



# Promoting Research at Freie Universität Berlin

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# 1. Mission



- **1948:** funded with support from the American Allied Forces and donors
- Innovative, internationally oriented
- Scholarship across national, social and ideological barriers
- **Networks for top-level research**
- **Regional:**  
Research Campus Berlin-Dahlem
- **International:**  
Requirement for modern research

## 2. Profile

- **Broad variety**
  - **11** departments, plus Charité (joint medical school)
  - **3** Central Institutes dealing with different world regions
  - **65** Bachelor, **92** Master programs (**16** in English) and **20** structured doctoral programs
- **International student body**
  - **28,500** students
  - International students:  
**21%** of MA-students, **23%** of doctoral candidates
  - **105** university-wide partnerships (plus 339 ERASMUS programs)



## 2. Profile

# International Networks



- **Strong presence in the USA:**  
German University Alliance  
(US contact office with LMU Munich)  
Kofi Annan Fellowships  
in Global Governance
- **Branches:**  
New York, Beijing,  
Cairo , Moscow,  
New Delhi, Brussels,  
Brazil
- **International Council**
- **Center for Area Studies**



# 3. High Rankings for Freie Universität

- Freie Universität **ranked first** by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: “top-address“ for foreign scientists
- Among the **top five universities** in the DFG funding ranking
- Times Higher Education: **among the top 100 universities** of the world
- Tagesspiegel Meta-Ranking of German universities: **first place** together with LMU Munich and University of Heidelberg (examined criteria included third-party funds, special research departments, postgraduate programs, Leibniz prize winners, quota of international academics)
- Freie Universität ranked in **first place** by Prognos AG, Basel, and the magazine *Karriere* as an entrepreneurial university



# 4. Institutional Strategy

## Central University Administration Division: Research

- Transfer of Knowledge and Technology
- Funding Support Service for Junior Researchers
- Research Funding Support Service, Contract Management, External Funding Administration
- Research Communication and Presentation
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## Examples for measures:

Elsa-Neumann-Stipendium des Landes Berlin

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Proposal Advice

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- Contract Management,
- Contract Review,
- Contract Drafting for Externally Funded Research

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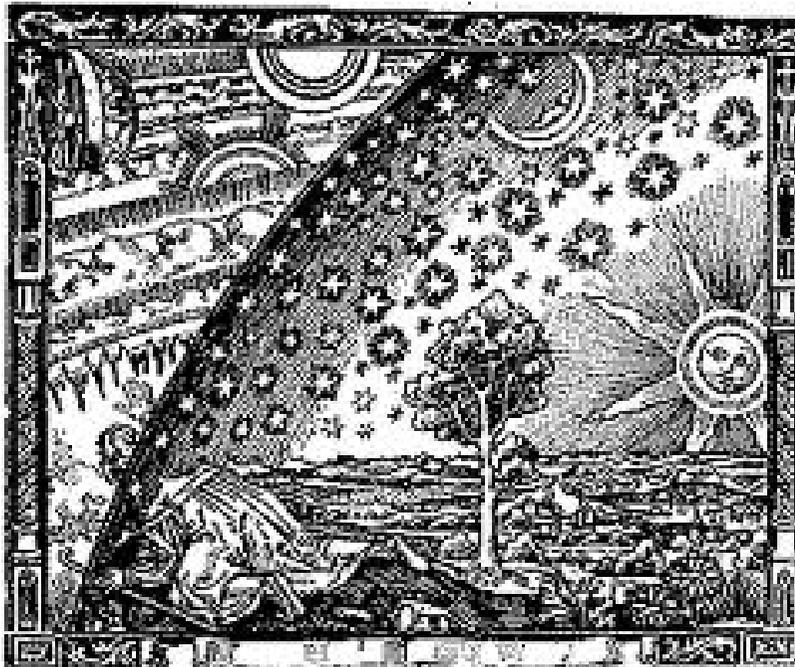
- Fundraising,
- Deutschlandstipendien,
- Long Night of the Sciences
- Children's Uni



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## Aims:

- Formal and content-related indexing and handling of ongoing externally funded projects
- Process optimization in the internal administration of the projects
- Prevention of data redundancy and enhanced data updating
- Public presentation of the research profile of Freie Universität

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- Seed funding for individual research projects,
- Contract Review

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## Center for Cluster Development +

### Strategic aims:

- plans and promotes the long-term development of research activities,
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**both together build a strong  
all-level research support  
at Freie Universität Berlin,  
supplemented by:**

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