

# Call for applications for Q-Kollegs

**\*\*\* APPLICATIONS FOR WINTERSEMESTER 2019/20 AND SUMMERSEMESTER 2020 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 31. May 2019! \*\*\***

The Q-Kollegs belong to the group of projects at the Humboldt-Universität, which are sponsored by the Federal States Program »**Qualitätspakt Lehre**« (BMBF), in order to create a free space in the course of study for research-based learning. The **bologna.lab** handles the projects and facilitates the development of studies and teaching at the Humboldt-Universität in a conceptual and advisory fashion.

## What is a Q-Kolleg?

A Q-Kolleg is an **international university course**, which is offered by staff at the Humboldt-Universität in Berlin together with partner universities in foreign countries. The participating students create an international student-run research team. The choice of the overarching research topics, the creation of a timeline, and the supervision of students in terms of contents and methods takes place under the leadership of **a teacher** at the Humboldt-Universität and a teacher of the partner university.

It is the **goal of the Q-Kollegs** to make **research-based learning<sup>1</sup> within an international dialogue** possible. In this way, Students should be imparted early on with research experience and at the same time should be introduced to a view of different international traditions and methods. Furthermore, Q-Kollegs offer the possibility of internationalization of both Studies and Teaching to the students and institutes taking part.

The mutual teaching project will be realized on the one hand through a **digitalization** of the collaboration (for example, e-learning components, video conferences), and on the other hand through a **visit for the purpose of research to the partner university for the HU students**. The research visit can serve to help accomplish mutual research work, to process, as well as to discuss and present the results, for example at a collaborative closing conference. Alternatively, the travel funding can also be used to fund a trip together for both institutions to a destination relevant to the research project.

A Q-Kolleg can be conceptualized for the period of **one or two semesters**, and should be open to students who have already progressed somewhat in their Bachelor's degree (3<sup>rd</sup> Semester). These students will receive for their conducted work, at the agreement with the Faculty of Institute, **Studienpunkte** in their respective course of studies or in the Überfachliche Wahlbereich (ÜWP) if enlisted in the Modul Q-Kolleg 1 or 2.

## Who can apply for the creation of a Q-Kolleg?

The request for proposals is open to **staff and professors of all subjects and faculties at the HU**, who have an interest in the creation and maintenance of an international cooperation, and at the same time would like to integrate their own research topics in their teaching. The contacts in an international research project can be used to plan a mutual research-oriented course, or an already existing research-oriented course at the HU can be expanded and internationalized through the cooperation.

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<sup>1</sup> Vgl. Leitfaden zum Forschenden Lernen: [hu.berlin/forschendes\\_lernen](http://hu.berlin/forschendes_lernen)

### For what, and in what capacity does the bologna.lab distribute funding?

- **Travel costs allowance for students from January 2020 until September 2020:** The bologna.lab will support the travel maximum 15 HU students with a travel stipend (based on the funding rate of PROMOS, [https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/ins-ausland/finanzierung-1/foedersaetze\\_promos\\_2019.pdf](https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/ins-ausland/finanzierung-1/foedersaetze_promos_2019.pdf)). Due to the limitation of project budgets), if necessary the stipend might be adjusted for long-distance goals by the bologna.lab.
- **Teaching Contracts:** You can apply for a teaching contract for the realization of a Q-Kolleg and support of the research work.

Because many functions and/or requirements, due to the tightness of resources, cannot be paid for from our project budget, we suggest that you apply for further funding from the HU or other funding bodies (for example, travel stipends for teachers in the Erasmus STA staff mobility programme or Fakultätsmittel)

### What support does the bologna.lab offer?

**Conceptual advice and workshops:** On the basis of our experiences with research-oriented teaching in the Q-Program, the bologna.lab gladly makes itself available in an advisory capacity with the application process and the implementation of your Q-Kollegs. Furthermore, we in the Q-Programm offer regular advanced training workshops on research-based learning, in which you (and the supervisor at the partner university) can gladly take part.

### What forms have to be submitted?

#### 1. Completed "Formblatt"

- ✓ Formal information on the applicant and the partner university
- ✓ Information on the chronological structure and financial planning

**2. Short Project Description** (max. 2 Pages) on the contents and didactic in [research-based learning](#) in an international context. Please go into detail on how the students will be stimulated and supported in independent research practices, how the collaboration between the students at the partner university will be designed, and how, if applicable, digital communication/e-learning will be integrated into the course.

**3. Resume** of the applicant (tabular, max. 2 pages)

After the completion of your Q-Kolleg, we ask that you submit a **final report**, which gives information on your experiences with the format of the Q-Kolleg, as well as with the implementation of a research-oriented course in an international context.

### Where and when should the documents be submitted?

The application deadline is the **31 of May 2019**. Please submit the documents by online form: <https://hu.berlin/bewerbung-q-kolleg>. **For queries or initial ideas, we will gladly arrange a consultation appointment with you.**

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