



Call for Applications for HU-Circle U.-Teams

***** Application deadline: 06. January 2022 (for the 2022 summer semester) *****

The bologna.lab of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU) promotes innovative forms of teaching and learning and, with the Circle U.-Teams, opens up scope for project based, research intensive and international learning formats from the Bachelor's degree onwards. In a Circle U.-Team, students take part in an international and innovative study project under the guidance of young academics.

For the HU summer semester 2022, we are looking for Circle U.-Teams in cooperation with our Circle U. partners and are therefore accepting applications where the planned project is offered in English and the course is held digitally; the study projects have to be related to at least one of the Circle U. Knowledge Hubs: Climate, Democracy and Global Health.

What is a Circle U.-Team?

Circle U.-
Teams

Circle U.-Teams are digital seminars in an innovative teaching-learning format, initiated by postdocs or doctoral students.

By leading a Circle U.-Team, Circle U.-Team leaders gain teaching and mentoring experience and at the same time gain insight into international research and teaching cultures. In these project teams of students and junior researchers, Circle U.-Team leaders are coordinators and scientific contact persons for the students, but also participants in the process themselves.

Circle U.-Team
leaders

The implementation of a Circle U.-Team is remunerated as a teaching assignment. The Circle U.-Team leaders will be given a teaching contract for one semester at HU. The temporary contract pays 39,39 € per teaching hour for 28 teaching hours in the summer semester (from April to July 2022).

The Circle U.-Team leaders will participate in a didactic training course on the basics of higher education didactics from concept to implementation. This training course can be completed with a certificate.

Participating
students

The Circle U.-Team should be open to Bachelor's and Master's students from different partner universities and different subjects, so that interdisciplinary and international perspectives on the subject matter are possible.

The Circle U.-Team itself consists of at least 5 students of the Circle U. universities, who actively work on the study project and gain their first experience in an international and interdisciplinary team.

Who can apply?

We are looking for PhD students or postdocs who are interested in leading a student team. Young academics from all disciplines and Circle U. partner universities, as well as scholarship holders and employees of non-university research institutions, can apply.



How are the Circle U.-Team leaders selected?

The applications received will be assessed by an interdisciplinary selection committee with members from all status groups. Among other things, the committee looks at the coherence of the didactic concept, the involvement of the students in the design of the project, the planned implementation of the teaching-learning format, the feasibility of the Circle U.-Team and the motivation of the applicants.



Which projects are possible?

Innovative teaching-learning projects that focus didactically on student-centered participation and science mediation address the following criteria:

- projects are open to students co-creating small scale research
- projects enable students to co-design the study project
- in the projects students actively participate in the process
- projects foster student collaboration towards a final product

The proposed innovative teaching-learning projects could be:

- projects with a focus on social engagement and science communication
- projects aimed at the overarching competence development of the students

An example of a possible Circle U.-Team can be found [in the HU Course catalogue](#).

What are the tasks of the Circle U.-Team leaders?

The role of the young researchers as teachers and initiators of the Circle U.-Teams includes the following activities:

For the Application	Contacting the Chair of the Circle U. Knowledge Hub at your university where you will receive professional exchange and organisational support (regarding the crediting of study points, finding student participants, etc.).
Preparation of the course	Planning the semester, preparing the materials and activities. Preliminary organization for the course: technical and didactical preparation (the bologna.lab offers didactical training on higher education teaching).
Implementation of the course	Supporting the students regarding content and methodological questions during the process and supporting the preparation and presentation/publication of the results obtained in a suitable form.
Follow-up and Presentation	Reflection on the study project and on the teams' experiences with the format. Presentation of the course results in a public Circle U. workshop.



Which application documents have to be submitted?

Please send your documents to qbologna@hu-berlin.de (**until 06.01.2022**). For the application 3 documents are needed:

1. the Chair's agreement form (*see page 4-5*)
2. the project proposal and
3. the CV.

1. The Chair's agreement:

The form is attached to this Call

The Chair's agreement form contains information about you as the applicant and about the connection of the HU-Circle U.-Team to the Knowledge Hub. Please fill out the form and have it signed by a Knowledge Hub Chair who supports the Circle U.-Team in terms of content and organisation.

2. Project description (max. 3 pages with the following points):

Study project and student questions

What is the relevance of the proposed study project? How does it fit into the current debates? What insights will be generated in the project??

With which Knowledge Hub is the Circle U.-Team connected? How does the Circle U.-Team interconnect with the work of the Knowledge Hub?

What questions could the students work on themselves? How do the students shape their course experience and how is their active participation planned?

Clarify the points of connection to the Knowledge Hub topic and how the students in the Circle U.-Team interact with the overarching theme.

Work and time schedule

What steps are planned during the semester and what is their timeframe? How are the steps implemented didactically? What didactical methods belong to the specific steps?

Since this is an innovative teaching-learning project, make sure that the didactic components of the semester plan are presented in detail.

Target group

What prior theoretical and methodological knowledge should students bring with them? Is the Circle U.-Team open to Bachelor's and/or Master's students? Which fields of study should or could be represented?

Final product

What results are the students working towards together? In what form could the results be published or presented to a wider public (e.g. anthology, scientific article, symposium, lecture, poster, exhibition, film, website, blog,...)?

Personal motivation

For what reasons would you like to offer a Circle U.-Team? What appeals to you about innovative teaching and learning formats? How do you see your own role in the joint process with the students?

3. CV:

table, 1-2 pages

Do you have questions concerning your application?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Write us at qbologna@hu-berlin.de with your questions or to make an appointment.

We look forward to receiving your application!



Chair's Agreement

Information regarding the applicant

Name: _____

Address for correspondence:

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Academic background:

PhD student at

Postdoc at

Scholarship holder at

Academic staff member at

other positions

Signature (applicant)

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Information on the Circle U.-Team

Title of the Circle U.-Team:

Information on the Knowledge Hub to which the Circle U.-Team will be linked:

University:

Knowledge Hub:

- Climate
- Global Health
- Democracy

You should establish a contact with the Chair of a Knowledge Hub at your university. Please indicate which professor is informed about your application. They may provide contact to the examination office at your university and help you find professional exchange and interested students. The supplementary teaching contracts are assigned by bologna.lab at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Name (Chair)

Signature (Chair)

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