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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you are doing well and you have a great start into the new semester! 😊

In our [TUM-GS section](#), we cordially invite you to our “Fireside Chat – Global Science, Global Career”, a panel discussion jointly organized with [TUM:Junge Akademie](#) on May 8. With our panelists, we will explore the role of personal international experiences for diverse career paths.

Speaking of career paths – Have you ever considered a [UAS professorship](#) as a career option for you? Learn more about the job profile and gain valuable insights from Prof. Dr. Christian Zang from the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences on our [info event on May 16](#).

If you are in the mood for a more leisurely event we’ve got you covered: Check out our [Welcome@TUM-GS event program](#) for this summer semester – including trips to the famous and beautiful castles of Neuschwanstein and Herrenchiemsee!

Do you want to be part of a legendary event? The [TUM Graduate Council](#) is looking for doctoral candidates to help bring [TUMblue](#) back to life this November. This casual networking event, organized by doctoral candidates for doctoral candidates, aims to bring the community of TUM doctoral candidates together. Come on board of the organization team and help make it special!

In our [international section](#), we are more than happy to announce the start of our brand new research exchange with the UNESP, São Paulo, Brazil. The [TUM-UNESP research exchange](#) is your opportunity for a research stay of 3-6 months with additional mobility funding. Do you want to learn more about living and researching in São Paulo and Brazil? Then have a look at [our interview with doctoral candidate Priscila Stark](#), who lived in São Paulo for many years and shared her experiences.

As always, we compiled interesting events and calls for you in the [TUM & Co.](#) section. Particularly, we want to highlight the call for applications for the [Schmidt Science Fellowship](#).

We wish you all a pleasant day!

Fireside Chat – Global Science, Global Career

Together with [TUM:Junge Akademie](#), we cordially invite you to join us on May 8, 6-8 p.m. for our panel discussion: “[Global Science, Global Career - or the Importance of the proper International personal profile](#)”. In a globalized world, people with international & cross-cultural experiences are more competitive and successful on the international job market. And nowadays, students and early career researchers, especially in Germany, have plenty of options to gain international experience – be it through student exchanges, research stays abroad, conference visits, or by simply working in an international research environment. Of course, there are plenty of opportunities outside of study and academia to gain international experience as well.

However, not all of our international experiences may be of interest and relevance to future employers. We are very pleased to welcome the following panelists on this topic: Prof. Dr. Juliane Winkelmann (TUM Senior Vice President International Alliances & Alumni), Prof. Dr. Friedrich Simmel (Physics of Synthetic Biological Systems, TUM School of Natural Sciences), Prof. Dr. Cristina Piazza (Healthcare and Rehabilitation Robotics, TUM School of Computation, Information and Technology) and Prof. Dr. Urs Gasser (Dean, TUM School of Social Sciences and Technology).

Join our fireside chat and meet our panelists from different personal and scientific backgrounds. Get inspired by their stories and personal experiences and benefit from their insights on whether there is an ideal international personal profile in their respective line of action. The session will be moderated by scholarship holders of the TUM:Junge Akademie. Following the discussion, there will be time for questions from the audience as well as networking opportunities. The event will take place in person on the premises of the TUM Think Tank, Richard Wagner Straße 1, 80333 Munich. Kindly note that the number of participants is limited. You can register [here](#) until May 1.

Register



Impressions from last year's Fireside Chat
(Image: TUM-GS)

Path to a University of Applied Sciences Professorship – Info event

At the info event of the TUM Graduate School on May 16, 2023, 5-7 p.m. at TUM Campus Garching, everything will revolve around an exciting career option that many doctoral candidates may not have considered yet: A professorship at a University of Applied Sciences (UAS). Learn more about the job profile and receive practical information and advice for the application process. Among other things, the info event will cover differences between the university system and the changing UAS landscape, as well as the requirements profile of a professorship at an UAS.



Kick-Off Event Attract2HM
(Photo: TUM-GS)

Prof. Dr. Christian Zang from the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences will provide insights into the everyday life of an UAS professor and his personal path to this position. After the presentations, there will be ample opportunity for questions and networking. Please mind that the event will be held in German.

Register via [DocGS](#) or (for non-doctoral candidates) [via email](#). The info event is part of the "[Attract2HM](#)" project, which specifically promotes the qualification of doctoral candidates who aspire to a UAS professorship. For more information on the project, please visit [our website](#).

Register

Welcome@TUM-GS – Program Summer Semester

[Welcome@TUM-GS](#) is an event program especially created for new doctoral candidates who started their doctorate during the last 12 months and want to meet in a leisurely setting to explore TUM, Munich and its surroundings. This summer semester we have prepared some special highlights for you! How about a trip to the picturesque Castle Herrenchiemsee located on an island in one of Bavaria's most beautiful lakes? Or to the world-famous beautiful Neuschwanstein Castle? Check out our website for the [full program](#). You can already [register via email](#) and save your spot for our visit of the renowned State Museum of Egyptian Art (SMAEK) on April 30 as well as our trip to Castle Herrenchiemsee on May 7.



Neuschwanstein Castle
(Photo: Pexels)

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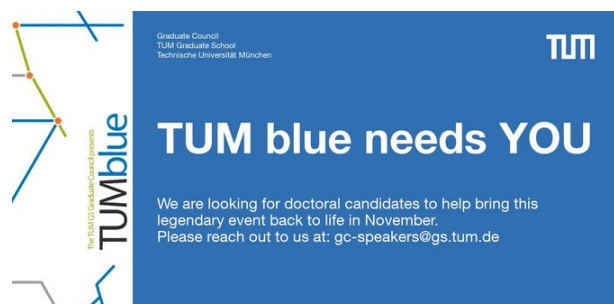
Graduate Council

TUMblue needs YOU

Do you want to be part of a legendary event? The [TUM Graduate Council](#) is looking for doctoral candidates to help bring TUMblue back to life this November. This casual networking event, organized by doctoral candidates for doctoral candidates, enhances the interaction, communication and thus cooperation of doctoral candidates from all Graduate Centres in a casual setting. Furthermore, TUMblue raises the awareness for the TUM Graduate Council itself and promotes the identification of doctoral candidates with the TUM. So come on board of the orga team and help make it special!

The TUM Graduate Council looks forward to welcoming you and will be happy to issue a certificate to commemorate your work. If you are interested, feel free to contact the current GC speakers Anna and Ayesha [via email](#).

Contact GC



TUMblue needs YOU
(Image: TUM Graduate Council)

Internationalization

Bem-vindo ao Brasil! New exchange program with São Paulo State University

We are more than happy to expand our international exchange programs for doctoral candidates now covering five continents. The TUM-UNESP research exchange with [Universidade Estadual Paulista Júlio de Mesquita Filho \(UNESP\)](#), São Paulo, Brazil marks our very first program with one of our Latin American partner universities. Are you ready to broaden your international profile? The TUM-UNESP research exchange is your opportunity for a research stay of 3-6 months with additional mobility funding. TUM doctoral candidates of all disciplines are invited to apply. Have a look at our website and do not hesitate to contact us to learn more.



Skyline of São Paulo
(Photo: Unsplash/Costa)

Founded in 1976, UNESP today is one of the largest and most important universities in Brazil. As one of the three public universities maintained by the government of the state of São Paulo, UNESP is the best case of a multicampus university with 24 different campuses across the entire state of São Paulo. Want to learn more about what researching and living in São Paulo might look like? Then check out our brand new [interview with doctoral candidate Priscila Stark](#) on LinkedIn.

[Website](#)

Looking Behind the Doctorate – International Edition

On the occasion of our new [research exchange program](#) with [Universidade Estadual Paulista Júlio de Mesquita Filho \(UNESP\)](#), São Paulo, Brazil, we talked to a doctoral candidate who has lived in São Paulo herself: Priscila Stark, doctoral candidate at the Chair for Strategic Landscape Planning and Management, TUM School of Engineering and Design. In her research, she focuses on urban climate and sustainable architecture. After twelve years of experience as a professional architect in São Paulo, she returned to academia:



Priscila Stark through a lens (Photo: Stark)

“It is also about upgrading your way of thinking. Twenty years ago, we were not discussing sustainability – but now we have new demands that have to be addressed and new possibilities how to solve these problems.” Of course, we took the opportunity to ask Priscila a few questions that will be of interest to you if you are thinking about a research exchange to São Paulo. *Do you have any advice for doctoral candidates who visit Brazil for the first time? What is the best time to travel to São Paulo? What do you love about São Paulo (city and state) or Brazil in general?* Read our [interview on LinkedIn](#) for more interesting insights.

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Schmidt Science Fellows – 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 April 30, 2023.

www.gs.tum.de/gs/singleview/article/call-for-applications-schmidt-science-fellows-2024-cohort/

Survey: Which reference management software should TUM offer in the future?

For many years, the TUM University Library has provided you with campus licences and courses for the reference management programs Citavi and EndNote. But are these programs still the best choice in today's everyday doctoral life, or would a change be in order? That is what the TUM University Library wants to find out with a survey. All TUM members are invited to cast their vote from April 1 to May 31, 2023. Take part and share which reference management programs and support services you use and which you would like to see in the future. The survey is available in German and English, takes about 5-10 minutes and is completely anonymous. The TUM University Library is looking forward to your feedback!

[Link to Survey](#)

US National Institutes of Health- Graduate Partnerships Program

The Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) provides doctoral candidates with the opportunity to conduct part of their dissertation research in the resource-rich environment of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH). TUM doctoral candidates may apply for the GPP via the program scheme "Individual Partnerships" where an individual agreement will be negotiated between TUM and an investigator at the NIH upon successful application. In all cases, doctoral degrees are granted by the TUM.

www.training.nih.gov/programs/gpp

Genetoberfest: Call for abstracts

The Genetoberfest, scheduled to take place between October 16 – 20, 2023 in Munich is a conference at the intersection of bioinformatics and clinical research, hence to find common ground between bioinformaticians and clinicians. Interested doctoral candidates are invited to submit their abstracts until April 28, 2023. Participation is limited to 150 guests. Early-bird registration is limited to poster presenters, and their co-authors. The remaining seats will be open for public registration from June 30, 2023 to October 1, 2023.

<https://exbio.wzw.tum.de/genetoberfest2023/>

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

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