

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

University of Toronto

Drama, German Language and
Literature

Originally designed as an exchange program for faculty members, in 1994, an additional agreement was signed for the exchange of up to ten students a year from either university. Last year, eight students from Toronto studied one academic year at Humboldt Universität and seven students from the Humboldt Universität went to the University of Toronto. Applicants are screened and selected by their department in Canada, whereas at the Humboldt Universität, there is a committee of representatives from the "Akademisches Auslandsamt" and the respective departments which is in charge of the selection of students. The program includes a tuition waiver. For Humboldt students, their university may also give them supportive grants for travel expenses and health insurance. Canadian students pay their usual tuition fees in Toronto and have to pay a comparatively small fee for enrolling at the Humboldt Universität. For faculty members, the home university usually covers travel expenses, whereas the host institution assumes cost-of-living and accommodation expenses. For the time of the exchange, students remain enrolled at their home university, with German students receiving special leave status.

Apart from the exchange scheme, there are close links between the two universities in nearly all departments (with emphasis on Languages, Mathematics, Sociology and, above all, Drama). Thus, for example, the Geography Department in Toronto planned excursions to Ontario and Quebec for the Geography Department of the Humboldt Universität. There are plans for this to be repeated in 1996. In turn, the Humboldt Universität has organized an excursion for the University of Toronto in the Berlin region.

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