In 2023 we had our second round of the WINS Postdoctoral Fellowships. Four fellows from three continents joined us in Berlin for a research stay in October and November 2023.

WINS Fellows 2023

Ruth Nakato (Uganda), Computer sciences, Host: Jane Katusiime

Guadalupe Souza Satiro (Brazil), Geographie, Host: Corinna Hölzl-Verwiebe

Felicia Akinyemi (Switzerland), Geographie, Host: Patrick Hostert

Nina Stiesdal (Denmark), Physik, Host: Riccardo Pennetta

Accompanying program

Apart from being fully integrated in the research lab of the host, the fellows benefitted for participating in different activities which gave them the opportunity to extend their professional network within the university and beyond.

5 October 2023 Meeting with Prof. Caren Tischendorf (Dean of the Faculty for Mathematics and Natural Sciences)

19.10.2023 Visit of the Humboldt University Archive with Aleksandra Pawliczek (Head of the HU Archive)

20.10.2023 Fellows present their work at the „Friday-Light-Talks“

23.10.2023 Input on the German Funding Landscape with Prof. Patrick Hostert

26.10.2023 Alumni meeting with the WINS fellows from 2022 (online)

23.11.2023 Farewell lunch at Gerdans Café
Feedback by our fellows

Nina Stiesdal (Fellow):
“I was extremely happy to have been part of the WINS program. Meeting the other fellows and the organizers was very inspiring. The discussions we had during our too few meetings made me realize how much experimental physics lacks diversity. Additionally, it made me understand that I have been underestimating the importance of the discussion of academic life across different disciplines.”

Jane Katusiime (Host):
“During the visit, we wrote a research proposal about encouraging women to take up STEM subjects/careers that we intend to submit next week to DFG under the Initiation of International collaboration category. During the writing, we had to contact a number of researchers in STEM to be on the research team which increased my research network. I also gained valuable research insights from the fellow especially regarding gender related perspectives in STEM careers.”

About the Fellowship Programme

The WINS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is supporting talented female postdoctoral researchers from abroad. It offers a unique opportunity for the researchers at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences to enrich their research teams and advance academic excellence.

Benefits:

- **International Collaboration**: By inviting a female postdoctoral fellow from abroad, you open the doors to international collaboration, bringing fresh perspectives and global experiences to your research projects.

- **Financial Support**: The program offers a stipend of €4,000 per year to cover fully the travel and living expenses of the invited fellow.

- **Academic Enrichment**: Your research will benefit from the diverse knowledge and expertise your invited fellow brings, potentially leading to innovative research, joint grant proposals, and high-impact publications.

- **Cultural Exchange**: Hosting an international fellow promotes cultural exchange and fosters an inclusive, international academic environment within your research team.

- **Networking Opportunities**: The invited fellow will have access to joint colloquiaums, seminars, and events at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, further expanding your professional network and research opportunities.

The call for 2024 is now open. For more information, see our [website](#).