

Google to open research institute

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(AP) -- Berlin's oldest university says it is partnering with Google and three German institutions to start a research institute.

Humboldt University announced Monday that the institute would open in the fall and examine the evolution of the Internet and its impact on society, science, politics and the [economy](#).

The institute will focus on [innovation](#), Internet and media policy, philosophy and constitutional rights.

[Google](#) will fund the institute to the tune of euro4.5 million (\$6.41 million) for the first three years. After that, the group is looking for other sponsors.

The Berlin University of Arts, the Social Science Research Center Berlin and the Hamburg Hans-Bredow-Institute are also involved in the project.

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