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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

As we enter March, spring is just around the corner, bringing the first flowers and exciting opportunities, inspiring content, events, and calls for you and your doctoral journey!

We are thrilled to announce that our [mentoring program](#) for doctoral candidates aspiring to a University of Applied Sciences professorship continues. In collaboration with the Hochschule München (HM), we aim to foster meaningful mentor-mentee relationships for our doctoral candidates.

Have you read our latest interview in the “[Looking Behind the Doctorate](#)” series? In this format, we talk with doctoral candidates and alumni about their personal experiences, decisions, challenges, learnings, hopes, and plans for the future. In our current interview, we feature doctoral candidate [Katharina Eichinger](#), who gave insights into her research projects and experiences in international collaborations.

Are you still looking for something to do in your free time? Then, check out our [cultural program](#) in March! We offer an exclusive guided tour at the Archaeological State Collection, focusing on the fascinating art of the Ice Age. Sign up and join us!

Don't miss our newest video interview with our two Graduate Council speakers, Jessica Bielski (first speaker) and Leon Chryssos (second speaker) in our [TUM Graduate Council section](#). They talk about their motivations and plans for their speaker term ahead.

In the [Internationalization section](#), we are excited to announce that applications for the Global Fellows Program 2025 are now open! Partnering with Imperial College London and NTU Singapore, TUM will host this year's program in Munich from 28 July – 1 August. The theme is “Multidisciplinary solutions for climate-responsive societies.” Apply by 30 March to enhance your skills and expand your international network!

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



GOOD TO KNOW:

From 01 April 2025, log-in to DocGS is only possible with your TUM-ID (e.g., gs25tum). All doctoral candidates registered in DocGS who have not yet linked their TUM ID to their DocGS account were already informed by email to the email address stated in their DocGS profile.

If you did not receive this email, please get in touch with our DocGs support at docgs@gs.tum.de.

Application for the Mentoring Program

We are excited to announce that our mentoring program, as part of the Attract2HM project in collaboration with Hochschule München (HM) continues. This initiative connects University of Applied Sciences (UAS) professors with doctoral candidates from TUM, fostering their mentor-mentee relationship.

Please note that advanced German language skills (C1-C2 according to the CEFR) are required, as German is the primary language of instruction at UAS in Germany.



"Mentoring for success" post-it in office setting
(Photo: Adobe Stock/ magele-picture)

Program highlights are:

- **Deepen Understanding:** Gain insights into the requirements for a UAS professorship
- **Theory and Practice:** Learn how UAS professors integrate their theoretical knowledge with practical application.
- **Tandem Relationships:** Build meaningful connections through shared academic experiences.

[Register here](#)

Looking Behind the Doctorate – Katharina Eichinger

Katharina Eichinger is a doctoral candidate at the Professorship of Corporate Sustainability, TUM School of Management. In her research, Katharina focuses on sustainable entrepreneurship in the Global South. Specifically, she looks at startups in this area, examining what they do, how they design and innovate their business models to address challenges, and how they pursue pro-social and environmental goals. She also shared insights into her experience with international research collaborations and reflected on her participation in an international conference:

"That was an amazing experience because I really enjoy international environments and gatherings where people come together. I had the chance to experience this very early on in my doctorate, and it was a motivational boost to keep pushing and working." Learn more about Katharina and her research in our [interview on LinkedIn](#) for more interesting insights.



Interview with Katharina Eichinger
(Photo: TUM-GS/ Eichinger)

[Find out more](#)

Welcome @TUM-GS: Tour "Prehistoric Forms - Understanding Ice Age Art"

For the last event this winter semester on 23 March 2025, we'll visit a special exhibition at the Archaeological State Collection, focusing on the fascinating art of the Ice Age. The newly constructed, underground special exhibition room, spanning 600 square meters, will be unveiled to the public for the first time with "Primal Forms - Understanding Ice Age Art." This exclusive guided tour is limited to 20 participants, so securing your spot as soon as possible is essential.

Visit our [Welcome@TUM-GS Program](#) website for more information and [sign up via e-mail](#) for an unforgettable journey into the Ice Age!



Museum sign (Photo: Adobe Stock/ lupico)

[Find out more](#)

Graduate Council

Get to know the TUM Graduate Council speakers!

Since January 2025, Jessica Bielski has been the first speaker of the Graduate Council (GC) and Leon Chryssos remains the second speaker of the GC. In our video interview, we asked them about their motivation, their plans for the upcoming year, in Leon's case, highlights of the last year, and what's important to them in their positions. They also explain what qualities they are looking for in GC members. Check out the [video](#) for a more personal impression of the two GC speakers!



Video interview with the GC-Speakers Leon and Jessica
(Photo: TUM-GC)

[Find out more](#)

Internationalization

Apply now for the Global Fellows Program 2025 at TUM!

From 28 July - 1 August 2025, TUM will hold the 5th trilateral Global Fellows Program in partnership with the Imperial College London (Imperial) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore). The program will be hosted by the TUM-GS and take place in Munich. For one week, approximately 40 doctoral researchers from the three partner universities will develop professional, research and collaborative competencies as well as the intercultural awareness that is required to establish and continue successful collaborations as they address global challenges under the program theme **“Multidisciplinary solutions for climate-responsive societies”**.



Global Fellows Program 2024
(Photo: TUM-GS)

The 5-day program will not only offer new insights and perspectives and boost your transferable skill set, but is also a great chance to broaden your international and interdisciplinary network. We look forward to applications from doctoral candidates of all TUM Schools/departments for one of the 13 fully funded spots. You will find more information and impressions from this last year's edition on our [website](#). Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity and apply now until 30 March, 2025!

[Learn more](#)

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TUM Event Week: International Woman's Day 10 March – 14 March 2025

The motto of International Women's Day 2025 on 8 March 2025 is: For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment. The Gender/Diversity Offices of the TUM School of Engineering and Design, the TUM School of Computation, Information and Technology, the TUM School of Natural Sciences, and the TUM School of Medicine and Health with Women of TUM and TUM GEO - invite all TUM members to their campaign week from 10 March until 14 March 2025!

<https://www.zv.tum.de/en/diversity/gender-equality-office/projects/international-women-day/international-womens-day-2025/>

GovTech Series: Start-up Trail on 12 March 2025

Are you passionate about technological innovation in the public sector? Each month, TUM Think Tank invites you to discover an exciting start-up from the TUM GovTech ecosystem. You'll not only hear the facts and figures but also gain unique insights into the personal stories of founders and their journeys in building groundbreaking GovTech start-ups. In the fifth part of the series, Anna Spitznagel talks about her work as CEO and co-founder of Trail, a platform designed to simplify AI governance and operationalize the EU AI Act.

<https://www.tum.de/en/news-and-events/events/details/govtech-series-start-up-trail>

Call for Application: Procope Mobility Program (France)

The Science and Technology Department of the French Embassy in Germany supports a 1- to 3-month research stay in France through the Procope Mobility Scholarship Program. This offer is aimed at early-career researchers working at a university or research institution based in Germany. The stay must begin between 1 May and 31 December 2025.

<https://www.wissenschaft-frankreich.de/procope-mobilitaet/> (website is available in German/French)
Application deadline: 10 March 2025

Call for Proposal: Mobility Grant for Research Stays in Africa - Early-Career Researchers

The mobility grant aims to support early-career researchers who lack institutional funding to conduct research in an African country. Applicants must be doctoral candidates or work as postdoctoral researchers (until five years after the dissertation defense). Applications of all nationalities and from all disciplines are welcome. The grant covers a stay in an African country between 14 and 31 days and needs to be completed by 30 November 2025.

<https://www.bayfor.org/en/news/latest-news/news-detail/5098-call-for-proposals-mobility-grant-for-research-stays-in-africa-for-early-career-researchers-2025.html>

Application deadline: 30 March 2025

Fulbright Germany: Doctoral scholarship for USA

Until 1 May 2025, doctoral candidates can apply for a Fulbright Germany scholarship for research stays in the US between 1 January 2026 and 31 May 2026. Fulbright supports research projects lasting four to six months at a US university or research institution.

<https://fulbright.de/stipendien/programm/doktorandinnenprogramm>

Call for Applications: Schmidt Science Fellows 2026

Schmidt Science Fellows seeks to create a new generation of scientific leaders through a combination of a postdoctoral fellowship of \$110,000 a year and workshops at some of the world's leading universities, as well as individualized mentoring. You can now apply for the 2025 cohort. Visit the website for more information on the application procedure as well as the dates for the pre-application online info sessions for prospective candidates:

<https://schmidtsciencefellows.org/>

Call for Proposal: "For Women in Science 2025" awards

With "For Women in Science", UNESCO and L'Oréal have been very successfully promoting women in science at an international level since 1998. The sponsorship award amounts to 25,000 € per award winner. The prerequisite for this is either a valid employment contract or a fellowship at a German university or non-university public research institution (with at least 50% of a full-time position). Further information on the criteria and the program can be found at www.fwis-programm.de and at www.forwomeninscience.com/challenge/show/101.

Application deadline: 10 March 2025

Call for Application: International Scientific Fellowship from the BAYER Foundation

The BAYER Foundation announces the launch of its international science fellowship program. The scholarship is available to doctoral candidates worldwide who advance their research in the fields of Drug Discovery Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Medical Sciences and Climate & Health. Successful candidates will receive up to 10,000 € to support up to six months of study abroad, giving them the opportunity to gain valuable experience and make a significant contribution to their respective fields. <https://www.bayer-foundation.com/science/fellowships-stipends>

Application deadline: 11 April 2025

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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