

Joint PhD programme between King's College London and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

A key feature of the partnership between King's College London (King's) and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU) has been the development of a Joint PhD Programme, in which high calibre PhD students are given the opportunity to spend a relevant research time at each institution. It allows them to pursue their research at a truly international level.

The Joint PhD programme with co-supervision is suitable for candidates who are looking for a joint degree or whose research would benefit from the expertise of two academic research groups – either working in complementary areas or through adding an interdisciplinary element to your research. Both universities, located in two of the most pulsating cities in Europe, are ranked among the best universities in Europe. Renowned for research excellence, both King's College London and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin are committed to nurturing the next generation of scholars and researchers and can offer you intellectually and culturally stimulating environments.

What the programme leaders say.

'King's College London is a world-class university that delivers research of international stature. The new Joint Degree with KCL offers students the opportunity to work in two great universities, benefit from the brightest minds in Britain and Germany. Students on this programme will also acquire experience of different research traditions and cultures which will enhance their employability even further. For these reasons we think the Joint Degree is a crucial development for our university and research culture and we are delighted to be working with such a prestigious partner.'

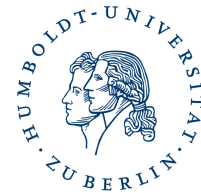
Prof. Dr. Eveline Kilian, Director of the Institute of English and American Studies.

'The Joint PhD is a milestone in our university's quest for international research excellence. Students will gain an international edge, enabling them to excel in their future careers and contribute to the social, scientific, and economic development of the European community. It offers students the advantages of both universities' superb research resources in different disciplines – including eminent scholars, state-of-the-art research facilities and vigorous research cultures – and they can benefit from the synergistic collaboration between the two institutions.'

Prof. Dr. Michael Kämper-van den Boogaart, Vice-President for Academic and International Affairs of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

'The Joint PhD programme will take advantage of the unique and valuable facilities in both universities. Working in two departments in two academic environments will stimulate research and will provide various views taking a PhD thesis into fruitful directions. Joint PhD supervision can definitely create more insights into a research project and academic culture.'

Dr. Brigitte Lehmann, Managing Director of the Humboldt Graduate School



Key information

Application: You can apply for admission to the Joint PhD Programme through either university. Whichever one you choose will become your 'home' institution, where the main part of the thesis will be done.

Duration: A Joint PhD typically comprises 3-4 years of study and research and you will normally spend substantial time at each institution.

Support Services and Facilities: You will be registered at both universities and therefore be able to enjoy the full range of academic and social facilities at both, as well as receiving comprehensive skills and career development training.

Supervision: You will be jointly supervised by a faculty member from each university.

Award: Upon successful completion of the programme you will receive a single PhD/doctorate certificate awarded by two institutions.

Programme areas: For further details about the Joint PhD between King's College London and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin including the programme areas already involved visit the websites of the participating departments:

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