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## Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope this finds you well. We've prepared a great selection of events, offers, and calls, so let's jump in!

Are you already further along with your doctorate and looking for support, guidance, and inspiration about how to master the home stretch of your doctorate? Then mark your calendars for our upcoming info event, **"Halfway There" on 12 March at 1 a.m.** For those who are still at the beginning of their doctoral journey, we want to share some important information on the [Kick-Off Seminar registration](#), which is now possible more frequently, to make planning your appointments easier.

If you are in the mood for a leisurely event, we've got you covered! In line with the slowly awakening spring, we visit, as part of our [Welcome@TUM-GS program](#), one of the most idyllic places in Munich on 30 March: Nymphenburg Palace.

This year, the [TUM Graduate Council](#) is once again presenting the [TUM Supervisory Award](#) to reward good doctoral supervision. You can nominate your supervisor until 31 March.

In our [international section](#), we are delighted to announce our novel Summer/Winter School, organized jointly by TUM and the Universidade Estadual Paulista „Júlio de Mesquita Filho" (UNESP) in Brazil on the topic of "Climate-Responsive Sustainable Resource Management". Seize your chance to elevate your international profile and engage in collaborative research across continents!

As usual, we've curated some exciting events and calls for you, such as a call for abstracts for the [TUM Sustainability Day 2024](#) and calls for applications for the [Google PhD Fellowship](#) and the [Schmidt Science Fellows Program](#).

PS: We uploaded our second episode of **"Welcome to My Lab"** with doctoral candidate Nele Terveen on [YouTube!](#) 😊

## TUM-GS News

### Info Event "Halfway There" on 12 March

Are you already further along with your doctorate and looking for support, guidance and inspiration about 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, provide you with an overview of our tailor-made course options for career planning and orientation, as well as an overview of TUM-GS/TUM services 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: 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
- International mobility – mobility and funding options by the TUM-GS
- Specific information for international doctoral candidates
- Q&A

The next info event will take place online on 12 March, 1-2:30 p.m. Please register online by 11 March [here](#). A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants shortly before the event. The event will be held in English.

Register now

### New Registration Windows for the Kick-Off Seminars

To make it easier for you to plan ahead and to slot the Kick-Off Seminar dates into your calendars, we have decided to change the registration windows for the Kick-Off Seminars. This way, you will be able to register for a Kick-Off seminar more often during the year and with less time in between registration and seminar.

In 2024, you have the chance to register for our September and October dates from 25 March onwards. Then, you can register for November and December starting from 5 August. In 2025, you will be able to book Kick-Off Seminars every quarter, starting in January and continuing in March, June and September. For the exact dates, please check the overview in [DocGS](#).



Impression from our Kick-Off Seminar  
(Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

Upcoming dates

### Welcome@TUM-GS: Visit of Nymphenburg Palace on 30 March

In line with the slowly awakening spring, we visit one of the most idyllic places in Munich on 30 March: Nymphenburg Palace! Join us as we see one of Germany's biggest castles situated right within the city of Munich. The Palace was used by the Bavarian kings as their primary stay during the summer. Not only is the castle worth a visit, but the attached garden area offers a perfect spot for strolling and is very popular among residents and tourists alike. Learn more on [our website](#) and save your place [via email](#). The event is part of our [Welcome@TUM-GS program](#), bringing together new doctoral candidates at TUM who have started their doctorate within the last 12 months.



Picture of a goose and chicks in front of Nymphenburg Palace  
(Photo: Klinge)

Join us

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## Graduate Council

### Call for nominations – TUM Supervisory Award 2024

In 2024, the TUM Supervisory Award will be awarded for the seventh consecutive year. All doctoral candidates who are currently members of the TUM Graduate School and all alumni who left the TUM Graduate School during the previous year are called to nominate their outstanding supervisor until 31 March 2024. As part of the TUM Supervisory Award a prize money of 5,000€, funded by the Bund der Freunde der TUM e.V. will be awarded to the winning supervisor. The supervisor must spend the prize money for the benefit their doctoral candidates, e.g. by organizing workshops, supporting research stays abroad, buying relevant software or updating the chair's library. This is your chance to help honor outstanding supervision and to motivate all supervisors to strain themselves to become even better.



Prof. Förderer receiving the 2023 Supervisory Award (r.) with Prof. Hofmann (l.) (Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

To nominate your supervisor, you and up to two of your fellow doctoral candidates need to fill out the [nomination form in the TUM wiki](#). Learn more about the TUM Supervisory Award on the [TUM Graduate Council website](#) and in our [feature with last's year winner Prof. Jens Förderer](#).

Nominations

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## Internationalization

### New TUM-UNESP Summer/Winter School in São Paulo state and Munich

We are delighted to announce the call for applications for our novel Summer/Winter School, organized jointly by TUM and the Universidade Estadual Paulista „Júlio de Mesquita Filho" (UNESP) in Brazil. The topic of the Summer/Winter School is "Climate-Responsive Sustainable Resource Management". We are offering five fully funded positions for TUM doctoral candidates to participate in both, the Summer School at UNESP, taking place from 23 September until 30 September 2024, as well as the corresponding Winter School at TUM from 9 December to 13 December 2024. Alongside fellow doctoral candidates from UNESP, you will experience a unique program full of networking opportunities with scientists from both institutions as well as stakeholders from industry, new perspectives on your research, and excursions in the states of São Paulo and Bavaria.



Impression from UNESP Câmpus de Botucatu (Photo: UNESP)

The call for application will be open from 12 March until 15 April. To foster interdisciplinary collaboration, we encourage applications from all TUM Schools. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a transformative experience that combines academic excellence with global collaboration! The call document and further information will be published [on our website](#) on 12 March.

[Learn more](#)

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## TUM & Co.

### **TUM Sustainability Day 2024 – Call for Abstracts**

The TUM Sustainability Day will take place on 12 June 2024, to which the entire TUM community and TUM partners are invited. This day will have the character of a festival that informs, inspires, and excites all participants, designed to celebrate the many ideas and the people who are committed to sustainability. All doctoral researchers who are working on the topic of sustainability as part of their doctoral project can now submit a contribution to the Call for Abstracts. The 17 global sustainability goals, which were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda, form the content framework.

The contributions to Sustainability Day 2024 will be published online in order to communicate the wide range of dissertations in the field of sustainability. The submission deadline for abstracts is 12 April 2024. In addition to the online publication of the submitted abstracts, selected participants will have the opportunity to submit posters, which will be presented by the authors at the Sustainability Day on 12 June. The submission deadline for posters is 24 May 2024.

<https://collab.dvb.bayern/x/nIEPI>

### **International Women's Day 2024 – Event series at TUM**

On the occasion of 8 March, TUM invites you to various events this week around International Women's Day, under the campaign theme "share, celebrate, inform". For instance, you can still register for the campus walk Garching on Friday, offering an exclusive opportunity to visit several female TUM staff and to get to know their workstations.

[www.zv.tum.de/en/diversity/projects/international-women-day/international-womens-day-2024/](http://www.zv.tum.de/en/diversity/projects/international-women-day/international-womens-day-2024/)

### **Schmidt Science Fellows 2025 – Call for Applications**

Schmidt Science Fellows, in partnership with the Rhodes Trust, seeks to create a new generation of scientific leaders through a combination of a postdoctoral fellowship of \$100,000 a year and workshops at some of the world's leading universities, as well as individualized mentoring. You can now apply for the 2024 cohort. Visit our website for more information on the application procedure as well as the dates for the pre-application online info sessions for prospective candidates, offered by the Schmidt Science Fellows. The application at TUM is open until 21 April 2024.

<https://www.gs.tum.de/gs/singleview/article/schmidt-science-fellows-2025>

### **Google PhD Fellowship 2024 – Call for Applications**

The Google PhD Fellowship Program was created to recognize outstanding doctoral candidates doing exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to computer science and related fields. Fellows will receive a yearly bursary towards their stipend/salary, health care, social benefits, tuition and fees (if applicable), conference travel and personal computing equipment. The funds will be given directly to the university to be distributed to cover the fellow's expenses and stipend as appropriate. Applications must be submitted to the TUM-GS until 7 April 2024.

<https://www.gs.tum.de/gs/singleview/article/google-phd-fellowship-2024/>

## **Publish & Read – Open Access at TUM**

More visibility for your research: Starting in 2024, TUM offers you new opportunities to publish your scientific results in Open Access. There are no personal costs incurred for you as the author. Publication fees are centrally covered by TUM. This is made possible through Publish & Read agreements with scientific publishers such as Elsevier, Springer Nature, Wiley, or Oxford University Press.

<https://www.ub.tum.de/en/news/publish-read-open-access-tum>

## **SciFinder and Reaxys – Chemistry Databases**

Our top chemistry databases at TUM, Reaxys and SciFinder, offer now even more: new modules and expanded content. Explore the possibilities in two workshops on-site at the Branch Library Chemistry in March and April. Also new: a more convenient login at SciFinder with your TUM ID via Shibboleth.

<https://www.ub.tum.de/en/news/reaxys-and-scifinder>

## **Friedrich Schiedel Fellowship Program for Technology in Society**

Beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries, the Friedrich Schiedel Fellowship Program seeks fellows from diverse backgrounds who are dedicated to addressing societal challenges by developing approaches to advance the public good. The fellowship program targets post-doctoral researchers and late-stage doctoral candidates at TUM. The program hosted by the TUM School of Social Sciences and Technology and the TUM Think Tank comprises project funding and resources to support your initiatives and offers extensive networking and collaboration opportunities with fellows across TUM and partners in Bavaria and worldwide. Become a Friedrich Schiedel Fellow and embark on a journey of human-centered innovation for technology in society! Applications are open until 15 March 2024.

[www.sot.tum.de/sot/school-2/aktuelles/friedrich-schiedel-fellowship-program-for-technology-in-society/](http://www.sot.tum.de/sot/school-2/aktuelles/friedrich-schiedel-fellowship-program-for-technology-in-society/)

## **Förderung des Wissenschaftler\*innenaustauschs zwischen Bayern und Frankreich**

BayFrance unterstützt im Rahmen seiner Anschubfinanzierung die Entwicklung von Projekten in der Forschung und Lehre und den Auf- und Ausbau einer tragfähigen und dauerhaften Forschungszusammenarbeit zwischen bayerischen und französischen Hochschulen und Forschungseinrichtungen. Diese Förderung beinhaltet Mobilitätsbeihilfen für Hochschullehrer\*innen, Post-Docs und Doktorand\*innen. Bis zum 15. April haben Sie die Chance, sich mit Ihrem Projekt für die BayFrance-Förderung zu bewerben.

[www.bayern-france.org/de/foerderung/unsere-foerderprogramme/kooperation-in-lehre-und-forschung/ausschreibung/](http://www.bayern-france.org/de/foerderung/unsere-foerderprogramme/kooperation-in-lehre-und-forschung/ausschreibung/)

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

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