

## Call for Applications

**PhD Workshop: “Sustainable Development”, April 4-5, 2019**

**In the framework of the UAS Spring Campus Conference  
April 1-5, 2019**

### **Spring Campus Conference of the ‘University Alliance for Sustainability’**

As an international network university with around 36,500 students and 5,200 staff members, Freie Universität Berlin is committed to all aspects of sustainability — whether it is within research, education, transfer or campus management. This institution-wide approach also forms the basis for the Spring Campus Conference program and organization.

### **The University Alliance of Sustainability**

The UAS channels the individual strengths of five strategic partner universities: Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Peking University, St. Petersburg State University, University of British Columbia, and Freie Universität Berlin. Each one focuses on sustainability as a holistic approach for collaborating in research, teaching, campus management, and outreach activities, developing joint research and teaching projects on the topic of sustainability. The UAS offers exchange opportunities for students, faculty members, and administrative staff from across departments and universities to promote sustainability discourse throughout entire institutions. The German Academic Exchange Service funds the network.

### **A platform for sustainability experts**

The UAS Spring Campus Conference is intended as a platform for sharing experiences. Through parallel workshops, the program offers insights into state-of-the-art research, uniting senior and junior researchers from across the globe. What’s more, we invite senior management staff to discuss the best examples of sustainable campus management in a tailored workshop. There will also be opportunities to network within the UAS network and beyond.

### **Conference Program**

The Opening Day on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 features keynote speeches from renowned experts as well as presentations from representatives from UAS partner universities.

On Tuesday and Wednesday (April 2-3), we will continue with a program of parallel research and management workshops. Featuring contributions from different disciplines.

Additionally, a PhD Conference will be organized, which will complete the Spring Campus with a two-day meeting on Thursday and Friday (April 4-5).

### **Retrospect**

This is far from our first Spring Campus Conference! The UAS has been hosting conferences at Freie Universität Berlin since 2016. During the Spring Campus 2018, we welcomed 144 researchers, students and sustainability experts from 14 countries, and 42 universities and institutions. Take a look at presentations, photos and information from past events [here](#).

Further information and a complete program of the Spring Campus 2019 will be available soon: [www.fu-berlin.de/uas](http://www.fu-berlin.de/uas)

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### **Program Design: PhD Workshop**

The participants of the Ph.D. Workshop will have the opportunity to participate actively in the Spring Campus Conference. Participants can attend a research workshop of their choice on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2-3. We encourage you to use this opportunity to present your research.

On Thursday and Friday, April 4-5, we will convene for the Ph.D. Workshop. Selected participants will be asked to prepare a twenty-minute presentation. Abstracts should be submitted by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**.

The PhD workshops are organized in cooperation with [UNA Europa](#), a European network of universities, to which FU Berlin is a partner. PhD Candidates from all 10 UAS and UNA partner universities will be thematically grouped in two parallel running workshops. We propose two different topics as overarching themes to discuss sustainability-related research of PhD candidates from different disciplines:

- **Responsibility of Science**
- **Third Mission: Transfer of Sustainability Research to Society**

In addition to the conference-style presentation sessions, we will offer different training modules. Topics may range from presentations skills, research ethics, intercultural competence for academic settings, publication strategies etc. Participants can choose one of the trainings offered.

### **Guidelines and Deadlines**

**Call for abstracts:** Up to 4 PhD candidates per UAS member university specializing in sustainability-related research. Students will be selected by their respective universities. Abstracts (max. 300 words) outlining the aims and methods of individual papers should be sent to [katrin.risch@fu.berlin.de](mailto:katrin.risch@fu.berlin.de). Please state your name, research topic, affiliation and full contact details.