



*Dear Partners,*

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin is pleased to welcome the many international students who are interested in studying at our university. Berlin is an exciting place to study for many students, but studying in the capital city also comes with some challenges. The biggest difficulty is certainly finding a place to live.

Like other German universities, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin does not have its own student dormitories. We offer a limited number of rooms for international program students in two Berlin student dormitories, for which students can apply with us. However, we cannot guarantee accommodation for all students and usually the request far exceeds our contingent. Students who cannot be offered a room have to look for accommodation on their own.

Berlin is a city with a great shortage of housing. With the increasing number of international students, it is unfortunately more and more difficult for students to find accommodation. The search for accommodation often involves a lot of effort, and sadly, frustration. The ever-increasing rents make it also difficult to find affordable accommodation close to the university. We therefore ask students to anticipate a monthly rent of 600€.

We would like to point out that there is also fraud on the housing market. In such cases, the apartments are often very cheap and well located. Students are usually asked to pay the deposit and rent before they have received the keys or seen the apartment. We would therefore like to ask students to be especially careful with such "good" offers and not to transfer rent to private persons before the apartment has been viewed and a rental contract has been signed.

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin makes every effort to support students with practical information about finding housing on the private housing market. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer direct support in finding accommodation on site and cannot take care of the housing search for them.

It is essential that students look for housing early and consider different options and districts in their search. If they are unable to find housing before arriving in Berlin, they should expect to stay in temporary housing for the time being.

It is important to us that students are already familiar with this information when planning their exchange semester and that they take all factors into consideration when deciding to go abroad.

We would like to emphasize that the housing situation in Berlin is very difficult and can cause a lot of stress for international students. Although we try to support students in the best possible way, we can unfortunately only provide advice to students looking for accommodation.

Kind regards,

*Incoming Team*