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Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you are doing well. ☺ We are thrilled to share some exciting updates tailored exclusively for you!

In our [TUM-GS section](#), we are delighted to present our new video series "Welcome to My Lab". This series aims to spotlight the remarkable scientific endeavors of TUM doctoral candidates, delving into their research, motivations, and envisioned impacts. Join us for our [very first episode featuring Christina Dollinger](#) from the Chair of Ecosystem Dynamics and Forest Management in Mountain Landscapes at the TUM School of Life Sciences whose study of forests is driven by her passion to protect the environment and climate.

With a new semester right around the corner, we invite you to look at our new [Transferable Skills Training course program](#) for the upcoming summer semester. Seize your chance to expand your transferable skill set, benefiting you throughout your doctorate and beyond.

For our [TUM Graduate Council section](#), we had the pleasure of interviewing the new speakers, Stuart Daniel James and Leon Chryssos, about their motivations to volunteer as speakers, their plans for the upcoming term of office, and possibilities to join the Graduate Council. Learn more in our [YouTube video](#)!

Are you eager to elevate your international profile and engage in collaborative research across continents? Check out our brand new international opportunity: The [TUM-NTU Joint Supervision Program](#). This unique opportunity offers the dual advantage of scientific supervision from two leading technical universities coupled with a research stay of 12 months at the prestigious Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore. Dive into our comprehensive [Q&A on LinkedIn with Dr. Stefan Klade](#), Director of Research and Innovation at TUMCREATE in Singapore, to glean insights into the research location Singapore and the benefits of pursuing a research stay at NTU.

TUM-GS News

Launch of our new video series "Welcome To My Lab"

What does a typical day in the laboratory or office of a doctoral candidate look like? What exactly does their scientific work entail? What kind of impact can their work generate?

A doctorate is a unique experience to be shaped by every single doctoral candidate in their way. In each "Welcome To My Lab" episode, we invite one doctoral candidate to introduce their routine, research, motivations, impacts they aspire to achieve, and suggestions for those who are considering starting such a career.



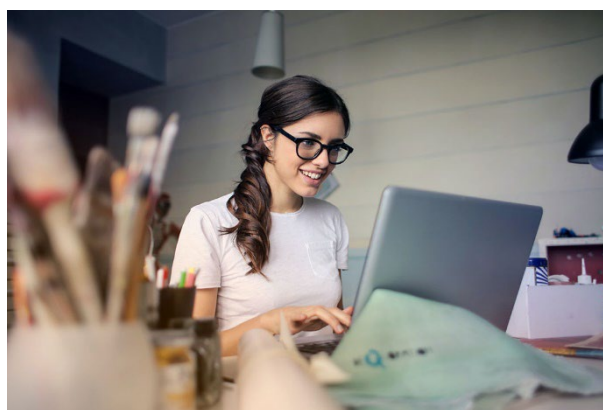
Welcome To My Lab – Episode 1 with Christina Dollinger
(Photo: TUM-GS)

Join us for our very first episode featuring Christina Dollinger from the Chair of Ecosystem Dynamics and Forest Management in Mountain Landscapes at the TUM School of Life Sciences. The study of forests is extremely important for protecting the environment and climate, and Christina explained to us how her work addresses this very issue, which has been a constant source of motivation for her. She also talked about the personal growth she experienced during her journey in academia. Learn more about Christina's research, the reason why TUM has been a good fit for her, and many more aspects of her career in the video! And don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#) for future episodes! If you also wish to be featured in "Welcome To My Lab," please contact us anytime. We would be glad to have you on board 😊.

Watch on YouTube

New Transferable Skills Training program for the summer semester 2024

Besides discovering more about your research area during this journey called doctorate, acquiring and evaluating your skillset that will benefit you during your professional path and life is also very important. Therefore, the TUM Graduate School has put together a range of courses in six different areas to help shape your competency profile. With a new semester right around the corner, we invite you to look at our new [Summer Semester 2024 course program](#). Course registrations are open starting on 12 February. Take advantage of this great opportunity and mark your calendars!



Picture of smiling woman using her laptop
(Photo: pexels.com)

See program

Graduate Council

Get to know the new TUM Graduate Council speakers!

In January, Stuart Daniel James and Leon Chrystos took over as [TUM Graduate Council](#) speakers. We asked them about their motivation to volunteer as speakers and what they are most looking forward to during their term of office, such as the legendary networking event TUMblue and the close cooperation with doctoral representatives from all TUM Schools/Graduate Centers. Learn more about the new speakers in our [YouTube video](#). In the video, they also explain how doctoral candidates can become active in the Graduate Council themselves.



Impression from our video with Leon (l.) and Stuart (r.)
(Video: TUM-GS)

The Graduate Council is constantly looking for support – whether it's event planning or university politics – with your engagement you can advocate for the interests of doctoral candidates at TUM together with a great team. Stuart and Leon look forward to hearing from you. You can contact them [via e-mail](#).

Watch on YouTube

Internationalization

Explore new horizons: Our joint supervision program with NTU Singapore

We are pleased to share another fantastic international opportunity for doctoral candidates: Our valued collaboration with the Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore) now comprises a [TUM-NTU joint supervision program](#) for doctoral candidates. The highly ranked NTU is one of the top universities in the world and has, since its founding in 1991, developed into a research-intensive global university.

Are you ready to broaden your international profile? The TUM-NTU joint supervision program is your chance to benefit from the expertise and academic co-supervision of your TUM supervisor and an NTU co-supervisor.



Singapore by night
(Photo: Pexels)

The heart of the program is the research stay of 12 months at NTU in Singapore in the research group of the NTU co-supervisor. The application for program admission opens on 1 April 2024. Be the first to apply for this exciting new opportunity! You can find more information [on our website](#).

Apply now

Insights from TUMCREATE in Singapore – Q&A with Stefan Klade

On the occasion of our new [Joint Supervision Program with Nanyang Technological University \(NTU\) Singapore](#), we spoke with Dr. Stefan Klade, Director of Research and Innovation at TUMCREATE. Shortly after his doctorate in the area of food chemistry at TUM, he started working at the TUM Office for Research and Innovation (TUM ForTe), after which he took over his current position, working full-time in Singapore.

What is it like to work in the multidisciplinary research platform TUMCREATE at the research location Singapore? What benefits can doctoral candidates planning a research stay at NTU expect? And what's the best thing about living in Singapore? Learn more in our comprehensive [Q&A on LinkedIn!](#)



Sharepic of Stefan Klade with a quote
Photo: Stefan Klade

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TUM Speakers Series with Safra Catz, CEO of Oracle, on 15 February

As an official side event of the Munich Security Conference, the TUM Speakers Series welcomes Safra Catz, the CEO of Oracle as a speaker. Delve into the world of technology, leadership, and global security. Shaping one of the world's biggest companies for over two decades, Catz has played a pivotal role in developing the digital landscape and navigating the complexities of the tech industry. Join the exclusive event exploring the dynamic world of technology and security with one of the most influential tech leaders! The event will take place on 15 February at 6 p.m. in the TUM Audimax. Get your ticket now!

[Eventbrite](#)

English Courses for Staff and Doctoral Candidates

The TUM Language Center will be offering a variety of coaching seminars during the semester break, ranging from daily professional English to English for negotiations and meetings to English for academic writing. The courses are free of charge and open to TUM academic staff and doctoral candidates. You will find details of these seminars, together with more general English courses for staff, on the website of the Language Center. The courses are free of cost, and certificates are given upon completion.

<https://www.sprachenzentrum.tum.de/en/sz/languages/english/english-for-staff/>

Humboldt meets Leibniz on 22-24 September 2024 in Hannover

Will the implants of the future last a lifetime? Will we succeed in identifying and overcoming inflammation- and rejection-related implant complications and achieve improved functionality, longevity and safety? Researchers from across disciplines and generations will discuss these and other questions in Hannover. Under the slogan "Connecting Talents Across Generations", the networking event brings together Alexander von Humboldt Award winners and young researchers from Germany and abroad. The program encourages interaction and includes scientific forums as well as opportunities for sharing experiences, networking and discussing topics relevant to career development. The event organized by the Leibniz University Hannover will take place from 22-24 September in Herrenhausen Palace Hannover. The application deadline is 11 February.

www.uni-hannover.de/HmL

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Best regards from the TUM-GS Management Office Team,



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