



Graduate Centre Life Sciences Newsletter 1/2018

The monthly newsletter of the newly-established Graduate Centre Life Sciences at the Faculty of Life Sciences at HU will provide updates and announcements on new offers for all doctoral students of our Faculty.

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All newsletters of the Graduate Centre can be found on our [website](#).

Workshops

There are still **free places** available in the Graduate Centre's workshops on **Good Scientific Practice** and **Scientific Writing**:

05./06.03.2018	Intensive Course "Good Scientific Practice"
12.04.2018	Compact Course "Good Scientific Practice"
12.04.2018	Compact Course "Scientific Publishing"
23./24.04.2018	Intensive Course "Scientific Writing"
28.05.-01.06.2018	Intensive Course "Scientific Publishing"
07./08.06.2018	Intensive Course "Good Scientific Practice"

All dates and the registration link can be found on our [website](#). **Participation in our workshops is free of charge** for all doctoral students of our Faculty.

At the moment, we are also planning workshops on statistics and experimental design. We also plan to have workshops to be held in Adlershof. If you have suggestions for courses (and possible speakers) to be offered by the Graduate Centre, please contact us.

In addition, also **all courses organized by Humboldt Graduate School (HGS) are open to you**. The course fees will be covered by the Graduate Centre (if you are enrolled in a structured doctoral programme, the course fee will be covered by your programme).

When you register for workshops at HGS, give "Graduate Centre Life Sciences" as your doctoral programme and "promotion.lewi@hu-berlin.de" as the doctoral programme coordinator address (if you are enrolled in a structured doctoral programme, give the information of your programme).

We will inform you about new offers of HGS on a regular basis.

For further courses, please also have a look at the offers of the [Berufliche Weiterbildung](#) (all courses are free of charge for doctoral students at HU) and the [Language Centre](#).

Doctoral Student Representatives and Results of their Survey

In December 2017, the doctoral student representatives together with the Graduate Centre did a survey on your wishes and suggestions for the role of the doctoral student representatives as well as for the offers of the Graduate Centre.

According to your wishes and suggestions, the doctoral student representatives will:

- participate in the development of the offers of the Graduate Centre,
- be the voice of all doctoral students of our Faculty,
- communicate wishes and needs of the doctoral students,
- be the contact persons for questions and problems.



What the doctoral student representatives will **not** or cannot do:

- They cannot help in conflicts with your supervisor.
- In these cases, please contact the coordinator of the Graduate Centre, the [Faculty's Ombudspersons](#) or the [Humboldt Graduate School conflict consultation](#).
- They cannot help you with finding financial assistance and family or women's support.
- In these cases, please contact the coordinator of the Graduate Centre or the [Central Women's Representative](#) or the [Family Support Centre](#).
- They cannot inform you about "political" developments within HU or within our Faculty, since they are no elected members of the Faculty committee nor institutional committees. However, your wishes and needs can and will be brought in the Faculty committee via the Deputy Dean for Research and the group of academic staff in the Faculty committee, who can be contacted by the doctoral student representatives.

Since the officiating doctoral student representatives are volunteers at the moment, elections are planned for the beginning of summer.

The doctoral student representatives will organize get-togethers which will be a great opportunity to meet other doctoral students of our Faculty and informally discuss experiences and problems. If you want to help them organizing such meetings or if you have questions or suggestions, contact them: represent.docs.lewi@hu-berlin.de

Topic Clusters

In the framework of the Graduate Centre, topic clusters can be established in which a specific (interdisciplinary) topic is discussed from various scientific perspectives in talks by the doctoral members of the cluster and by invited guest speakers within regular seminars. The topic clusters are a great opportunity to broaden your scientific horizon and to exchange your ideas and results with other doctoral students working in the same field. The topic clusters will also provide a platform to informally discuss arising questions and problems among peers.

If you have ideas for new topic clusters and if you are interested in exchanging ideas with other doctoral students within such a cluster, please contact the Graduate Centre.

Information Event "Doing your Doctoral Studies at the Faculty of Life Sciences"

Starting in spring 2018, the biannual event "Doing your Doctoral Studies at the Faculty of Life Sciences" will inform doctoral students at the beginning of their doctoral studies as well as interested Master's students about relevant regulations of doing doctoral studies at the Faculty of Life Sciences. The first event date will be announced soon.

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