



Graduate Centre Life Sciences Newsletter 2/2018

The monthly newsletter of the Graduate Centre at the Faculty of Life Sciences at HU provides updates and announcements 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"
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. However, if there are not enough free places available, registrations by doctoral students who are not enrolled in a structured doctoral programme will be preferred.

In addition to our courses on Good Scientific Practice and Scientific Writing, the following workshops will be offered in the second half of 2018 (information on the course dates and contents will follow soon on our website):

- Scientific Writing for Psychologists
- Scientific Writing for Agricultural Economists
- Life Science Figure Design
- Poster Design
- Effective Presentation - Talks and Posters
- Creativity in Life Sciences

If you have suggestions for courses (and possible speakers) to be offered by the Graduate Centre, please contact us.

In addition, **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 [Berufliche Weiterbildung](#) (all courses are free of charge for doctoral students at HU) and the [Language Centre](#).



Courses on basics in statistics and software for statistics offered by *fu:stat*

Since there is a strong demand for courses on basics in statistics and the application of statistics software, the Graduate Centre started to cooperate with *fu:stat*, the statistics advisory unit of Freie Universität Berlin. *fu:stat* offers [courses on statistics and software like Excel, R, SPSS and Stata](#), which are now open to you (unfortunately, most of the course are held only in German).

Course fees will be covered by the Graduate Centre only for doctoral students of our Faculty who are not enrolled in a structured doctoral programme. [Please register for *fu:stat* courses only via the website of the Graduate Centre!](#)

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

The biannual event "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 will be held on **12.04.2018, 15:30 - 16:30**. The venue will be announced on our [website](#) soon.

Please also inform your interested students and colleagues.

Career Day of Humboldt Graduate School

This year's [Career Day of Humboldt Graduate School](#) will take place on **20.02.2018, 9:30 - 15:30**, at Fritz-Reuter-Saal (HU), Dorotheenstraße 24, 10117 Berlin. The Career Day is organized by doctoral students of HU and FU and will provide insights into different careers in different sectors by invited guest speakers.

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.

The Graduate Centre can support topic clusters also financially with inviting guest speakers and organizing annual retreats.

There have already been ideas on establishing a topic cluster on "**Food Democracy**" together with [Food Berlin](#). If you want to further discuss your ideas, please do not hesitate to contact the coordinator of the Graduate Centre.

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.



Doctoral Student Representatives

The doctoral student representatives:

- participate in the development of the offers of the Graduate Centre,
- are the voice of all doctoral students of our Faculty,
- communicate wishes and needs of the doctoral students,
- are the contact persons for questions and problems,
- cannot help with finding financial assistance and family or women's support and in conflicts with your supervisor.

Since the officiating doctoral student representatives are volunteers, **elections are planned for the beginning of summer**. More information will follow soon.

The doctoral student representatives 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

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