



Graduate Centre Life Sciences Newsletter 4/2018

The monthly newsletter of the Graduate Centre at the Faculty of Life Sciences of Humboldt Universität provides updates and announcements for all doctoral students of our Faculty. All past newsletters of the Graduate Centre can be found on our [website](#).

Web: <https://hu.berlin/lewi-docs>

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Call for proposals for Doctoral Symposia

Through a variety of offers, the Graduate Centre facilitates scientific and interdisciplinary training, as well as networking among all doctoral candidates at the Faculty of Life Sciences. To support scientific exchange among doctoral candidates of our Faculty, the Graduate Centre funds up to two [symposia, which are organized by doctoral candidates for fellow doctoral candidates](#) with **up to 3,000 € per symposium**. The symposia shall take place between July and November 2018. **Applications can be submitted until 15.05.2018.**

We are looking for candidates for 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 June 2018**. The new doctoral student representatives will be **elected for one year starting in July 2018**. Two candidates from each institute of our Faculty can be elected. More information on the election procedure will follow soon.

If you would like to participate in and contribute to the development of the Graduate Centre as doctoral student representative, please let us know. If you are willing to run for the office of a doctoral student representative, please send your name and information on your working group, when you started with your doctoral studies, and what you are working on **until 15.05.2018** to promotion.lewi@hu-berlin.de.

For further questions you can either contact the Graduate Centre (promotion.lewi@hu-berlin.de) or the doctoral student representatives themselves (represent.docs.lewi@hu-berlin.de).

Topic Cluster "Food & Democracy"

As a first topic cluster in the framework of the Graduate Centre, the cluster **"Food & Democracy"** is starting to take shape. **On Thursday, 19.04.2018, at 5:30 pm, the next meeting of the cluster will be held in Seminarraum 2113, Haus 9, Philippstraße 13 on Campus Nord.** For this second meet-up, the organisers invite everyone to get to know (briefly) what their fellow doctoral students are working on through short, informal partner presentations ("Speed Presenting"). In this format, you will present your research topic to one person for 2-3 minutes, then they will present to you. After one minute of feedback, you will then switch



partners and present again, and so on and so on. No preparation is required. But if you want to bring a visual aid or a powerpoint on your laptop, feel free.

If you are not already a member of the cluster, please join the [Food & Democracy page on Moodle](#) for all of the latest updates and to share any thoughts and news with the cluster via the forum. The organisers have uploaded the tentative meeting schedule, field trips and topics for the next year (all to be confirmed closer to the dates).

More information on the Topic Cluster "Food & Democracy" will also be available soon on the website of the Graduate Centre.

If you have own 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. More information on the concept of topic clusters can be found [here](#).

Workshops

There are still **free places** available in the Graduate Centre's workshops:

28.05.-01.06.2018	Intensive Course "Scientific Publishing"
07./08.06.2018	Intensive Course "Good Scientific Practice"
03./04.09.2018	Intensive Course "Scientific Writing for Psychologists"
10.09.2018	Course "Scientific information design. Data visualization for figures, posters and slides"
20./21.09.2018	Intensive Course "Good Scientific Practice"
08./09.11.2018	Intensive Course "Good Scientific Practice"
15./16.11.2018	Intensive Course "Presenting Scientific Data at Conferences"

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.

More workshops on the following topics will be announced soon on our website:

- Scientific Writing for Agricultural Economists
- Scientific Writing (more general)
- Effective Presentation - Talks and Posters
- Creativity in Life Sciences

Furthermore, we are also planning courses on different topics in bioinformatics. If you are interested in specific topics, please contact us. If you have suggestions for further courses (and possible speakers) to be offered by the Graduate Centre, please also 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 can potentially be covered by your programme. However, please contact the coordinator of your doctoral programme before registering.)

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](#).



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New 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 cooperates 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 open to you (unfortunately, most of the course are held only in German).

The next workshop series will be held in June and August 2018.

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!](#)

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