

The Faculty of Life Sciences aims to strengthen research and teaching in the Life Sciences at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and in the Berlin region, anchoring it as a pioneer in the regional, national and international research landscape. The Faculty is devoted to current and futureorientated scientific, technological and social topics across the entire spectrum of life forms: from molecular building blocks to microbial, vegetable, animal and human organisms, including how they interact with their experience realm and the environment. It primarily follows a scientific approach and supplements this with an economic perspective, with additional connection to the humanities, social sciences and medicine. Research and teaching activities there aspire to scientific excellence, interdisciplinarity and an international orientation. Special attention is paid to cooperative partnerships, the advancement of young researchers and the inclusion of members of disadvantaged groups.

The Faculty consists of the Department of Biology, the Department of Psychology and the Albrecht Daniel Thaer-Institute of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences. The Faculty has established joint profile areas at the interface with the three departments. Their objective is to develop creative research networks which are fruitful for teaching activities. The fields of 'Nutrition, Behaviour, Health' and 'Plants, Environment, Urbanity' are joint profile areas. These areas may be expanded or supplemented with other profile areas.

In order to facilitate close cooperation, the Faculty is in the process of consolidating in Berlin Mitte (Campus Nord) and on Campus Dahlem. Collaborations with other Humboldt-Universität centres – in particular the IRI for the Life Sciences and Charité – and with other Berlin universities and non-university scientific institutions ensure a high level of integration within the science location of Berlin.