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## Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

With the start of the summer semester, we're excited to share our April newsletter, packed with multifaceted offers from TUM-GS. Discover essential updates, event recommendations, calls for applications, and everything you need to enhance your doctoral journey at TUM.

Are you balancing family life and your doctorate? Then, we have a unique course for you! This August, we will again offer our [Scientific Paper Writing Retreat](#) with professional childcare. The retreat will be held during the third week of the Bavarian summer school holidays, from 18 August to 21 August 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up if you are interested in input sessions, time reserved exclusively for writing and an individual coaching session while your child/children are looked after by professional caregivers on-site.

Our TUM-GS community is shaped by our doctoral candidates and their individual academic journeys. To celebrate their achievements and research, our interview series "[Looking Behind the Doctorate](#)" offers exclusive insights into their doctorates. In our latest interview, we talked with Rubi Debnath about her research, why she chose TUM for her doctorate, what she likes most about teaching, and her conference experiences.

Stay informed about the TUM-GC projects and updates by visiting the [TUM Graduate Council](#) website. It provides information on working groups, events, and opportunities for engagement.

In the [Internationalization section](#), we want to share one reminder and another upcoming event: Save one of the last spots for our 5-day summer school "Global Fellows Program," which takes place in Munich from 28 July – 1 August 2025. This year's theme is "Multidisciplinary solutions for climate-responsive societies." Apply now until 15 April!

Mark your calendar for 20 May and join our info session on [Doctoral Research Collaborations in Latin America](#). Explore field research opportunities, practical challenges, and tips for your work in the region. The program includes a keynote on the AmazonFACE project and a panel with researchers and practitioners, including Sören Metz, TUM Liaison Officer in São Paulo. Enjoy informal networking over a delicious Latin American buffet to round off the evening. Register by 15 May.

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

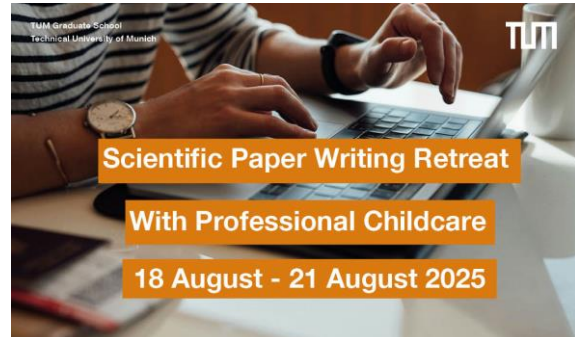


### GOOD TO KNOW:

Did you know that our website offers a wealth of current and relevant information? From Calls for Applications and special prizes to interesting courses and events, you can find it all in our "News" and "Courses & Events" sections. Scroll to the bottom of our homepage to stay up to date. It's always worth a look! <https://www.gs.tum.de/en/gs/doctorate-at-tum/>

### Join our Scientific Paper Writing Retreat with Childcare

Are you already planning ahead for the Bavarian summer holidays? Balancing family and scientific work is especially challenging for doctoral researchers with small children – more so during school and kindergarten holidays. Therefore, plan ahead for the Bavarian summer school holidays and join our scientific writing retreat with professional childcare. You can focus exclusively on your paper or thesis writing project for four days while the professional childcare provider *Kids in Munich* looks after your children (3 - 10 years).



Person writing on a laptop  
(Photo: Unsplash)

The 4-day Scientific Writing Retreat provides strategies for planning scientific papers efficiently. It allows you to progress on your manuscripts under professional guidance and writing coaching and to benefit from the exchange with your peers. The course will take place in the third week of the Bavarian summer school holidays from 18 August to 21 August 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the premises of the TUM Graduate School in Garching-Forschungszentrum. Registration is now open in DocGS until 15 July 2025.

[Register here](#)

### Looking Behind the Doctorate – Rubi Debnath

Get to know Rubi Debnath! Rubi is a doctoral candidate at the Associate Professorship of Embedded Systems and Internet of Things, TUM School of Computation, Information and Technology (CIT). Rubi's research focuses on Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) and wireless TSN. In this interview, Rubi shares insights into her doctoral journey at TUM: Why did she choose TUM, and what motivated her decision to do a doctorate? What was it like to be part of a big conference in Singapore, and what are her plans for the future?



Interview with Rubi Debnath (Photo: TUM-GS/ Debnath)

*“Teaching and mentoring students is a highly rewarding experience for me. Watching younger generations grasp complex topics, which are often not covered in-depth during a Master's program, is incredibly fulfilling.”* Learn more about Rubi and her research in [our interview on LinkedIn](#).

[Find out more](#)

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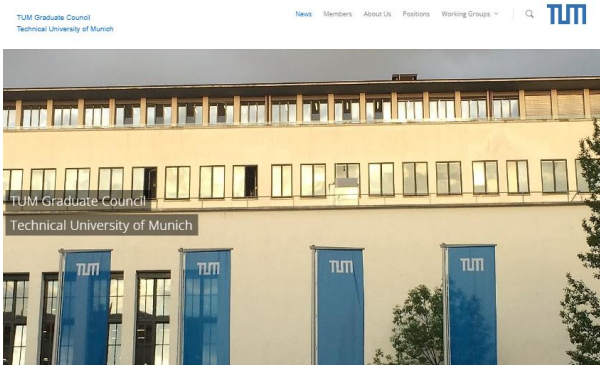
## Graduate Council

### Discover the TUM Graduate Council website

The TUM Graduate Council is dedicated to supporting you! They represent and advocate for the interests of all doctoral candidates at TUM. Offering a range of services, from different working groups to events, they ensure you have the best possible experience at TUM. [Visit their website](#) to learn more about their initiatives, upcoming events, and how you can get involved in the TUM Graduate Council yourself!

Stay connected and make the most of your doctoral journey with the TUM Graduate Council!

Find out more



Website of the TUM-GC

## Internationalization

### Save one of the last spots for our Global Fellows Program 2025!

The trilateral Global Fellows Program will take place this year from 28 July to 1 August 2025 at TUM in Munich. The annual 5-day summer school is jointly organized by TUM, Imperial College London, and Nanyang Technological University. Save yourself one of the last spots, spend one week with 40 other doctoral researchers from the three partner universities, and boost your professional and personal skills. This year's program is about "Multidisciplinary solutions for climate-responsive societies." Extended deadline until 15 April 2025.



Participants of the Global Fellows Program 2024 in London  
(Photo: Chris Meadows)

Sign up

### Global Perspectives – Doctoral Research Collaborations in Latin America

Latin America plays a pivotal role in addressing globally interconnected challenges. Our info session on 20 May, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., is designed for doctoral candidates conducting or planning a research stay in Latin America. The event offers practical insights, networking opportunities, and firsthand experiences from researchers.

Our keynote speaker, Prof. Anja Rammig, will present the groundbreaking *AmazonFACE* project, one of the most anticipated experiments in the fields of ecology and climate change science, focused on studying the resilience of the Amazon rainforest.



TUM doctoral candidates in Brazil 2024  
(Photo: TUM-GS)

A panel discussion will follow, featuring Sören Metz, TUM Liaison Officer in São Paulo, alongside doctoral and postdoctoral researchers sharing their experiences on the ground. The event will offer tips and tools to support your research journey, from navigating language barriers and transportation logistics to integrating fieldwork into a packed academic schedule. Topics will range from interview studies in Buenos Aires and Santiago de Chile to energy research in Ecuador—just a few examples of the diverse projects and experiences that will be shared. Enjoy networking over a buffet with food from Latin America to round off the evening.

[Register now](#)

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## TUM & Co.

### **Next-Level Data Management with TUM DataTagger**

The virtual research environment, TUM DataTagger, provides an easy solution for managing research data during the ongoing research process, including uploading, structuring, versioning, sharing, and annotating with metadata. The web-based platform features transparent rights management, allowing flexible access and editing rights for project partners. Developed by the TUM University Library to meet researchers' specific needs, this software ensures seamless collaboration. As of 7 April 2025, the TUM DataTagger is available for your next-level research data management collaboration!

<https://www.ub.tum.de/en/datatagger>

### **TUM Campus Run 2025**

Save the date! The TUM Campus Run 2025, organized by the Junge Akademie, takes place on 14 May 2025 in Garching. There are different categories, such as chair challenge, team challenge, or individual run. You can choose between 5.5 km and 11 km. So, lace up your running shoes and register for the 11<sup>th</sup> TUM Campus Run until 21 April.

<https://www.ja.tum.de/en/ja/events/campusrun/>

### **TUM Diversity Research Prize**

The Staff Unit Diversity & Inclusion awards one doctoral thesis per semester that takes gender and/or diversity aspects into account, starting April 2025. The prize is endowed with € 1.000 each. The application deadline for the summer semester is 30 September 2025.

<https://www.zv.tum.de/en/diversity/stabsstelle-diversity-inclusion/diversity-inclusion/diversity-research/>

### **Space Day 2025**

Experience the fascination of space travel at Space Day in Ottobrunn on 12 April 2025! This event is organized by Yuri's Night Deutschland e.V. and the TUM Professorship of Human Spaceflight Technology. For both the young and the old, the day is packed with engaging hands-on activities and exciting presentations. The program starts at noon and is free of charge.

<https://yurisnight.de/space-day-munchen-2025/> (website is only available in German)

### **Lecture for the Civilization exhibition (Kunsthalle MUC and TUM Center for Culture and Arts)**

On the occasion of its 40th anniversary, the Kunsthalle München is dedicating the exhibition "Civilization" to the question of how we live today and illustrates the diversity and contradictions of our civilization. In collaboration with the TUM Center for Culture and Arts, a series of lectures will be held at TUM. On 29 April from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Nils Sparwasser, Head of Science Communication and Visualization at the DLR Earth Observation Center, will kick off the series with the guest lecture "Diagnosis 'homo sapiens'. What do earth observation satellites see and how can this help humanity?" (in German). Admission is free of charge.

<https://www.tum.de/en/news-and-events/events/details/diagnosis-homo-sapiens-lecture-for-the-civilization-exhibition-kunsthalle-muc>

### **Reminder: Call for Application - Schmidt Science Fellowship**

Schmidt Science Fellows seeks to create a new generation of scientific leaders through a combination of a postdoctoral fellowship of \$110,000 a year, Science Leadership Training and Mentorship, as well as a Lifelong Fellowship. Applying for the Fellowship until 24 April is still possible.

<https://www.gs.tum.de/en/gs/singleview-en/article/call-for-applications-schmidt-science-fellows-2026/>

### **Call for Application: Google PhD Fellowship**

The Google PhD Fellowship Program was established to recognize outstanding doctoral candidates conducting exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to computer science and related fields. Application deadline: 24 April 2025

<https://www.gs.tum.de/en/gs/singleview-en/article/google-phd-fellowship-programm-2025/>

### **Call for Applications: Prize of the Ingrid zu Solms Foundation for Female Researcher**

Prize for an outstanding female doctoral candidate with a future-oriented research focus in the fields of physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, or engineering. Women who have carried out the work from a research institution in a German-speaking or European country are eligible to apply. The submitting researcher should not have reached the age of 40. Application deadline: 30 April 2025

<https://ingrid-zu-solms-stiftung.de/NLI.html> (website is only available in German)

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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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