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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

Welcome to our February newsletter! 😊 We are excited to share our events, important updates, and interesting opportunities.

Are you in the second half of your doctorate, and do you need assistance, advice, and motivation to successfully navigate the final phase? Then mark your calendars for our upcoming info event, "[Halfway There](#)," on 26 February at 1:00 p.m. There are numerous career opportunities after a doctorate, but have you considered a professorship at the University of Applied Sciences as a career option? Learn more about the job profile and gain valuable insights from Prof. Dr. Christina Rothhaar from the Hochschule München at [our info event on 11 March](#).

We are also launching our [Transferable Skills Training Program](#) for the summer semester 2025 to help you develop skills in different areas and sharpen your competency profile. Registration is open now! And, of course, we have something for your leisure time: Don't miss our next [Welcome@TUM-GS event on 15 February](#), where we explore the side of the 20th Summer Olympics with a guide and learn more about the history of the Olympic Park and the Olympic Village.

The TUM [Graduate Council](#) introduces themselves and explains what they do for doctoral candidates at TUM. Join the Graduate Council and actively shape university policy, gain leadership experience, and organize extraordinary events that contribute to the doctoral community!

In our [Internationalization](#) section, we inform you about our most popular research exchange opportunity- the Research Exchange Program with The University of Queensland in Australia. This unique experience will not only enrich your doctoral journey but also broaden your academic and personal horizons. Don't miss this exciting opportunity, apply now!

Last but not least, we compiled further interesting events and calls for you in the [TUM & Co.](#)



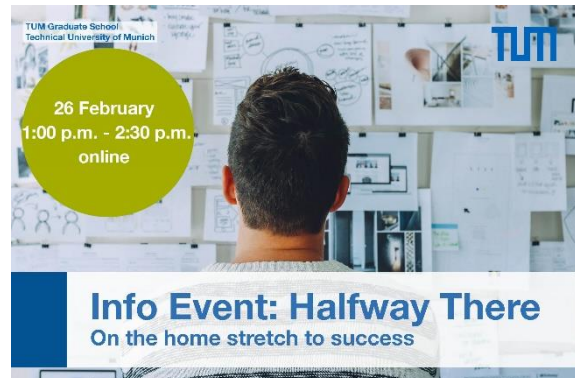
GOOD TO KNOW:

Have you already heard of our second newsletter? In addition to the present one, we also sent out the "**Transferable Skills Training Newsletter**," packed with the newest information and deadlines about our Transferable Skills Program and offers. Explore our diverse course program, develop your skills in many different fields, and stay updated on all courses through our newsletters! Subscribe here: [tum-gs-gp Infoseite](#)

TUM-GS News

Info Event “Halfway There” on 26 February

Are you already further along with your doctorate and looking for support, guidance, and inspiration on how to master the home stretch of your doctorate? In our info event series “Halfway there – on the home stretch to success,” we will guide you through mandatory elements of the doctorate at TUM and provide you with an overview of our tailor-made course options for career planning and orientation that might be particularly interesting for the second half of your doctorate. Among others, we will be covering the following topics:



Person looking at a clipboard
(Photo: TUM-GS/Pexels)

- Timeline for thesis submission – what must be fulfilled until thesis submission
- Overview – how to submit my thesis (and what happens afterward)
- How to publish: process, author's rights, open access & affiliation
- Career planning – TUM-GS Transferable Skills Training
- Specific information for international doctoral candidates
- Q&A

The next info event will take place online on 26 February, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please register online by 25 February. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants shortly before the event. The event will be held in English.

[Register here](#)

Info event: Career path to a professorship at a University of Applied Sciences

Join our info event on 11 March 2025, at 5 p.m., held in person on the premises of the TUM Graduate School management office in Garching to explore an exciting career path: a professorship at the University of Applied Sciences (UAS). Discover the job profile, gain practical insights, and receive advice on the application process. The event will also cover the differences between the university system, the evolving UAS landscape, and the requirements for a UAS professorship.



Info event in November 2024 (Photo: TUM-GS)

Prof. Dr. Christina Rothhaar from the Hochschule München will share her personal path to becoming a UAS professor and her experiences in this multi-faceted profession. After the presentations, there will be plenty of time for questions and networking. Please note that the event will be held in German. The info event is part of the "Attract2HM" project, which specifically promotes the qualification of doctoral candidates who aspire to a UAS professorship. More information about the project can be found on our [website](#).

[More information](#)

New Transferable Skills Training Program for the Summer Semester 2025

The doctoral journey at TUM is not only about theories and research in the academic field; it's also about elevating your skills in many different aspects. To achieve that, we offer various courses in five different areas to expand and sharpen your competency profile. Those courses are designed as a complementary qualification during your doctorate at TUM.

From communication to career development, leadership to personal development, as well as different skill sets for your scientific journey and beyond, you can find course offers that improve your transferable skills! Have a look and register now for our TUM Graduate School Transferable Skills Training Program in the summer semester 2025.



Overview of our Transferable Skills Program
(Photo: TUM-GS)

Explore the program

Welcome @TUM-GS: Guided tour through Olympic Park and Olympic Village

Are you a fan of Munich's vibrant Olympic Park, or would you like to become one? Then, take part in our guided tour of the park and the Olympic Village on 15 February at 10 a.m. and explore this iconic area with us.

Discover the Olympic Park's famous tent-roof silhouette and sports facilities, and learn about the Olympic Village, built for the 1972 Summer Olympic Games. There's so much history to uncover in this popular Munich landmark. Visit our website for more information and to [reserve your spot via email](#). This event is part of our [Welcome@TUM-GS program](#), designed to bring together new doctoral candidates at TUM who have started their doctorate within the last 12 months.



Olympic Park in winter (Photo: Marina Schmidt)

Join us

Graduate Council

Get involved in the Graduate Council!

Join the TUM Graduate Council (GC) as your Graduate Center's doctoral representative or as a member of the working groups! Get in touch with them at one of the GC meetings that are open to all TUM doctoral candidates, or if you want to stay informed on the latest developments of the TUM Graduate Council, **contact them via the [online contact form](#)** or send an email to the [Speakers of the TUM Graduate Council](#). For regular GC updates, you can also follow them on their Social Media accounts on LinkedIn or [Instagram](#).



114th Graduate Council Meeting
(Photo: TUM-GC)

The TUM Graduate Council is the official representative body of all doctoral candidates at the TUM. It consists of [elected doctoral representatives](#) – at least two from each School and Thematic Graduate Center who are usually elected annually – who communicate their views and act on behalf of all TUM doctoral candidates in university politics and beyond. The TUM Graduate Council meets regularly to discuss all topics relating to doctoral qualification at TUM, advance various projects via its Working Groups, and be informed on current issues of university politics at TUM. Moreover, the TUM Graduate Council organizes on a yearly basis the legendary doctoral networking event [TUMblue](#), a retreat to Raitenhaslach, the [TUM Supervisory Award](#), a biennial survey among the doctoral candidates, as well as regular “Doktorandenstammtische” and other smaller events.

[Find out more](#)

Internationalization

Apply now for a Research Exchange at the University of Queensland!

Are you planning to go abroad this year? [The TUM-UQ Research Exchange](#) enables you to gain research experiences at the renowned University of Queensland (UQ) in Brisbane, Australia, expand your international network, and explore a new country and culture. As a participant, you will be enrolled as a non-award doctoral candidate at the UQ for 3-6 months of research stays and will not be charged any tuition fees. Visit our website to learn more about the [funding schemes and application procedure](#). If you want to start your journey this summer, apply until 1 March 2025. If you intend to stay for a longer period, have a look at the TUM-UQ Joint Supervision Program. Participants will have at least one supervisor at each institution from the start of their project and stay at UQ for over 12 months.



Sunset in Brisbane
(Photo: Tobias Teschemacher)

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Call for Application: German Thesis Award until 1 March 2025

The award primarily focuses on the broader social relevance of a particular piece of research. As such, it encourages young scientists to highlight the value of their research to society and discuss their work in public. The award prize, totaling more than € 100,000 for significant and innovative research, includes three top prizes of € 25,000 each. This makes the German Thesis Award one of the country's most highly endowed prizes for young scientists.

<https://koerber-stiftung.de/en/projects/german-thesis-award/teilnehmen/>

Call for Application: University Award of the City of Munich until 14 March 2025

The Award is intended to promote networking between universities and the City of Munich. The aim is to transfer outstanding findings from academic research to the city administration, society, and the economy and to strengthen Munich as a center of knowledge. The university prize is endowed with 5,000 euros.

<https://stadt.muenchen.de/infos/hochschulpreis.html> (website is only available in German)

Call for Application: Soapbox Science 2025 – Speakers wanted until 2 March 2025

Soapbox Science is looking for motivated women* scientists to apply and become speakers at this year's Soapbox Science Munich event on 5 July 2025 at Rindermarkt. Soapbox Science is a public outreach platform for promoting women* scientists and their work. The speakers will be on stage for one hour, and the talks can be in German or English. PowerPoints are not allowed, but the organization will provide a speaker's pack and help develop skills through a public speaking workshop.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTROxhY-07CvJ6jEaSoXBBH9HgYC0qEXJxChJ2v6BN5vTUug/viewform>

Sciencepreneur Workshop in Munich on 27 and 28 February 2025

The "From PhD to Innovator" workshop, co-organized by Young Entrepreneurs in Science, offers doctoral candidates and postdocs a 2-day program to gain the skills and tools to transform their research into impactful innovations. Secure your spot here: <https://www.tum-venture-labs.de/offerings/from-phd-to-innovator/>

Breaking BAIS Conference about the visibility of women on 18 March at TUM

The Breaking BAIS Conference is organized by the TUM Chair of Strategy & Organization, TUM School of Management. It aims to overcome structural barriers for women in science, create female role models, and increase the proportion of women in science and other fields in the long term.

<https://www.eventbrite.de/e/breaking-bais-tickets-1047771902967>

TUM-Webinars at Love Data Week 2025

During this year's Love Data Week, from 10 to 14 February, everything revolves around the question, "Whose Data Is It, Anyway?". In four webinars, data stewards from the University Library invite TUM researchers to join interactive puzzles to highlight the importance of metadata, debunk myths about metadata schemas, offer a sneak peek at the tool TUM Data Tagger, and share data publishing tips. <https://web.tum.de/en/researchdata/training/>

Kosmisches Kino: Measuring the Universe on 13 February

In this event, Dr. Steffen Hagstotz from the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität of Munich (LMU) takes the visitors on a journey through the map of galaxies. He gives an overview of the largest structures in the universe, where they come from, and what they tell us about dark energy and the cosmos. The event is in German.

<https://www.tum.de/en/news-and-events/events/details/kosmisches-kino-measuring-the-universe>

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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