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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!

A doctoral journey is highly individual and might come with different challenges. We established two new event formats to best support doctoral candidates with diverse backgrounds. In our info and networking event "[First Generation Academics: Your Successful Doctoral Journey at TUM](#)" on Wednesday, 8 May, we share short talks on topics such as the "Leaky Pipeline" or "Impostor Syndrome", practical tips, and presentations of support services both within and outside of TUM. In addition, we'd like to announce our [new family-friendly scientific writing retreat](#) from 29 July- 1 August, combining our established scientific writing courses with professional childcare, to help doctoral candidates with child/-ren balance their care work and scientific endeavors.

You have recently started your doctorate and would like to connect with peers while enjoying the nature and culture of Bavaria? Then check out our brand new [Welcome@TUM-GS Event Program](#) for the summer semester! Many highlights from Munich's surroundings await you, such as a trip to Neuschwanstein Castle in June. You can already register for our upcoming trip on 20 April to the Markus Wasmeier Open Air Museum.

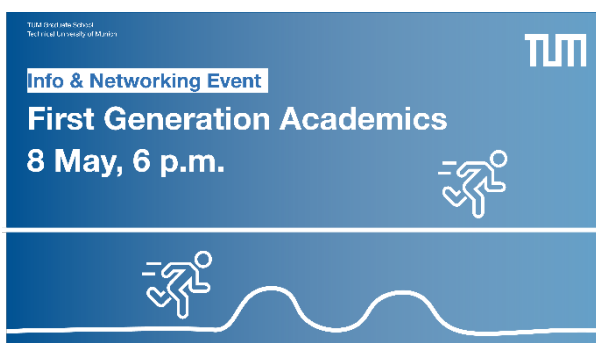
The [TUM Graduate Council](#) has extended the deadline for the [TUM Supervisory Award](#) until 19 April. Reward good doctoral supervision and have the chance to win 5,000€ for the benefit of your chair/research group!

Mark your calendars for the [TUM Global Week](#) between 13-17 May 2024, offering extensive information on international further education and funding programs for global cooperation. Learn more about your opportunities as a doctoral candidate in our info session "[Internationalize your doctorate - Global opportunities for your doctoral journey](#)" on 15 May, 2 p.m., or get inspired in our joint [fireside chat with TUM: Junge Akademie](#) on 16 May, 6 p.m., under the motto "[Global science, global career](#)".

TUM-GS News

First Generation Academics: Your Successful Doctoral Journey at TUM

The first in the family to study or do a doctorate? Statistics show that this is by no means a matter of course. First Generation Academics are less likely to pursue higher education after completing their secondary education – and the percentage of First Generation Academics decreases even further by the time they reach the doctoral phase. First Generation Academics in the TUM Community have already overcome many challenges and forged their personal path. With our new event format for Master's students and doctoral candidates, we want to further support First Generation



Two persons running with and without obstacles
(Image: TUM-GS)

Academics by creating a networking opportunity, talking about possible challenges of First Generation Academics during the doctorate, and providing tools to overcome them.

The agenda includes short talks on topics such as the "Leaky Pipeline" and current developments in Germany, practical tips, and presentations of support services both within and outside of TUM. Furthermore, we are honored to present a keynote address by the TUM alumna and coach, Nina Feustel-Durst, who will talk about the "Impostor Syndrome". Additionally, Professor Donna Ankerst will introduce the [Agnes Mackensen Program](#). Moreover, two of our TUM doctoral candidates will share their insights gained from personal experience. We are also privileged to welcome representatives from Arbeiterkind.de, a support network and an exciting opportunity to get more involved into the topic. Please note: While the keynote will be delivered in German, the remainder of the event will be conducted in English. The event takes place on 8 May, 6 p.m. and you can [register via our wiki](#).

Register now

New Offer for Doctoral Candidates with Children: Writing Retreat with Childcare

Balancing family obligations and scientific work can be a challenge for doctoral researchers with children. With this new format- a combination of our well-known TUM Graduate School scientific writing courses with professional childcare, we offer young parents doing their doctorate the possibility to focus exclusively on their paper or thesis writing project for four days while their children (3-10 years) are looked after by professional childcare provider Kids in Munich. The scientific writing course will be led by Dr. Kerstin Minnich, scientific writing coach in the [TUM Graduate School Transferable Skills Training Program](#).



Person writing on a laptop.
(Photo: Pexels)

You can profit from input sessions, time reserved exclusively for writing in a calm environment as well as an individual coaching session, while your child takes part in exciting activities and games around the topics of aerospace and the solar system. The course will take place in the first week of the Bavarian summer school holidays from 29 July to 1 August 2024, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration via [DocGS](#) will open next week, stay up to date by regularly checking our [news section](#).

Welcome@TUM-GS: New program for the summer semester now online!

You have recently started your doctorate and would like to connect with peers while enjoying the nature and culture of Bavaria? Then check out our brand new [Welcome@TUM-GS Event Program](#) for the summer semester! Many highlights from Munich's surroundings await you - starting on 20 April with a visit to the Open Air Museum Markus Wasmeier at Schliersee, providing fascinating insights into farmers' everyday lives in the 18th and 19th centuries. On 18 May, we will continue with a tour through Augsburg, learning about the city's historical water management as part of the UNESCO World Heritage.



And on 15 June, we will visit Bavaria's most iconic site - Neuschwanstein Castle, also called Fairytale Castle.

Lastly, you can look forward to a beautiful hike to the Andechs Monastery on 20 July.

Learn more on [our website](#) and save your place for our first tour in April [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. Registration is available 4 weeks prior to the event.

Join us

Let's visit Neuschwanstein Castle on 15 June!
(Photo: TUM-GS)

Graduate Council

Supervisory Award Call Extended – Nominate Your Supervisor until 19 April

As requested several times, the Graduate Council is thrilled to inform you that the nomination for this year's Supervisory Award is extended until 19 April 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 of his/her 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.

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](#).



Prof. Kramer with the 2022 award winner Prof. Weltge and the 2023 award winner Prof. Förderer (f.l.t.r.)
(Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

Nominations

Internationalization

TUM Global Week 2024 – Internationalize Your Doctorate!

Be sure to mark the [TUM Global Week](#) in your calendar for May! It takes place from 13-17 May and offers you various information opportunities on international further education as well as funding programs for global cooperation.

For doctoral candidates, TUM-GS offers the info session "[Internationalize your doctorate - Global opportunities for your doctoral journey](#)" on 15 May, 2 p.m. at campus Garching-Forschungszentrum. Here you can find out more about funding opportunities for conference trips or longer research stays or practical tips for making contact with international scientists.



TUM Global Week 2024
(Photo: TUM Global & Alumni Office)

Former participants report first-hand about our partner universities and provide insights into research and everyday life on the campuses of our partner universities in Brisbane, Australia, and São Paulo, Brazil.

You can also get a taste of the language courses offer at TUM and participate in an intercultural workshop. Last, but not least, the entire TUM family is cordially invited to visit the [Global Experiences Festival](#), a colorful fair on the main campus that is finally taking place again after a five-year break.

[Full program](#)

Join our Fireside Chat “Global science, global career” on 16 May

Become inspired and step forward in your career and professional development focusing on research! Be our guest at the panel discussion on 16 May, 6 p.m., jointly organized by the TUM Graduate School and the [TUM: Junge Akademie](#). Many roads lead to a fulfilling career – no matter if staying in academia is your ultimate career goal or just a milestone towards industry employment or other purposes. However, one thing is certain. Irrespective of your chosen career path, there will be others competing for the same position or opportunity.



Fireside Chat summer semester 2023
(Photo: TUMJA)

Are there unique features that make one stand out in a crowd in a fast-changing globalized world and international job market? Is there a ‘bucket list’ with things to do during the master’s program or doctorate that will increase employability after graduation? Should one focus on a single career path and pursue it no matter what, or is it better to go with the flow and see what happens? How can you best prepare for an international career?

Join our fireside chat and meet our panelists from very different personal and scientific backgrounds. Get inspired by their stories, personal experiences, and career choices while wondering about what surprising turns a seemingly flawless career may take. Stay tuned for more details on the panelists. The event will take place on Thursday, 16 May 2024, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the TUM Think Tank, Hochschule für Politik, 1st floor, Richard-Wagner-Str. 1, 80333 Munich. Join us and register via the [TUM wiki until 13 May](#).

[Register now](#)

Reminder: Call for Applications for TUM-UNESP Doctoral Summer/Winter School

The deadline for applications for the [TUM-UNESP Doctoral Summer/Winter School in São Paulo state and Munich](#) is fast approaching. Don't miss out on this opportunity and apply until 15 April 2024!

The theme for this year's Summer/Winter School is "Climate-Responsive Sustainable Resource Management." We are excited to offer five fully funded positions for TUM doctoral candidates. The positions include participation in both the Summer School at UNESP (23 – 30 September, 2024) and the Winter School at TUM (9 – 13 December, 2024). We welcome applications from all TUM doctoral candidates to foster their interdisciplinary collaboration and enrich their learning experience. Seize this chance to be part of an enriching program that combines academic excellence with global collaboration!

[Apply now](#)

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PrepDoc – Kick-start your doctoral journey at TUM

Between 25 April and 17 May, the TUM Graduate School once again offers our extensive PrepDoc program, aimed at TUM master's students who want to kick-start their doctoral journey at TUM. Whether it's understanding funding opportunities, identifying suitable supervisors, refining research strategies, or delving into other crucial aspects before embarking on a doctoral journey at TUM, we provide valuable insights in numerous workshops and events. Feel free to share this invitation with master's students at your chair. The program is entirely free of charge.

www.gs.tum.de/en/gS/applicants/prepdoc-program/

TUM Campus Run on 15 May

On May 15, the TUM Community will start running again! For the 10th time, the [TUM: Junge Akademie \(TUMJA\)](#) as the main organizer together with TUM4health invites you to the legendary TUM Campuslauf. Once again this year, there are two special categories: the most creative running outfit for individual runners and as a team, both in line with this year's motto "running global".

You can't participate on site on May 15? No problem – the virtual TUM Campuslauf is also going into the next round. Run 24 hours before the actual starting signal, no matter where you are at the moment! Share a running picture and be part of the worldwide TUM running community.

www.ja.tum.de/en/ja/events/campusrun/

Experts for Expats on 7 May: The German Health Insurance System

The Welcome Services Team of the [TUM Global & Alumni Office](#) invites international researchers and doctoral candidates from Bavarian universities to join the information event on the German health insurance system on 7 May, 4-6 p.m. This comprehensive introduction aims to help you better understand the German social security system in general and the difference between private and public health insurance in particular. Among other things, health insurance experts Matthias Kurzawski and Lea Schwarz from TECHNIKER KRANKENKASSE will be explaining

- the conditions under which international researchers and their families need/ can choose a compulsory health insurance,
- the conditions under which international researchers and their families need/ can choose a private health insurance scheme and
- the main pillars of the German social security system.

The presentation will be in English and there will be a short Q&A session at the end.

[Registration via Zoom](#)

Fulbright Germany: Promotionsstipendien für die USA

Bis zum 1. Juni 2024 können sich deutsche Nachwuchswissenschaftler/-innen bei Fulbright Germany für ein Stipendium bewerben. Fulbright fördert vier- bis sechsmonatige Forschungsprojekte an einer US-Hochschule oder Forschungsinstitution, die zwischen dem 1. Januar 2025 und dem 31. Mai 2025 begonnen werden. Das Stipendium finanziert Unterhaltskosten von 1.700 Euro/Monat, die transatlantische Reise und eine Kranken-/Unfallversicherung. Das Fulbright J-1 Visum ist kostenlos und für sonstige Nebenkosten kommt eine Pauschale von 300 Euro auf. Werden Sie Teil des internationalen Netzwerks von Fulbright-Stipendiat/-innen und Alumni!

Sie möchten mehr über das Programm und die Bewerbung erfahren? Informieren Sie sich in der Office Hour am 6. Mai 2024 von 14:00 bis 15:00 Uhr auf Zoom. Bitte registrieren Sie sich, damit Sie vor dem Termin die Zoom-Zugangsdaten erhalten.

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

MDSI: Getting Started with Microsoft Azure for Bioinformatics on 26 April

Ready to dive into the world of bioinformatics using Microsoft Azure? Join the Munich Data Science Institute for a hands-on workshop where you will learn the basics of utilizing Azure for bioinformatics tasks. Whether you're a beginner or looking to enhance your skills, this event is perfect for you! Don't

miss out on this opportunity to boost your bioinformatics knowledge and network with like-minded individuals. The workshop takes place on 26 April, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Munich Data Science Institute (MDSI), Walther-von-Dyck Str. 10, Garching.
www.eventbrite.com/e/880025478897?aff=oddtcreator

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

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