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You have questions concerning the “Mittelbau-Studie” at the FU Berlin?

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Why you should definitely take part in the “Mittelbau-Studie” at the FU Berlin

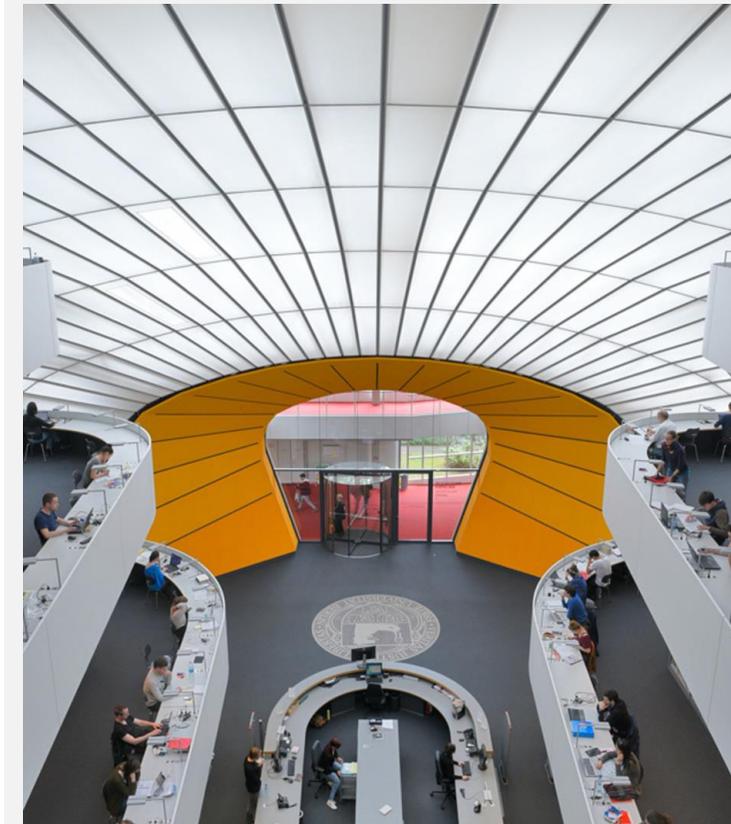
First of all, your participation in the “Mittelbau-Studie” will make a substantial contribution towards illustrating the situation of junior scientists at the FU Berlin. Based on this information, the creation and development of supporting and training measures for junior scientists can be promoted.

Furthermore, you have the chance of winning great prizes! 50 book tokens (value of goods: 20 €) are going to be raffled off among all participants of the first survey in 2016. Among all persons who took part in two surveys of the “Mittelbau-Studie”, there are drawn two Tablet PCs.

Participating pays off!

“Mittelbau-Studie” at the FU Berlin

Career planning and career paths of research assistants (“WiMis”)



Careers in academia

The conditions, career paths and risks of scientific careers are increasingly in the spotlight of science policy and public attention. In particular, the development of vacant professorships in relation to the number of junior scientists heightens the risks of scientific careers. In the period from 2005 to 2014, the number of German professorships (including junior professorships and professorships at universities of applied science) rose from approx. 38.000 to approx. 45.000, i.e. by 18 percent. In the same period, the number of research assistants rose by 38 percent (from approx. 111.000 to approx. 178.000).

Career aspirations and occupational destinations of junior scientists

In general, it can be noted that career aspirations of junior scientists shift towards career options outside of the scientific field. For doctoral candidates, this applies in particular.

Furthermore, long-term observations indicate that a large part of junior scientists move to non-research related working fields within ten years after obtaining the doctorate.

“Mittelbau-Studie” at the FU Berlin

Commissioned by the Executive Board, the “Mittelbau-Studie” aims to illustrate the situation of junior scientists at the FU Berlin.

Target group

The survey is addressed to all research associates (“WiMis”) at FU Berlin, i.e. doctoral candidates and postdocs with fixed-term or permanent contracts, financed by the internal budget of the FU Berlin or third-party funding.



Questionnaire contents

Among other things:

- Employment situation
- Individual qualification phase
- Professional orientations
- Career aspirations
- Career planning actions
- Attendance of further education

When do the surveys take place?

The first survey is going to start in June 2016, another survey is planned for the summer term of 2018.

For further information concerning the short-term retentions of the respondents, there are planned two follow-up surveys.

What is the survey procedure?

The study will be conducted online with the help of the software “Unizensus”.

As research assistant (“WiMi”) at FU Berlin, you will automatically receive an invitation to take part in the “Mittelbau-Studie” by e-mail. This e-mail contains a link and a token as your access to the online questionnaire.

Taking part in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Is my data protected?

Yes, all data will be anonymised and treated as strictly confidential. Your e-mail address as well as your information will not be passed to third parties.