A Family Focus

Students with children face huge challenges when it comes to reconciling their studies with the demands of family life. Being constantly on the go, from the lecture hall, to the childcare centre, to the library, can seriously overtax their stamina. Yet solid organizational skills and good time management are not all that students with children need. Often, a further major stress factor for them is how to finance their studies and still find enough to live on.

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin considers fair treatment for families to be a vital aspect of university life. Its endeavour to develop family-friendly measures throughout the entire University is therefore under constant review. The Family Support Centre advocates and supervises such development, on behalf of students who are also parents. Above all, it helps students with children establish a healthy balance between their studies and family life.

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Please visit our website for the current office hours in Mitte and Adlershof.

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin was designated a family-friendly university in December 2009. It strives continuously to extend its family-friendly infrastructure, in order to improve the situation of staff and students with children.

Students with Children

The Family Support Centre at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Information, Support and Advocacy

The Family Support Centre helps you find ways to strike a healthy balance between your studies and the demands of parenthood.

It informs you, the student-parent, about options for planning your studies in a family-friendly way, and advises you on issues such as university exams, seminar planning and postponing a semester.

If you wish to (or must) make individual arrangements with your lecturers regarding exam requirements and/or seminar planning, the Family Support Centre gladly helps you do so.

The Family Support Centre provides advice on legal as well as financial issues. In addition, the Family Support Centre is happy to help you organize childcare.

You can reach us in person during office hours, or contact us by telephone or email.

Improving Infrastructure

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin already has a large number of designated family rooms (www.gremien.hu-berlin.de/familienbuero), which you and your children can use. Space is available to change nappies, breastfeed your child, spend some time with your children, or simply enjoy some peace and quiet. The Family Support Centre is working to establish more such spaces in all the university’s institutes and faculties. It also strongly advocates making all areas of the Humboldt-Universität equally accessible to all its users.

If you wish to bring your child(ren) to a conference, a seminar, a lecture or any other event at the university, toy-packs are available for loan, free of charge, from the Family Support Centre or libraries.

The Family Support Centre also makes an annual award to the ‘Most Family-friendly Project at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin’. Details are available on our website.

Raising Awareness

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin has become increasingly aware of the issues faced by students with children, and it appreciates the value inherent to a healthy balance of study and family life. The Family Support Centre uses various media to heighten awareness of the issues involved: you can read about the latest family-friendly developments and options at our university in the magazine humboldt chancengleich and the newspaper Humboldt-Zeitung, as well as on our website and on Facebook.

Furthermore, the Family Support Centre organizes special events for students with children, for instance the informative event “Studies Plus Parenthood” held at the beginning of each winter semester.

The Summer Party for the children of all the university’s staff and students is an annual highlight on the Family Support Centre’s agenda.