

Press Information

## **The HafenCity University Hamburg**

University of the Built Environment and Metropolitan Development

The HafenCity University Hamburg (HCU) is a state funded university that focuses on the built environment and metropolitan development. The HCU unites all aspects of building in design and design, engineering and natural sciences as well as humanities and social sciences under one roof. The HCU is consistently organized in an interdisciplinary manner. One of the special qualities of the university is that all subject areas in research and teaching are integrated into each other. Highly practical orientation, technical knowledge, multi-perspective reflections and creativity are the characteristics of HCU's education.

### **Merging into the new building**

With the beginning of the summer semester on April 1, 2014, HCU put its new building into operation in the HafenCity. More than 2,000 students and about 300 employees came together in the building from five locations which were previously spread throughout the city. Previous separate academic disciplines were united in the new building under one roof for the first time.

### **Study programs and innovative structures**

The HCU offers study programs in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Urban Planning, Geodesy and Geoinformatics, Metropolitan Culture, Resource Efficiency in Architecture and Planning and Urban Design. Thus, the HCU covers the entire range of disciplines related to understanding and shaping the urban environment.

With the introduction of schools (Bachelor, Master, Research) and the associated replacement of chairs and institutes in favor of a modular and permeable structure, the HCU pursues one of the most innovative university concepts in Europe.

### **Scientific Mission Statement**

The Scientific Model of the HCU is a transdisciplinary way of working that develops out of urban living environments and seeks sustainable solutions for current structural-spatial, ecological, social, cultural and economic challenges. The university confronts the disciplines with radically different ways of thinking and seeing - while at the same time being open to the neighboring disciplines.

Through the professionally qualifying Bachelor programs and the specializing Master programs, the university trains highly qualified graduates for business, administration or the academic field.

The HCU and its numerous cooperation partners thus form a cluster around the topics of construction and urban development.

### **Research at the HCU**

The HCU is research-led. The methods and competences are based on the conviction that the complexity of problems in the field of building and metropolitan development requires interdisciplinary thinking and action. These future tasks can only be met in teams of experts with different perspectives, methods and experiences. Therefore, the research structures at the HCU focus on specific topics, rather than the usual disciplinary orientation.

### **University in dialogue**

The future questions of the built environment and the metropolises must be answered in the exchange between experts and the public. The HCU offers space for a broad analysis of metropolitan future issues - a place of science, building and city culture, the debate on architecture and the development of metropolises.

#### **The HCU in Numbers** (from February 2018)

2,400 students

400 graduates per year

50 professorships

150 scientific employees

5 Bachelor Programs: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Geodesy and Geoinformatics, Urban Planning, Metropolitan Culture

6 Master Degree Programs: Architecture, Civil Engineering, REAP, Geodesy and Geoinformatics, Urban Design, Urban Planning

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