. The Una Europa Starter Funds program offers funding to initiate contacts for joint collaborative projects with Una Europa partners for university instructors, as well as heads of central units, central university administration, and libraries. Funding can be used to enable Freie Universität Berlin staff to carry out short stays at Una Europa partner universities (outgoing), researchers from Una Europa partners to visit Freie Universität (incoming), joint events (e.g., workshops and conferences), projects with digital teaching components, and fact-finding missions to develop joint project ideas.

➔ [Further information](#)

Berlin University Alliance: Oxford Berlin Partnership – Flexible Funds

Deadline: March 20, 2023

The Oxford Berlin Research Partnership aims to further mobility and connection between Oxford and Berlin. The partnership and BR50 will make available funds to promote the initiation of new collaborations and research projects, or the continuation of existing ones. For the first time, members of the BR50 institutions are also eligible to apply in this round.

➔ [Further information](#)

Africa: Continent of the Future – Prestigious Guests Joined Freie Universität Researchers and Students in Event Discussing the Future of Development in Africa

The Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Director of UNDP's Regional Bureau for Africa, Ahunna Eziakonwa, gave a lecture at Freie Universität Berlin on the future of Africa on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. The lecture, entitled "The Future of Development: Which Way for Africa?," discussed growth opportunities on the African continent against the backdrop of climate change and other challenges. It was followed by a panel discussion and Q&A in which Eziakonwa was joined by the new Director of the UNDP Germany Representation Office, Melanie Hauenstein, and Professor Anja Osei, Head of the Center for Politics and Society in Africa at the Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science at Freie Universität Berlin. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Herbert Grieshop, Head of the Department of International Affairs at Freie Universität.

The university's online magazine, campus.leben, reported on the event in its February issue (only available in German):

➔ [Read the full article here](#)

New FUBiS Summer Program: See Website for Details!

Students can now register for Term II and Term III 2024 of FUBiS, the International Summer and Winter University of Freie Universität Berlin. Term II will run from June 1 to July 13, 2024, and Term III will run from July 20 to August 17, 2024. In addition to the popular, classic courses based on German language acquisition and topics from across the humanities and social sciences, FUBiS will also be offering five exciting new courses on relevant topics such as environmental social movements, urban planning, and migration and exile in literature. For more information on how to register, deadlines, and fees please visit the FUBiS website: www.fubis.org.

Una Europa Workshop on Student Engagement – January 16-19, 2024

Students play a central role in the university alliance Una Europa. From January 16-19, 2024, a group of eleven experts from [Una Europa](#) partner universities met at Freie Universität Berlin to discuss central issues around student engagement within the alliance through different formats, initiatives, and activities. The use of different workshops and formats enabled participants to discuss the topics of student engagement and student empowerment. A networking workshop carried out with students of Freie Universität Berlin, students and staff from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the European University Viadrina and the alliances [Circle U](#) and [ERUA](#) further broadened horizons, encouraging participants to look beyond their own university and the alliance itself.

Further information on student engagement and student empowerment can be found [here](#).

CURRENT CALLS

DAAD: The Future of Ukraine: Research Grants for Ukrainian Master's Students and Researchers (Funding period: March 2024 to January 2025)

Applications must be submitted at least three months before the planned research stay.

The program aims to fund highly qualified Ukrainian graduates, doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers for short research stays in Germany in order to strengthen cooperation between Ukrainian and German universities and to give young Ukrainian scientists access to research infrastructures in Germany. The aim of the program is to support universities in Ukraine and to enable young scientists to contribute to the reconstruction of Ukraine and its academic landscape.

➔ [Further information](#)

CURRENT CALLS

FU-BEST – Registration for Fall 2024

Deadline: April 1, 2024

Registrations for Freie Universität Berlin European Studies Program (FU-BEST)'s 2024 fall semester are now open. Students can choose from a variety of courses taught in English as well as German language courses. Program dates: August 27 to December 13, 2024. For more information, please visit: www.fubest.org.

FUBiS Term III 2024 Scholarship Call

Deadline: April 1, 2024

The scholarship is aimed specifically at financially disadvantaged students from Brazil, Colombia, India and Thailand for participation in the International Summer and Winter University (FUBiS) Term III 2024 (running from 20 July to 17 August). Students may view the full scholarship call as well as submit their application via the [online platform Santander Open Academy](#).

CONARE & DFG Joint Call – Costa Rican-German Research Projects

Deadline: April 30, 2024

This initiative aims to bring together relevant and competitive researchers from Germany and Costa Rica to design and carry out jointly organized research projects of outstanding academic quality. The funding opportunities available are open to joint research projects in all fields of research, including the humanities and social sciences.

➔ [Further information](#)

Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (PRIME)

Deadline: August 31, 2024

PRIME funds the international mobility of postdoctoral researchers with temporary positions at German universities, including a secondment abroad. The grant also includes a mandatory return phase for reintegration into the German science system. The program is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

➔ [Further information](#)

EVENTS

Campus Run – Registration for “Team Global” is Open!

Join us in celebrating internationality through sport by signing up for the 2024 Campus Run as part of Team Global! Anyone who registers for the Campus Run can also sign up as part of a team. When you sign up for the Campus Run, you have the option to enter a team name. You are more than welcome to join our team! In case you needed any more incentive to take part, everyone who joins us in the race will receive an exclusive team shirt, a group photo, the support of a dedicated cheer squad, and of course the unforgettable experience of being part of a fantastic community. Simply sign up for the Campus Run [here](#) and enter “Team Global” in the field “Team Name” name” – we will be in touch before the race with more information!

Central Orientation Days for International Students

April 3-5, 2024

➔ [Further information](#)

How to COIL - How to Design Collaborative Online Courses with International Colleagues

April 18, 2024, 3 p.m. CET

➔ [Further information](#)

Virtual BeCOIL Meetup

May 13, 2024, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. CET

➔ [Further information](#)

Student Mobility – Going Abroad During your Degree Program

May 29, 2024, 6:00-7:30 p.m. CET

Hybrid event run by experts from the Student Mobility Unit as part of the informational event series “Uni im Gespräch.”

Location: Student Services Center (Room Koog), Illtstraße 4, 14195 Berlin

or via [Webex](#).

Further information (only available in German) [here](#).

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