

Santander and Humboldt-University extend their partnership

- Cooperation agreement without time limitation
- Promotion of in total seven Welcome Centers at German universities

Mönchengladbach / Berlin, 24th of May 2017. The Humboldt University of Berlin and the Santander Consumer Bank, through Santander Universities, have extended their cooperation. The new contract is now without time limitation and includes the prolonged support of the Welcome Center for international scientists. A corresponding agreement was signed by the president of the Humboldt University, Prof. Dr. Kunst, and Oliver Burda, deputy chairman Santander Consumer Bank, in Berlin.

“I am pleased that this partnership, which I originally signed for in July 2014, will now be pursued for an unlimited period of time. This is our understanding of a sustainable commitment”, explains Oliver Burda at the signing of the contract. In practical terms, especially the promotion for the Welcome Center at Humboldt University will be extended for another three years. The “International Scholar Service” serves as a central contact point for international scientist, doctoral candidates and other guests. “Internationalization is a major topic for universities and the welcome centers is a basic constituent of a structured welcome culture, says deputy chairman Burda. Therefore, Santander additionally promotes six other welcome centers at universities all over Germany.

“The ongoing partnership with Santander allows us to strengthen our appeal as an progressive and welcoming university for international top-level researchers”, emphasizes Prof. Dr. Kunst on the signing of the contract. Since the advisory office opened in 2014, more than 500 researches from 94 nations were supported.

Banco Santander is the largest investor in education in the world (Varkey/UNESCO/Fortune 500). The Bank has established through Santander Universities partnerships with over 1,200 universities in 21 countries. Santander supports the Humboldt University in Berlin on behalf of Santander Universities Germany, a part of the global corporate area “Santander Universities”. From 2011 on, Santander Universities Germany has launched thirteen partnerships with local universities as well as the German Universities Association (Ger. Deutscher Hochschulverband) within the scope of the bank’s social commitment.