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Elections at Babeș-Bolyai University: The election of department directors, department council members, and faculty council members took place on 15 January 2024, and the election of Senate members took place on 17 January 2024. The new University Senate was validated by the old Senate on 25 January 2024. The only candidate for the position of rector of Babeș-Bolyai University is Prof. Daniel David. The election took place on 8 February 2024. The schedule of public debates can be found [here](#).

Competitiveness and internationalization

- In January 2024, the open science version of the classic CWTS Leiden Ranking was published for the first time, under the name CWTS Leiden Open Edition 2023. To ensure transparency in the spirit of open science, the data for this ranking was collected from the OpenAlex database. Internationally, UBB ranks 1086th out of 1411 institutions evaluated, ranking 2nd out of 5 nationally, with a total score of 1447 points.
- In the January 2024 edition of the Webometrics ranking, UBB was ranked 804th out of 11,991 institutions evaluated internationally and first among 102 universities nationally.

News

- By [Decision No. 1/15.01.2024](#), the Senate approved the amendment and extension of the Charter of Babeş-Bolyai University in accordance with the Law of Higher Education No. 199/2023.
- The Senate of Babeş-Bolyai University, meeting in an extraordinary session, validated the results of the elections for department heads organized by the faculties through [Decision No. 15/25.01.2024](#).
- The Administrative Council, through [Decision No. 334/10.01.2024](#), approved the Guide on how to dispute an assessment. It is addressed to all students and describes a clear and transparent process for analyzing disputes.

Activities

- In January, the *Report on the assessment of student satisfaction at Babeş-Bolyai University* was completed. It can be consulted [here](#).
- From 4 to 6 December 2023, Babeş-Bolyai University participated with a large delegation in the last [EUTOPIA Week](#), the biannual meeting of the 10 universities in the EUTOPIA consortium, organized at the Technical University of Dresden.

Journal for Research in Higher Education

- The new edition of the scientific journal *Journal for Research in Higher Education (JRHE)* has been published. The editors have prepared a thematic issue entitled *Active Learning - Actionable Approaches*, with five impactful articles that we invite you to access [here](#).



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

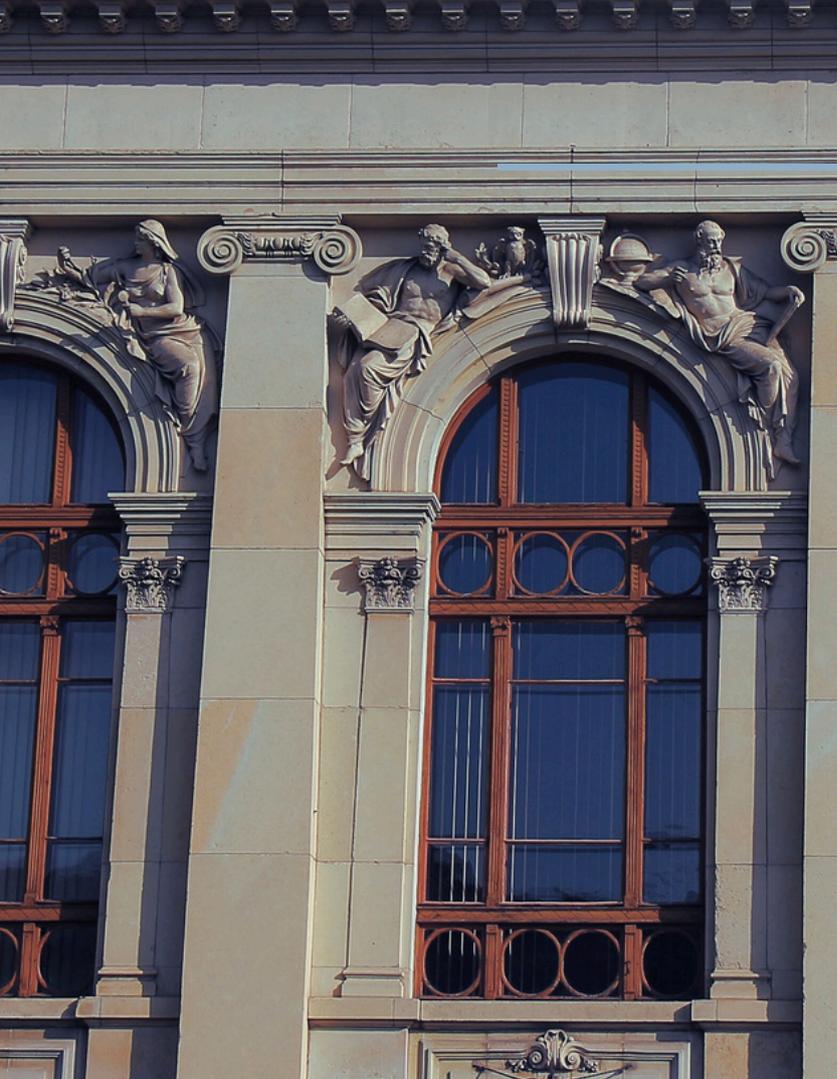
Receiving the HR Excellence in Research award represents UBB's commitment to implement the principles of the [Code and Charter for Researchers](#) in order to foster research careers since 2018.

The European Commission recognizes with the HR Excellence in Research Award the institutions that make progress in aligning their human resources policies to the 40 principles of the Charter & Code, based on a customized action plan/HR strategy.

- By [Decision No. 1227/29.01.2024](#) on the appointment of the HRS4R Steering Committee, the UBB Administrative Council approved the membership of the committee with five members. They will coordinate the efforts to renew the HR Excellence in Research award.
- The **new** [European Charter for Researchers](#) has been launched, published in Annex 2 to the Council of Europe Recommendation of 18 December 2023, pertaining to a European framework for attracting and retaining talent in research, innovation, and entrepreneurship in Europe. It will replace the [2005 Charter and Code of Conduct](#) with an improved and condensed version comprising only 20 principles, which institutions will gradually adopt by 2026. The related methodology will be published [here](#).

Events and recommendations

- EUA webinar [Student centered learning: the Bologna process perspective](#) - online - **13 Feb. 2024**
- Annual Conference of the European University Association - EUA [Universities in Europe: integrity in a time of change](#) - Swansea University, UK - **11-12 April 2024**
- Centre for Global Higher Education - annual conference entitled [The Future of Higher Education](#) at UCL, Institute of Education, London - **15 Feb. 2024**



Diversity and inclusion

On January 8, 2024, a representative of UBB participated in the meeting of the Gender and Diversity working group within The Guild, for consultation on the documents being drafted by the European Commission on gender-based violence in higher education institutions. Representatives from Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona and the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom presented their own approaches.



Dear Colleagues,

If you have / organise / create / participate in tutorials / demonstrations / tools regarding online teaching, which you think would be useful to share with the UBB community, please send us a link to them, so we can include them in the next issue of Qualinews.

Qualitas Centre is open to assist fellow members of the UBB staff with information regarding quality assurance, university rankings and graduate market employability overviews. You can contact us at qualitas@ubbcluj.ro or at the extensions: 7021 and 7022, every day from 8am to 4pm.