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Dr Friederike Schröder has been Managing Director of German U15, the association of fifteen leading research-intensive universities in Germany, since April 2026.

With more than 15 years of experience at the intersection of academia, research management, and higher education policy, she brings an extensive network across both the German and international academic landscape to her role. From 2023 to 2026, Friederike Schröder served as Deputy Managing Director and was responsible for international affairs at German U15. Among other things, she helped establish and maintain international strategic partnerships with university networks around the world, playing a key role in shaping U15's international visibility.

Prior to joining U15, she headed the DAAD Competence Centre for International Academic Cooperation (KIWi) in Bonn and held positions in research and higher education management at Universität Hamburg and HafenCity Universität Hamburg. Schröder studied geography, political science, and environmental economics at the University of Göttingen, the National University of Singapore, and Universität Hamburg. She holds a PhD in Geography from Universität Hamburg, where her research focused on urban development in China.