

FUB International Staff Training Week 2026

June 22 – June 26

**More Open Than Before, Yet Increasingly Restricted: Navigating
Contradictory Trends in the Internationalization of Research**



Monday, June 22

Welcome to Freie Universität Berlin's 14th International Staff Training Week

12:30	Arrival of participants and registration
13:00	Welcome address by Vice President International Affairs Welcome and presentation of Freie Universität Berlin Dr. Herbert Grieshop, Head of International Affairs Division
13:45	FUB's International Staff Training Week and its different tracks Meet the organizing team(s)
14:10	Group Picture
14:15	Lunch
15:00	FUB Campus Scavenger Hunt
17:00	end of program day 1

Tuesday, June 23

(Day in cooperation with the Staff Week of Technische Universität Berlin)

9:30	Get-together & Ice-Breaker
10:00-12:00	Widening the scope of internationalization in research: Promoting equitable North-South and South-South cooperation (I) <i>In this session, we will focus on promoting equitable research cooperation between partners in North-South or South-South settings. The participants will discuss challenges they encountered, successes they achieved and good practices they would like to share.</i> Presentations by BUA staff members and participants
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Widening the scope of internationalization in research: Promoting equitable North-South and South-South cooperation (II) Presentations by participants
14:30-16:30	World Café on North-South(-South) cooperation E.g. table on Africa Charter for Transformative Research Collaborations, table on the paradigm of excellence in research and its impact on North-South-cooperation...
16:30	End of program
18:00	International Summer Reception

Wednesday, June 24

9:30-12:30	<p>Impact of international politics on research cooperation</p> <p><i>We will discuss in this section how international politics in the last years has affected the work of university, both positively and negatively. Participants will share the new challenges their universities must face (e.g. national restriction in cooperation; support of scholars at risk, etc.) and the new opportunities that arise from a an increasingly multipolar world (e.g. new forums of cooperation, etc.).</i></p> <p>Presentations by BUA staff members and participants</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00	End of program – free afternoon for individual appointments and activities
15:30/17:00	Optional Event: Berlin River Cruise
18:00	<p>Optional: Panel discussion: Internationalizing Research in Times of Geopolitics (tbc)</p> <p>Joint event Berlin Center for Global Engagement x SCRIPTS at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in Berlin Mitte</p> <p><i>The panel discussion will be a public event together with the Excellence Research Cluster SCRIPTS, which itself focuses on how science is increasingly becoming a contested matter between competing political orders on the world stage. Participants in the track “More Open Than Before, Yet Increasingly Restricted: Navigating Contradictory Trends in the Internationalization of Research” are warmly invited to attend.</i></p>

Thursday, June 25

9:30-12:00	<p>International cooperation in sensitive research fields: Current Trends and Experiences (I)</p> <p><i>In this final section, we will focus on cooperation in research fields that are particularly sensitive from a political perspective—either because they involve issues of dual use and technological sovereignty, or because the research topics themselves may endanger the scholars involved. Participants will share how their home institutions impose limits on certain sensitive collaborations while safeguarding others.</i></p> <p>Presentations by BUA staff members and participants</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:00	<p>International cooperation in sensitive fields: Current Trends and Experiences (II)</p> <p>Presentations by BUA staff members and participants</p>
16:00	End of program
16:00	Freie Universität Berlin Summer Party 2026 and FUB CampusRun

Friday, June 26

Final Day: Team-Building, Workshops & Farewell at Domäne Dahlem – Farm Estate & Museum

9:30	Welcome & Team Briefing
10-11:30	<p>Team Workshops (90 minutes)</p> <p>In small groups, participants will take part in one of several interactive, practice-oriented sessions designed to inspire teamwork and shared reflection:</p> <p><i>Bio-Logical! – Discovering Organic Agriculture</i></p> <p><i>Plant-Based Protein Workshop</i></p> <p><i>Seasonal Farm Experience</i></p> <p><i>Climate-Friendly Food Education</i></p> <p><i>Beekeeping & Biodiversity</i></p> <p><i>Historical Museum Tour</i></p>
12:30	Group Wrap-Up & Certificate Ceremony
13:00	<p>Lunch & Farewell Gathering</p> <p>Free exploration of the estate, museum, and farm shop</p>

* events marked in grey are joint events for the whole group / participants of all tracks