

## CURRENT TOPICS .....

### **Freie Universität Berlin once again places among the top universities in terms of funding for international mobility**

According to the latest funding statistics of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for 2024, around 11.4 million euros were allocated to scholarships, projects, and programs at Freie Universität Berlin. In the nationwide funding statistics, Freie Universität once again ranks among the top universities behind the technical universities in Munich, Dresden, and Berlin. Compared to 2023, Freie Universität increased the funding it received by almost ten percent. This was mainly due to a significant increase in Erasmus+ funding for individual mobility in Europe and worldwide which has almost doubled since 2021. Nationwide, Freie Universität now ranks third in this funding area.

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### **Health Research under Pressure – Symposium on Academic Freedom of Charité–Universitätsmedizin and the Berlin University Alliance**

The symposium Extremist Attacks on Science. Health Research under Pressure explored how political shifts and extremist ideologies are threatening academic freedom, with a particular focus on health, gender and climate research. Key concerns included working conditions, structural discrimination, and strategies for defending academic freedom and democratic science. The event featured input talks, the theatre performance [Hidden Research](#), and a panel discussion with researchers and experts from various disciplines and career stages.

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### **Una Europa Seed Funding: Three projects with participation of FU Berlin receive funding**

Ten projects receive funding up to 40,000 € in the current round of Una Europa Seed Funding. Three of those projects have participation from researches of Freie Universität Berlin.

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### **International Summer and Winter University FUBiS at Freie Universität Berlin Starts New Year with 142 Participants**

The first term of the 2026 Freie Universität Berlin International Summer and Winter University (FUBiS) program kicked off this week with participants from nearly twenty countries. Most of the students participating come from the United States, South Korea, and China. This term boasts the highest enrolment since the 2020 winter term, indicating that attendance numbers are returning to pre-pandemic levels.

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### **Virtual Exhibition of the Una Europa Partner Universities**

The exhibition “Dissonant Legacies” reflects on the narratives and practices that the universities of the Una Europa Alliance are developing to engage with their dissonant heritage, with particular attention to issues such as the memory of totalitarian regimes, decolonization, bridging the gender gap, care for human remains, and the curation of “silent” objects of uncertain provenance.

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## CALLS .....

**BCGE TRAVEL FUNDS 2026 - Deepening cooperation and research with partners in the "Global South"**  
Deadline: 20 February 2026

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**Una Europa Staff Week 2026 "Universities as transformative learning communities for all"**  
Deadline: 23 February 2026

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**UnaVEx - Virtual Exchange for Sustainability for Students**  
Deadline: 28 February 2026

UnaVEx is an online exchange programme for university students of all disciplines and levels and consists of lectures, group work and collaborative action in an intercultural setting online.

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**SCRIPTS Academic Accelerator Fellowship 2026**  
Deadline: 28 February 2026

The Academic Accelerator Fellowship is designed for doctoral researchers from regions and communities underrepresented in academia. Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD program at an institution outside of Germany for the full duration of the fellowship. The program is primarily directed at researchers in the second or third year of their PhD studies. Their PhD projects must be relevant to the SCRIPTS research agenda.

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**GSO Leadership Academy 10**  
Deadline: 1 March 2026

Funding program for German-speaking early-stage and mid-career researchers of all disciplines conducting research abroad from Germany and for those, who recently returned to Germany to find the answers in an interdisciplinary, transnational group.

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**Una Europa Student Award: "What will university life look like in 2040?"**  
Deadline: 8 March 2026

Students (bachelor/master) and doctoral researchers are invited to submit creative contributions: One video. Any style. Winners will be invited and fully funded to participate in this year's Una Europa Student Congress in The Hague from 9-12 June.

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**New BUA & FAPESP Call for scientific cooperation between Berlin and the State of São Paulo (Brazil)**  
Deadline: 15 March 2026

BUA and the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) invite researchers to apply for seed funding projects and bilateral workshops. BUA researchers can apply for up to €10,000 or €20,000€ per project for a period up to 24 months, while FAPESP will provide matching funding for the participating research groups in São Paulo.

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## EVENTS .....

**Conference "Forschungssicherheit gestalten: Strukturen und Perspektiven an deutschen Universitäten"**  
19 March 2026

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**Orientation Days for Exchange Students**  
02 April 2026 - 08 April 2026

Online info session for international prospective students

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