

TUM Graduate School

International mobility programs and funding options for TUM doctoral candidates

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TUM-GS individual mobility funding

The TUM Graduate School offers financial support to its members **to cover part of the expenses of their international activities during their doctorate**. The financial support will be granted within the legal framework of the Bavarian Travel Expense Act.





TUM-GS Internationalization Support

Standard TUM-GS mobility funding scheme for doctoral candidates with TUM employment contract, as well as scholarship holders without mobility funding from scholarship provider

- Available after the feedback talk in the second half of the doctoral project
- Reimbursement of actual travel expenses based on the Bavarian Travel Expense Act
- 1.600 EUR mobility budget per eligible doctoral candidate for the entire duration of the doctoral project
 - can be applied for multiple times up to overall funding limit
 - can be combined with funding from the TUM chair/research group
- Additional 1.400 EUR mobility budget for research stays > 4 weeks



Internationalization support: activities

- Research stays at scientific, academic, research institutions or at companies (R&D)
- Presentation of the candidate's own research findings at international conferences, symposia
- Participation in international subject-specific summer/winter schools, workshops
- Invitation of international visiting researchers for joint research on the candidate's own research project at TUM
- Invitation of international examiners for the candidate's oral examination at TUM





Internationalization support: application steps I



Discuss **funding options** with doctoral supervisor



Apply for TUM-GS international mobility funding: generate **TUM-GS internationalization support application** form through platform **DocGS**



Contact **Graduate Center** to inquire about eligibility for TUM-GS international funding



Apply for disbursement order (Fortbildungs-/Dienstreiseantrag) from the **TUM travel expense office** (Zentrale Reisekostenstelle - only for TUM staff) Have a successful international activity abroad





Internationalization support: application steps II



Submit disreimbursement form (Auszahlungsanordnung- only for TUM staff), original receipts and approved TUM-GS internationalization support application form via post to the TUM-GS management office

Apply for reimbursement from the **TUM travel expense office** (Antrag auf Kostenerstattung, Zentrale Reisekostenstelle- *only for TUM staff*)

If needed: clarification with applicant, research group/chair and/or Graduate Center in case of questions



Reimbursement of travel expenses by the TUM-GS management office



Internationalization Grant

Special funding scheme for TUM doctoral candidates with non-TUM employment (e.g. industry, non-university research institutions) or self-funded candidates

- Competive selection process based on scientific excellence and excellence of the activity applied
- Application at Graduate Center, open 4x per year
- Reimbursement of actual travel expenses based on the Bavarian Travel Expense Act
- 1.600€ mobility budget per eligible doctoral candidate for the entire duration of the doctoral project
 - can be applied for multiple times up to overall funding limit
 - <u>cannot be combined</u> with other mobility funding options (e.g. from industry)



Family Mobility Allowance

The TUM-GS Family Mobility Allowance is designed to financially support **additional expenses caused by accompanying partner and/or underage child**, but can also be applied for other persons, e.g. parents, if the doctoral candidate **requires extra care due to special health/mobility issues**.

- For international research stays of at least 3 months
- Maximum funding period of 6 months
- Allowance of **400 EUR/month** (for accompanying partner/parent and/or underage child)
- Additional 200 EUR/month for each additional underage child



Diversity Supplement Travel Grant

The TUM-GS Diversity Supplement Travel Grant supports short term research stays abroad by doctoral candidates with **family obligations and/or special health/other needs**.

Supplement to travel expenses incurred for family members (e.g. underage child) of doctoral candidates who **absolutely must travel with the candidate** due to special circumstances.

Doctoral candidates who face **significant additional costs when traveling due to physical disabilities or special needs** can also apply for this supplement.

The doctoral candidate can apply for up to **500 EUR** per trip for the travel expenses actually incurred.



TUM-GS program funding

To foster **international and intercultural collaboration and networking** with researchers from **strategic TUM partner universities**, the TUM Graduate School offers various international programs and initiatives with international partner universities around the globe.



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Internationalization TUM & TUM-GS

- EuroTech Alliance
- International locations and strategic initiatives
- Flagship partners
- TUM-GS International Exchange Partners





TUM- Beihang University Research Exchange

- Research exchange at Beihang University at hosting research group for stays of 3-6 months
- Open to doctoral candidates from all disciplines
- 5 placements per year
- Two application deadlines per year:

15 May for the fall semester (Sep-Jan) 15 October for the spring semester (March-July)

• Exchange@Beihang Grant of max. 1.000€ travel support, research allowance of 1.200€ in total for exchange period at Beihang



TUM- University of Queensland Joint Doctoral Supervision

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- Supervisor at TUM and co-supervisor at UQ for the entire doctoral research project
- 12 months research stay with co-supervisor
- Research@UQ Grant of 1.000€ travel support, 400€/month research allowance, 2.000€ one-time overhead budget for TUM research group
- Joint doctoral examination
- TUM doctoral degree awarded with special TUM doctoral diploma for co-supervised doctoral project



EuroTech Universities Alliance

Doctoral Summer/Winter Schools

- Self-organized Summer/Winter School by doctoral candidates for their peers
- Organization committee from at least 3
 EuroTech partner universities
- 2-7 days on the premises of an alliance partner
- Interdisciplinary topic at the cutting edge of science and society
- One application call per year current call open until June 30th, 2022.
- Financial support for TUM hosted summer/winter school with up to 10.000€

Joint Supervision Program

- Supervisor at TUM and co-supervisor at partner university for the entire doctoral research project
- 6 months research stay with co-supervisor
- Research@EuroTech Grant of 500€ travel support, 400€/month research allowance, 2.000€ one-time overhead budget for TUM research group
- Joint doctoral examination & TUM doctoral degree awarded with special TUM doctoral diploma for cosupervised doctoral project



TUM- Imperial College London Global Fellows Program

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- Annual 5 days Summer School in June/July
- Focus on professional skills training & collaboration activities under an interdisciplinary academic theme
- In 2022: trilateral Summer School with 3rd partner NTU Singapore
- TUM doctoral candidates from all disciplines
- Call of application January/February each year
- Fully funded (travel to location, accommodation on site, participation fee)
- Research placement @ partner for 3-4 weeks possible after the summer school with additional funding



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