

Statement by the Committee of Experts

**Evaluation
University Excellence
Consortium**

Berlin University Alliance

“Beyond Boundaries: A Joint Agenda for Berlin as an
Open Knowledge and Innovation Space”

Funding period: 2019–2026

Preliminary remarks

The aim of the joint funding of Universities of Excellence and University Excellence Consortia by the federal and state governments is to bring about a sustainable improvement in the structural and organisational framework conditions for excellent research across the entire university or within the university consortium.

The Universities of Excellence and University Excellence Consortia are evaluated every seven years **in order to assess whether they continue to meet the requirements for joint funding** |¹. **The evaluation is carried out through a strategically focused and contextualised overall review.** This process is based on a combination of qualitative and quantitative indicators, which are placed within the broader institutional, strategic, and disciplinary context. The focus is on key **profile building as well as scientific and structural achievements** of strategic relevance. All performance areas (research, teaching, transfer, research infrastructures) and areas of activity (including governance, internationalisation, collaboration, early career support and strategic staff development, equal opportunities and diversity) are taken into account. The assessment takes into account that the implementation of the funding is embedded within a **complex framework of parallel institutional development processes as well as other funding and steering instruments**; attributions of impact are therefore carried out in a differentiated manner.

The science-led evaluation is based on the funding criteria, |² which the Committee of Experts adopted

in April 2017 and updated in January 2024. Unlike the application process for new proposals within the funding line, the evaluation does not involve a comparative assessment of the funded institutions. A prerequisite for continued funding within the Universities of Excellence funding line is, in addition to a positive evaluation, the successful demonstration of at least two Clusters of Excellence for individual institutions or at least three Clusters of Excellence for University Excellence Consortia.

A total of ten institutions currently funded through the Universities of Excellence funding line were evaluated in autumn 2025.

Procedure

The science-led evaluation is carried out by the Committee of Experts – supported by the German Science and Humanities Council. The evaluation procedure |³ is designed as a two-stage peer review process.

The **first step** involves an external evaluation of the implementation, the progress made, and the impact of the overall institutional strategy of the University of Excellence or the University Excellence Consortium. This is based on the **institution's self-assessment report** documenting its implementation of the funded strategy and its outlook for further development.

The **on-site evaluations** are carried out by **location-specific review panels composed of international experts** and are each guided by **four members of the**

|¹ See Joint Science Conference: Administrative Agreement between the Federal and the State Governments in Accordance with Article 91b Paragraph 1 of the Basic Law on the Funding of Top-Level Research at Universities – 'Excellence Strategy' of 19 October 2016, last amended by resolution of the Joint Science Conference of 4 November 2022. https://www.gwk-bonn.de/fileadmin/Redaktion/Dokumente/Papers/Verwaltungsvereinbarung_Exzellenzstrategie_2022.pdf (Federal Research and Higher Education Act), Section 4 Paragraphs 1 and 3.

|² German Science and Humanities Council (2024): Excellence Strategy | Universities of Excellence funding line | Funding Criteria - Institutional Strategy; Cologne. URL: www.wissenschaftsrat.de/download/2024/ExStra_Funding_Criteria_Institutional_Strategy.html

|³ German Science and Humanities Council (2024): Guidelines for the individual evaluation of Universities of Excellence and University Excellence Consortia; Cologne. www.wissenschaftsrat.de/download/2024/ExStra_EXU_Evaluation_Guidelines

Committee of Experts. The reviewers receive a comprehensive briefing by the German Science and Humanities Council on the Excellence Strategy as a joint funding programme of the federal and state governments, the basic features of the German higher education and research system, state-specific characteristics, and the procedure of the evaluation process. The selection of reviewers follows established criteria that are central to the assessment of the institutional strategy's overall effectiveness. These include, in particular, academic expertise, international experience, proximity to the subject area while maintaining institutional independence, and evaluative competencies across all relevant performance areas and areas of activity. The impartiality of all participants is ensured through formal declarations and the exclusion of potential conflicts of interest.

During the site visit, the reviewers conduct interviews with representatives of various stakeholder groups (e.g. university management, researchers at all career stages, students, cooperation partners, and representatives of the state government). At the conclusion of the site visit, the evaluation panel produces an **English-language Evaluation Summary** containing overall and individual assessments, as well as recommendations where appropriate.

Based on the Evaluation Summary, a **German-language evaluation report** is subsequently drawn up. In addition to the assessments of the review panel, this report also includes aggregated information on the implementation of the funding based on the self-assessment report submitted by the institution. The evaluation report is sent to the University of Excellence or the University Excellence Consortium **confidentially** after the decision on continued funding has been made.

In the second step of the evaluation process, the Committee of Experts reviews the evaluation reports to determine whether the requirements for joint funding under the Administrative Agreement continue to be met. To this end, a **statement** is drafted for each individual case and adopted by the Committee of Experts. There is no comparative assessment of the funded institutions.

The Committee of Experts submits these statements to the **Excellence Commission** for approval. The statements are published following the conclusion of the decision-making process.

Result of the evaluation

The Committee of Experts concludes that the University Excellence Consortium Berlin University Alliance **continues to meet** the requirements for joint funding in accordance with Section 4 of the 'Excellence Strategy' Administrative Agreement.

A. Assessment of Eligibility for Funding

On the Sustainability of the Institutional Strategy and Capacity for Institutional Renewal

As the first University Excellence Consortium within institutional excellence funding, the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) has, over the past six years successfully implemented its overall strategy through demonstrable progress across all performance areas and areas of activity, thereby providing lasting proof of the long-term viability of its institutional strategy. Its objectives to strengthen consortium-wide research excellence by tackling global challenges, to promote and further develop research and knowledge exchange in Berlin, to pool existing expertise on research quality and integrity, to establish an integrated career and recruitment space, and to build a Berlin-wide network of research services and infrastructures, were effectively achieved during the first funding phase.

In doing so, the BUA demonstrates a coherent, well-developed and sustainable structure for inter-university cooperation, which the member institutions have courageously and independently developed and advanced within the framework of the funding as a University Excellence Consortium. In this respect, through the consistent implementation of its proposal **“Crossing Boundaries toward an Integrated Research Environment”**, the BUA has established a convincing model that is, to date, unique in the German university landscape on this scale. In doing so, existing obstacles to close cooperation between the consortium partners were successfully reduced during the first funding phase. Furthermore, through the use of the funding structures were created that have enabled the BUA’s member institutions to achieve a previously unattained unity beyond their individual institutions and empower them to articulate their interests in a coordinated manner with a clear, unified voice. The BUA community members convincingly convey their strong identification with the consortium’s goals, their sustained commitment, and the new spirit of cooperation (“Stronger Together”), which characterises all levels of the BUA’s member institutions and collaboration with non-university research institutions, the private as well as the public sector. Overall, the BUA has been able to significantly and substantially enhance its international visibility and competitiveness through EXU funding.

The strong leadership demonstrated by the members of the Board of Directors, together with the forward-looking establishment of the Collaboration Platform as the key legal and operational framework, have significantly strengthened the BUA’s strategic direction and clearly defined responsibilities across all BUA institutions. In the Committee of Experts’ assessment, the structures put in place demonstrate a convincing capacity for a consortium-spanning governance that extends beyond the vested interests of the individual member institutions. This simultaneously creates the fundamental prerequisites for sustainable cooperation and a strategic focus on long-term

excellence, which is largely structure-driven and provides a framework for longer-term as well as project-based collaborations.

The consortium has made productive use of the first funding phase to explore the most viable approaches to close institutional cooperation across all relevant performance areas and areas of activity. At the same time, well-founded decisions were made regarding which actions are more appropriately implemented at the level of the individual universities. As a result, both the BUA and the individual consortium partners have achieved a higher degree of strategic resilience. The course adjustments made in various performance areas and fields of action during the funding period demonstrate the BUA's capacity for institutional renewal and, furthermore, its collective ability for systematic further development. A strong culture of cooperation and mutual trust has emerged among the consortium partners – a transformative cultural shift in Berlin's higher education landscape which, in the view of the Committee of Experts, should be regarded as an outstanding achievement of the consortium and as a central foundation for the future development of Berlin as a centre of science and research.

On the Quality and Development of Research Performance

The BUA has significantly strengthened its research excellence during the first funding phase and has effectively translated cross-institutional collaborations into outstanding scientific achievements. With the "Grand Challenge Initiatives", it has established a sustainable and dynamic framework that structurally promotes inter- and transdisciplinary collaboration and specifically focuses research on socially relevant issues. The five "Grand Challenges" brought together over 600 researchers across institutions and disciplines, with the participation of 130 non-academic partner institutions, in just under 90 inter- or transdisciplinary projects, thereby mobilising a broad scientific community, integrated non-academic stakeholders and led to substantial research outputs, highly visible publication results and increased third-party funding. In addition, targeted exploratory and responsive funding instruments were established, for example to address highly socially relevant topics such as social cohesion and global health. The BUA also demonstrated strategic agility by immediately funding twelve sub-projects to investigate the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, as part of a special call for proposals and a dedicated "Coronavirus Pre-Exploration Project". The sustainable structural anchoring of a shared research profile for the BUA is impressively confirmed by the funding of several Einstein Research Units and the strategic appointment of professorships in the field of global health, leading to an increase in the international visibility and competitiveness of the participating institutions. As a result, the consortium is playing a decisive role in driving the transition towards a cooperative scientific culture in Berlin, whilst simultaneously laying the foundations for an integrated and highly competitive international research ecosystem in the region.

With its additional focus on “Advancing Research Quality and Value” in the area of research, the BUA has also successfully established a cross-consortium culture of collaboration and openness, responsibility and trust. This is evident in key initiatives such as the Centre for Open and Responsible Research (CORe) and the Berlin Science Survey. With the BUA becoming a member of the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) and its mission statement for open science, as well as measurable progress in open data, open source, open peer review and open-access publications, the BUA is consolidating its role as an institutional pioneer in responsible research assessment. According to the Committee of Experts, it thus plays a pioneering role among the Universities of Excellence and stands out across Germany.

On the Development of Other Performance Areas and Areas of Activity

In addition to research, the BUA has also systematically developed in other performance areas and areas of activity. For instance, the BUA has effectively achieved its objectives in the area of **knowledge transfer**. It consistently pursued a multidimensional, transdisciplinary exchange of knowledge between academia, society, industry and politics, and has successfully established itself as a key player in knowledge transfer, science communication and scientific policy advice in Berlin. With the merger of the existing start-up centres of the consortium members (“Science & Startups”) and the innovation platform innovate! Lab gGmbH, founded in 2025, the BUA now possesses a high-performing, cross-consortium start-up and innovation ecosystem that strategically strengthens transfer, spin-offs and societal impact in Berlin.

The BUA has also made progress in **teaching** across institutional boundaries: through the shared use of existing infrastructure and resources, students gain broader and earlier access to research-based learning as well as to joint programmes and degree courses within the consortium. Nevertheless, existing administrative hurdles to the consortium-wide recognition of academic achievements should continue to be removed, thereby increasing the overall accessibility of study programmes. The Committee of Experts points out that expanded access to research-based learning and joint teaching formats can also enhance the international appeal for students and early-career researchers. Overall, the BUA is thus very well positioned to further strengthen its standing as an integrated, internationally competitive education and research hub.

In the area of **research infrastructures**, the BUA has succeeded in continuously increasing access opportunities for its researchers across the consortium. The BUA’s approach in this area is based on close cooperation and coordinated strategic investments by the consortium partners. The cross-institutional use of research infrastructures increases the efficiency, critical mass and visibility of the consortium and improves the conditions for competitive and innovative top-level research.

Particular mention should also be made of the creation of comprehensive, consortium-wide support structures at all stages of academic careers within the area of **Early career support and strategic staff development**. This marks a decisive step towards an integrated career ecosystem in Berlin and ensures the consortium's long-term appeal to outstanding researchers from both Germany and abroad. Significant progress has also been made in the areas of **equal opportunities and diversity**. Through a structured, holistic approach, support for both areas has been institutionalised and sustainable change within the BUA has been initiated. Measurable successes have also been achieved in the internationalisation of academic staff and in further increasing the proportion of female professors. Thus, the overall proportion of female professors across the consortium was successfully increased to 35.6% during the funding period, which is significantly above the national average of 30.1%. |⁴ At the same time, in the view of the Committee of Experts, the various dimensions of diversity should be addressed even more systematically in the future in order to specifically identify and remove existing structural barriers for all under-represented groups.

The BUA's two-track strategy in the area of **internationalisation and cooperation** has, in the view of the Committee of Experts, proven its worth: The "Oxford Berlin Research Partnership" with the University of Oxford is regarded as an outstanding international success in research cooperation, whilst building equitable partnerships and collaborations with institutions from the Global South via the Berlin Center for Global Engagement (BCGE) has enriched academic exchange and led to valuable shifts in perspective on both sides. It is recommended that, in the future, the two pillars be coordinated even more effectively and linked more systematically, whilst also taking the European Research Area into account in a more strategic manner.

The established organisational structures have been professionally implemented and represent a sustainable and pioneering model of **cooperative governance**, which effectively combines the structural collaboration of several universities whilst preserving their respective institutional autonomy. The BUA has benefited significantly from the strategically coordinated support provided by the State of Berlin, both through the removal of existing legal hurdles – for example, in connection with the Collaboration Platform – and through the ongoing financial support from the Einstein Foundation. The Committee of Experts emphasises the importance of the additional financial support for the BUA already pledged by the State for the continued funding and international visibility of the consortium.

|⁴ Relating to regular universities under the auspices of the federal states in 2024. Source: DZHW: ICEland dataset 60002; data basis: special analysis by the Federal Statistical Office.

On the Plans of the University Excellence Consortium for the Next Funding Phase

Overall, the BUA presents itself as a convincing University Excellence Consortium, jointly supported by all stakeholders and developed with a forward-looking approach, which has contributed significantly to the transformation and further development of Berlin's research and academic landscape. The BUA concludes the first funding phase with well-founded considerations regarding necessary adjustments and strategic developments for the coming funding phase. In this regard, the Committee of Experts considers the estimated budget for the individual projects and measures to be plausible.

In particular, the BUA's plans for the upcoming funding phase to collaborate even more closely in future with Berlin's entire research community – especially with the non-university research institutions of the Berlin Research 50 (BR50) – hold the potential to decisively advance the development of Berlin as a centre of science and research and establish it as a key player in the German and European research and higher education landscape.

In this context, the BUA is strongly encouraged to continue to realise its considerable transformative potential and to make strategic use of its prominent location in Berlin in order to play a leading role in initiating fundamental systemic changes at national and international level. This includes, in particular, a greater openness beyond the institutional boundaries of the consortium, as aptly formulated in the self-assessment report under the title **“Beyond Boundaries: A Joint Agenda for Berlin as an Open Knowledge and Innovation Space”**.

In the Committee of Experts' assessment, the collective strategic positioning of the three universities within the framework of a University Excellence Consortium holds great promise in the global competition among research systems. Through a joint research agenda, a coordinated transfer and innovation strategy, and the shared use of research and teaching infrastructures, the BUA is in a position to set clear thematic priorities and develop a globally distinct profile. The consortium acts as an independent player within the international academic system. By accelerating research and innovation processes, it creates genuine added value for the region and provides the best conditions for the sustainable promotion of cutting-edge research and for European and global competitiveness. Against this backdrop, the BUA's continued ambitions to fundamentally address structural challenges and overcome existing systemic barriers within the German university system is regarded as one of the decisive “Grand Challenges” for the next funding phase – a “grand challenge” for which the Berlin University Alliance is, in the view of the Committee of Experts, excellently positioned.

B. Profile and Institutional Strategy of the University Excellence Consortium

The Berlin University Alliance (BUA) was founded in 2018 by Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (including Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin) and Technische Universität and has been funded **since 2019** as the first University Excellence Consortium within the Universities of Excellence funding line. Freie Universität was previously funded under the “Institutional Strategies” (Zukunftskonzepte) funding line of the Excellence Initiative from 2007 to 2017, and Humboldt-Universität from 2012 to 2017. The consortium, which comprises a total of over **100,000 students**, brings together two **comprehensive universities** and a **technical university**. With the Charité serving as the joint medical faculty of Freie Universität and Humboldt-Universität, all academic disciplines are represented.

The BUA’s overarching institutional strategy, “**Crossing Boundaries toward an Integrated Research Environment**”, is based on a shared vision of leveraging the complementary strengths, infrastructures and expertise of the consortium partners to enhance the performance and relevance of research across all participating institutions. Building on Berlin’s scientific, cultural and political landscape, the BUA aims to create a long-term framework and an “enabling structure” for sustainable collaboration across institutional boundaries and to develop into the centre of an integrated Berlin research and innovation space. In Berlin, the consortium collaborates with non-university research institutions as well as with industry and society, and also maintains strategic partnerships with the University of Oxford (“Oxford Berlin Research Partnership”), the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the University of Melbourne.

To realise this vision, the BUA identified **five objectives**, each of which is accompanied by specific measures:

- **Objective 1: Focusing on Grand Challenges**
- **Objective 2: Fostering Knowledge Exchange**
- **Objective 3: Advancing Research Quality and Value**
- **Objective 4: Promoting Talent**
- **Objective 5: Sharing Resources**

In addition, three cross-cutting themes were defined, which were also addressed through corresponding measures:

- **Diversity and Gender Equality**
- **Teaching and Learning**

▪ Internationalisation

The consortium's research profile is largely shaped by interdisciplinary collaboration on five selected research questions of major societal significance ("Grand Challenge Initiatives"), which address the themes of social cohesion, global health, quantum technologies, water-related risks of climate change, and responsible innovation in times of transformation. In addition, **twelve consortium-wide research focal areas** spanning the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and life sciences |⁵ contribute to further collective strategic positioning and highlight the broad, interdisciplinary orientation of the BUA. In the first funding round of the Excellence Strategy, seven **Clusters of Excellence (EXC)** received funding, **three** of which have been approved for a **second funding phase** starting in 2026. In addition, **two new Clusters of Excellence** were secured. These are each assigned to one of the BUA's consortium-wide research focal areas.

In the coming funding phase, the BUA intends to focus on collaboration with non-university research institutions to consolidate the Berlin Science and Innovation Area. To this end, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in August 2025 with the non-university research institutions of the Berlin Research 50 (BR50), and a joint agreement was reached to consolidate and streamline the twelve existing research priorities into five profile lines with Berlin-wide appeal. These profile lines are intended to form the basis for a joint agenda for the Berlin Science and Innovation Area. In addition, the BUA has identified **six fields of action** and **three cross-cutting themes**. The measures envisaged here aim to promote excellence and impact in research and to further drive forward a cultural shift that prioritises the democratic values of integrity, openness and inclusion, in order to further strengthen Berlin's position as a leading European research area for tackling complex global challenges.

The new fields of action also build on the **five objectives of the first funding phase**. Four of these objectives will be continued, whilst the cross-cutting themes "Teaching and Learning" (in future: "Transforming Learning Cultures") and "Internationalisation" (in future: "International Engagement") will be established as separate fields of action. The existing cross-cutting theme "Diversity & Gender Equality" will be further developed as "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging"; furthermore, "Sustainability" and "Artificial Intelligence" will be implemented as two additional cross-cutting themes. In addition, adjustments to the BUA's governance are planned, whereby the Collaboration Platform will be expanded to act as a central unit for managing BUA projects and will, among other things, also be responsible for the administration of EXU funding.

| ⁵ These include classical studies, global and regional studies, literature and cultural studies, catalysis, surface and materials research, applied mathematics, photonics, art, design and cultural heritage, biotechnology and regenerative therapies, global health, neurosciences and digitalisation sciences.

C. Key Figures of the University Excellence Consortium

Notes on the Use of Key Figures:

Contextual interpretation of key figures: Within the Universities of Excellence funding line, university-wide structures and processes, as well as, where applicable, individual achievements in research, teaching, transfer, and further fields of activity, are to be assessed. To this end, qualitative and quantitative information has been, and will continue to be, incorporated into the on-site individual evaluations of the universities. Given the comprehensive and complex evaluation process, qualitative information takes precedence. It is expressly noted that quantitative data must be interpreted in the context of multi-causal relationships. When evaluating key performance indicators, differences between scientific disciplines and/or overall university profiles must be taken into account, e.g. with regard to third-party funding statistics.

Data sources: All university-related data are based on the self-assessment reports submitted by the universities in 2025. The data were predominantly collected in accordance with the definitions of the Research Core Dataset. National averages refer to regular universities under the responsibility of the federal states (source: DZHW: ICEland datasets 3004, 45001, 60002 and 80001; data basis: special analysis by the Federal Statistical Office).

Berlin University Alliance

Year of foundation: 2018

Decentralised academic units:

- **FU Berlin: 11 departments**
- **HU Berlin: 8 faculties**
- **TU Berlin: 7 faculties**
- **(Charité: 1 faculty jointly run by FU Berlin and HU Berlin)**

Clusters of Excellence	Total
EXC 2046: MATH+: Berlin Mathematics Research Centre; 2019–2032 (TU, FU, HU)	5 (including 2 new applications)
EXC 2049: Comprehensive approaches to neurological and psychiatric disorders “NeuroCure”; 2019–2032 (Charité, FU, HU)	
EXC 2055: Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS); 2019–2032 (FU)	
EXC 3112: Centre for Chiral Electronics; 2026–2032 (Halle, FU, Regensburg)	
EXC 3118: ImmunoPreCept: Cell-based Molecular Prevention and Interceptive Medicine: Exploring the Health-Disease Bifurcation; 2026–2032 (Charité, FU, HU)	

Freie Universität Berlin

Revenues or proceeds 2024	Total	Excluding medicine
Grand total budget	638.5 € m	638.5 € m
of which third-party funding	129.3 € m	129.3 € m

Early career researchers, students	2024
Doctoral students	3,276 Pers.
of which: female	56.6 %
of which: from other countries	43.3 %
Doctoral students per professor	6.2
<i>National average</i> ²	8.2
Junior research group leaders	15 Pers.
of which: female	26.7 %
of which: from other countries	26.7 %
Students ³	33,799 Pers.
of which: female	61.9 %
of which: foreign students ⁴	17.4 %
Students per professor	63.8
<i>National average</i> ²	64.1

Staff	2018	2021	2024
Professors ¹	545.4 FTE	514.0 FTE	519.9 FTE
	560 Pers.	522 Pers.	530 Pers.
of which: female	37.1 %	38.1 %	41.7 %
<i>National average</i> ²	24.8 %	27.4 %	30.1 %
of which: from other countries	13.8 %	12.6 %	15.5 %
of which junior professorships	85.8 FTE	49.5 FTE	46.0 FTE
	89 Pers.	50 Pers.	46 Pers.
of which with tenure track	-	1 Pers.	19 Pers.
Academic and artistic staff (excluding professors)	1,757.5 FTE	1,847.5 FTE	1,856.0 FTE
of which: female	47.9 %	47.2 %	50.6 %
of which: from other countries	24.3 %	29.2 %	32.3 %
of which: temporary	1,505.7 FTE	1,546.6 FTE	1,526.8 FTE

Third-party funding	2019	2021	2024
Total	142.1 € m	129.7 € m	129.3 € m
of which EU	13.9 € m	8.9 € m	5.8 € m
of which DFG	74.2 € m	69.5 € m	68.8 € m
of which from the Clusters of Excellence funding line	5.3 € m	11.7 € m	10.6 € m
of which federal government	37.5 € m	30.7 € m	32.6 € m
of which federal states	1.3 € m	1.5 € m	1.7 € m
of which commercial business and other activity	3.9 € m	4.6 € m	3.8 € m
Third-party funding per professor (FTE)	.	252.3 thous. €	248.7 thous. €
<i>National average ²</i>	.	343.7 thous. €	373.8 thous. €
Third-party funding per academic and artistic staff excluding professors (FTE)	.	70.2 thous. €	69.7 thous. €
<i>National average ²</i>	.	31.4 thous. €	35.6 thous. €

Third-party funding	ø 2016–2018	ø 2019–2021	ø 2022–2024
Total	133.3 € m	130.1 € m	136.3 € m
Humanities	41.7 € m	42.2 € m	45.3 € m
Law, Business and Economics, Social Sciences	20.8 € m	19.8 € m	20.5 € m
Mathematics, Natural Sciences	56.3 € m	55.0 € m	58.2 € m
Human Medicine/ Health Science	-	-	-
Agricultural, Forest and Nutritional Sciences, Veterinary Medicine	8.0 € m	9.0 € m	8.6 € m
Engineering Sciences	-	-	-
Other ⁵	6.4 € m	4.1 € m	3.6 € m

Third-party funded projects, prizes and awards	2019–2020	2021–2022	2023–2024
Collaborative Research Centres and Transregios ⁶	12	12	12
Research Training Groups ⁶	4	6	6
ERC Grants total	7	5	12
of which ERC Starting Grants	2	2	1
of which ERC Advanced Grants	2	3	3
of which ERC Consolidator Grants	3	-	7
of which ERC Synergy Grants	-	-	1
Alexander von Humboldt Professorships	-	-	-
Sofja Kovalevskaja Award ⁷	-	-	-
Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize	-	-	1
Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize	2	-	-
Heisenberg Programme	4	4	3
Emmy Noether Programme	7	3	2

|¹ Data on professorships refers to the number of persons.

|² Data on the national average refers to regular universities funded by the federal states.

|³ Excluding doctoral students, 1st subject of 1st degree, full-time students by cut-off date 1 December 2024.

|⁴ Students whose eligibility to enrol in higher education was acquired in another country.

|⁵ Sports, Art, Art Theory and central facilities.

|⁶ The data on collaborative research centres and research training groups refers to ongoing funding. Therefore, the figures here refer to the average for the specified two-year period.

|⁷ The Sofja Kovalevskaja Award was awarded for the last time in 2020.

Grey = Data from 2023.

"." means no data available; "-" means value is 0.

Source: All data relating to the university is taken from the self-assessment report submitted in 2025.

The source of the national averages is: DZHW: ICEland datasets 3004, 45001, 60002 and 80001; *data basis: special evaluation by the Federal Statistical Office.*

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Revenues or proceeds 2024	Total	Excluding medicine
Grand total budget	486.9 € m	486.9 € m
of which third-party funding	129.6 € m	129.6 € m

Early career researchers, students	2024
Doctoral students	2,791 Pers.
of which: female	48.7 %
of which: from other countries	41.2 %
Doctoral students per professor	5.6
<i>National average</i> ²	8.2
Junior research group leaders	29 Pers.
of which: female	69.0 %
of which: from other countries	34.5 %
Students ³	33,124 Pers.
of which: female	58.9 %
of which: foreign students ⁴	15.7 %
Students per professor	66.6
<i>National average</i> ²	64.1

Staff	2018	2021	2024
Professors ¹	472.5 FTE	499.7 FTE	487.2 FTE
	482 Pers.	509 Pers.	497 Pers.
of which: female	34.2 %	38.5 %	38.6 %
<i>National average</i> ²	24.8 %	27.4 %	30.1 %
of which: from other countries	14.1 %	14.9 %	15.7 %
of which junior professorships	36.0 FTE	59.0 FTE	38.1 FTE
	36 Pers.	59 Pers.	39 Pers.
of which with tenure track	-	15 Pers.	17 Pers.
Academic and artistic staff (excluding professors)	1,557.9 FTE	1,806.4 FTE	1,704.2 FTE
of which: female	45.8 %	44.9 %	47.3 %
of which: from other countries	24.0 %	29.8 %	32.5 %
of which: temporary	1,246.4 FTE	1,450.3 FTE	1,334.9 FTE

Third-party funding	2019	2021	2024
Total	114.7 € m	113.8 € m	129.6 € m
of which EU	13.0 € m	12.8 € m	15.3 € m
of which DFG	58.1 € m	54.1 € m	69.1 € m
of which from the Clusters of Excellence funding line	5.7 € m	10.5 € m	11.2 € m
of which federal government	27.5 € m	28.2 € m	27.9 € m
of which federal states	0.6 € m	0.7 € m	1.2 € m
of which commercial business and other activity	4.0 € m	3.2 € m	2.0 € m
Third-party funding per professor (FTE)	.	227.7 thous. €	266.0 thous. €
<i>National average</i> ²	.	343.7 thous. €	373.8 thous. €
Third-party funding per academic and artistic staff excluding professors (FTE)	.	63.0 thous. €	76.0 thous. €
<i>National average</i> ²	.	31.4 thous. €	35.6 thous. €

Third-party funding	ø 2016–2018	ø 2019–2021	ø 2022–2024
Total	115.5 € m	114.3 € m	135.3 € m
Humanities	38.3 € m	30.6 € m	35.3 € m
Law, Business and Economics, Social Sciences	16.5 € m	21.1 € m	25.6 € m
Mathematics, Natural Sciences	46.7 € m	47.0 € m	54.6 € m
Human Medicine/ Health Science	-	-	-
Agricultural, Forest and Nutritional Sciences, Veterinary Medicine	7.7 € m	8.8 € m	10.8 € m
Engineering Sciences	4.1 € m	4.6 € m	5.9 € m
Other ⁵	2.2 € m	2.2 € m	3.0 € m

Third-party funded projects, prizes and awards	2019–2020	2021–2022	2023–2024
Collaborative Research Centres and Transregios ⁶	7	8	8
Research Training Groups ⁶	15	14	13
ERC Grants total	8	11	7
of which ERC Starting Grants	2	2	1
of which ERC Advanced Grants	2	2	3
of which ERC Consolidator Grants	2	5	2
of which ERC Synergy Grants	2	2	1
Alexander von Humboldt Professorships	-	-	-
Sofja Kovalevskaja Award ⁷	-	-	-
Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize	1	1	-
Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize	-	-	-
Heisenberg Programme	2	8	4
Emmy Noether Programme	5	5	5

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Technische Universität Berlin

Revenues or proceeds 2024	Total	Excluding medicine
Grand total budget	627.4 € m	627.4 € m
of which third-party funding	175.5 € m	175.5 € m

Early career researchers, students	2024
Doctoral students	3,229 Pers.
of which: female	35.6 %
of which: from other countries	37.7 %
Doctoral students per professor	8.2
<i>National average</i> ²	8.2
Junior research group leaders	17 Pers.
of which: female	35.0 %
of which: from other countries	35.0 %
Students ³	32,646 Pers.
of which: female	34.3 %
of which: foreign students ⁴	27.9 %
Students per professor	83.1
<i>National average</i> ²	64.1

Staff	2018	2021	2024
Professors ¹	379.5 FTE	377.5 FTE	384.3 FTE
	384 Pers.	387 Pers.	393 Pers.
of which: female	20.6 %	23.5 %	30.0 %
<i>National average</i> ²	24.8 %	27.4 %	30.1 %
of which: from other countries	10.9 %	10.1 %	14.0 %
of which junior professorships	32.2 FTE	33.9 FTE	28.5 FTE
	34 Pers.	34 Pers.	29 Pers.
of which with tenure track	3 Pers.	2 Pers.	14 Pers.
Academic and artistic staff (excluding professors)	2,288.0 FTE	2,295.6 FTE	2,249.8 FTE
of which: female	29.4 %	29.9 %	31.3 %
of which: from other countries	19.1 %	23.3 %	27.6 %
of which: temporary	2,114.6 FTE	2,125.8 FTE	2,051.8 FTE

Third-party funding	2019	2021	2024
Total	178.7 € m	150.0 € m	175.5 € m
of which EU	12.0 € m	7.0 € m	15.7 € m
of which DFG	45.9 € m	46.1 € m	38.9 € m
of which from the Clusters of Excellence funding line	14.7 € m	10.3 € m	7.1 € m
of which federal government	76.7 € m	64.6 € m	93.3 € m
of which federal states	0.2 € m	0.2 € m	0.2 € m
of which commercial business and other activity	25.1 € m	19.9 € m	14.4 € m
Third-party funding per professor (FTE)	.	397.4 thous. €	456.7 thous. €
<i>National average</i> ²	.	343.7 thous. €	373.8 thous. €
Third-party funding per academic and artistic staff excluding professors (FTE)	.	65.3 thous. €	78.0 thous. €
<i>National average</i> ²	.	31.4 thous. €	35.6 thous. €

Third-party funding	ø 2016–2018	ø 2019–2021	ø 2022–2024
Total	159.4 € m	167.5 € m	183.2 € m
Humanities	3.8 € m	5.0 € m	5.6 € m
Law, Business and Economics, Social Sciences	5.0 € m	6.9 € m	6.0 € m
Mathematics, Natural Sciences	31.1 € m	39.1 € m	32.0 € m
Human Medicine/ Health Science	-	-	-
Agricultural, Forest and Nutritional Sciences, Veterinary Medicine	-	-	-
Engineering Sciences	119.6 € m	116.5 € m	139.6 € m
Other ⁵	-	-	-

Third-party funded projects, prizes and awards	2019–2020	2021–2022	2023–2024
Collaborative Research Centres and Transregios ⁶	7	6	4
Research Training Groups ⁶	8	7	6
ERC Grants total	1	3	3
of which ERC Starting Grants	-	1	1
of which ERC Advanced Grants	1	2	-
of which ERC Consolidator Grants	-	-	1
of which ERC Synergy Grants	-	-	1
Alexander von Humboldt Professorships	-	-	-
Sofja Kovalevskaja Award ⁷	-	-	-
Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize	-	1	-
Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize	-	-	-
Heisenberg Programme	-	-	-
Emmy Noether Programme	1	2	2

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Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin

Revenues or proceeds 2024	Total	Excluding medicine
Grand total budget	612.8 € m	-
of which third-party funding	249.9 € m	-

Early career researchers, students	2024
Doctoral students	6,689 Pers.
of which: female	60.9 %
of which: from other countries	20.2 %
Doctoral students per professor	19.6
<i>National average</i> ²	8.2
Junior research group leaders	21 Pers.
of which: female	19.0 %
of which: from other countries	9.5 %
Students ³	6,764 Pers.
of which: female	67.3 %
of which: foreign students ⁴	16.1 %
Students per professor	19.8
<i>National average</i> ²	64.1

Staff	2018	2021	2024
Professors ¹	278.0 FTE	303.1 FTE	312.6 FTE
	283 Pers.	310 Pers.	342 Pers.
of which: female	22.6 %	27.4 %	28.4 %
<i>National average</i> ²	24.8 %	27.4 %	30.1 %
of which: from other countries	7.1 %	6.1 %	9.6 %
of which junior professorships	14.3 FTE	11.0 FTE	14.3 FTE
	15 Pers.	11 Pers.	15 Pers.
of which with tenure track	-	-	10 Pers.
Academic and artistic staff (excluding professors)	3,748.9 FTE	4,476.0 FTE	4,996.2 FTE
of which: female	49.5 %	52.4 %	54.1 %
of which: from other countries	15.7 %	19.0 %	20.6 %
of which: temporary	2,943.0 FTE	3,478.5 FTE	3,736.2 FTE

Third-party funding	2019	2021	2024
Total	179.1 € m	215.8 € m	277.3 € m
of which EU	13.4 € m	12.2 € m	22.3 € m
of which DFG	43.1 € m	59.5 € m	68.1 € m
of which from the Clusters of Excellence funding line	-	5.5 € m	6.9 € m
of which federal government	54.0 € m	67.1 € m	81.5 € m
of which federal states	1.0 € m	1.5 € m	1.2 € m
of which commercial business and other activity	38.6 € m	42.1 € m	52.3 € m
Third-party funding per professor (FTE)	.	712.0 thous. €	887.1 thous. €
<i>National average</i> ²	.	343.7 thous. €	373.8 thous. €
Third-party funding per academic and artistic staff excluding professors (FTE)	.	48.2 thous. €	55.5 thous. €
<i>National average</i> ²	.	31.4 thous. €	35.6 thous. €

Third-party funding	ø 2016–2018	ø 2019–2021	ø 2022–2024
Total	162.1 € m	196.9 € m	285.4 € m
Humanities	-	-	-
Law, Business and Economics, Social Sciences	-	-	-
Mathematics, Natural Sciences	-	-	-
Human Medicine/ Health Science	162.1 € m	196.9 € m	285.4 € m
Agricultural, Forest and Nutritional Sciences, Veterinary Medicine	-	-	-
Engineering Sciences	-	-	-
Other ⁵	-	-	-

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Collaborative Research Centres and Transregios ⁶	7	11	11
Research Training Groups ⁶	3	3	3
ERC Grants total	7	6	14
of which ERC Starting Grants	5	1	10
of which ERC Advanced Grants	-	3	1
of which ERC Consolidator Grants	-	1	3
of which ERC Synergy Grants	2	1	-
Alexander von Humboldt Professorships	-	-	1
Sofja Kovalevskaja Award ⁷	-	-	-
Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize	-	-	-
Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize	-	1	1
Heisenberg Programme	5	4	4
Emmy Noether Programme	6	1	2

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