

Call for Proposals „DiGENet-Audre Lorde Visiting Professorship” at Freie Universität Berlin, 2025

As part of its long-term commitment to foster diversity in research and teaching, the Diversity and Gender Equality Network (DiGENet) of the Berlin University Alliance offers a visiting professorship for internationally renowned academics who have distinguished themselves through internationally recognized research activities in diversity and gender studies in the social sciences. Preference will be given to applicants from the Global South.

The DiGENet-Audre Lorde Visiting Professorship is intended to shape contemporary, future-oriented diversity and gender studies for and from a hyper diverse European metropolis with a strong migration history. Its aim is to make these fields of study visible – locally as well as transnationally – and to open them up to a broader debate. The visiting professorship is further intended to contribute to shaping Berlin as a research hub on par with the reality of its urban society. Through seminars, lecture-series and consulting events for the host institution, Freie Universität Berlin, and the Berlin University Alliance, the visiting professor brings their scholarship as well as their experience with structural and systemic change and the integration of diversity in science and research to the BUA partner institutions.

All DiGENet-members are invited to nominate individuals for the professorship. To do so, please fill in the nomination template and send it to DiGENet@berlin-university-alliance.de until **30 July 2024**. For additional nominations, please get in touch with the DiGENet-Team via the same e-mail address.

General conditions for nomination

- The DiGENet-Visiting Professor 2025 will be affiliated with the Otto-Suhr Institute at Freie Universität Berlin
- Maximum available budget: **58.552,00 €** (48.493,00 personnel costs + 10.059,00 other costs – employment liable to social security contributions and taxes)
- Stays are preferably starting in April 2025 and at the latest starting in June 2025 for a maximum of six months
- Active engagement in teaching at the Freie Universität Berlin (Master's in Gender, Intersectionality and Politics) and in research activities of the Margherita von Brentano Center for Gender Studies as well as active involvement in and consultation of the DiGENet community of the Berlin University Alliance, are required
- Visiting professors should be affiliated with a higher education institution, ideally in the Global South

Selection Criteria

- Excellence in social science scholarship (academic career, achievements, prizes; high-quality publications on diversity and gender issues with particular social relevance and/or a high level of knowledge gain)
- Relevance of the work of the invited person for knowledge transfer and policy development
- Added value to the research profile of the host institution, the BUA institutions, the BUA Grand Challenges, or the Berlin Clusters of Excellence
- Potential for integration in teaching and research activities of the host institution

Successful nominations will be selected by the Steering Committee of the BUA Cross Cutting Theme “Diversity & Gender Equality” in consultation with international reviewers. The Berlin University Alliance is looking forward to receiving strong proposals!