

Call for Proposals: “Audre Lorde Visiting Professorship for Intersectional Diversity Studies” at Technische Universität Berlin, 2026

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 acclaimed research on Intersectional Diversity Studies. Preferably, the visiting professor connects their research and teaching of Intersectional Diversity Studies with global challenges – e.g. sustainability or digitalization or climate change. Preference will be given to so-called “Global South” candidates who demonstrate the transdisciplinary potential of their work by linking theoretical approaches to practical impact.

The DiGENet–Audre Lorde Visiting Professorship of the Berlin University Alliance aims to advance future-oriented, intersectional research agendas by linking global challenges to the social fabric of Berlin as a very 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, Technische 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 **May 28th 2025**. Details on DiGENet membership can be found on our [website \(link\)](#).

General conditions for nomination

- The DiGENet-Visiting Professor 2026 will be affiliated with the Center for Interdisciplinary Women’s and Gender Studies (Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung – ZIFG) at Technische Universität Berlin.
- Remuneration based on W2 (gross monthly salary approx. 7,117.23 € plus family allowance for children if applicable. Remuneration is subject to tax and, if applicable, social security contributions.
- Stays ideally begin in April 2026 and can last for up to six months.
- Active engagement in teaching within the Alliance at the Technische Universität Berlin (Center for Interdisciplinary Women’s and Gender Studies) on the above-mentioned intersectional research activities and transdisciplinary approaches as well as active involvement in and consultation with the DiGENet community of the Berlin University Alliance, are required.
- Visiting professors should be affiliated with a higher education institution, ideally in the so-called “Global South”.

Selection Criteria

- Excellence in relevant disciplines connected to the aforementioned global challenges (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 looks forward to receiving strong proposals!