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## Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you are well and enjoying the spring in Munich and its beautiful surroundings! ☺

In our [TUM-GS section](#), we would like to share the latest career edition of our [LinkedIn](#) interview series “[Looking Behind the Doctorate](#)”. Get inspired by the entrepreneurial journey of our doctoral candidate Ulrike Jehle, M.Sc. and TUM-GS alumnus Dr.-Ing. Elias Pajares who co-founded the start-up “[Plan4Better](#)”.

What are you planning to do after your doctorate? Irrespective of any career path you choose- when the end of your doctorate and time at TUM approaches, there are a few things you should keep in mind. In our “[Before Departure](#)” information session, we will provide you with various information that you should know before leaving TUM, Munich or even Germany. Join us online on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m.

If you are in the mood for a more leisurely event, we’ve got you covered: At our second [family event](#) on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m., TUM doctoral candidates as well as postdocs, international guest scientists and students with child/ren are warmly invited to a family [scavenger hunt at the beautiful Wildpark Poing](#) about the habitat, history and care of indigenous wildlife! Of course, doctoral candidates without children are also very welcome to join.

In our [international section](#), we cordially invite you to our upcoming [TUM.Africa Talent Expert Talk on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.](#) with Maiya Shibasaki, PhD, Head of Corporate Sustainability at Siemens Healthineers on the topic of Corporate Sustainability. Furthermore, we want to draw your attention to the new [EIT Urban Mobility DTN call for doctoral candidates](#), offering the opportunity to build a network throughout Europe while strengthening technical expertise and fostering entrepreneurial and innovative skills.

As always, we compiled further interesting events and calls for you in the [TUM & Co.](#) section.

PS: It’s time again: From June 7<sup>th</sup>, midnight, you will be able to register for more TUM-GS [Kick-Off Seminars](#) for dates from September to December.

We wish you all a pleasant day!

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### Looking Behind the Doctorate: Career Edition Entrepreneurship

For this career edition of our [LinkedIn](#) interview series “Looking Behind the Doctorate”, we spoke with our doctoral candidate Ulrike Jehle, M.Sc. and TUM-GS alumnus Dr.-Ing. Elias Pajares who co-founded the start-up “Plan4Better”, aiming to contribute to the sustainable design of cities and regions. Both hold a master’s degree from TUM in Environmental Engineering and conducted research at the [Chair of Urban Structure and Transport Planning](#), TUM School of Engineering and Design. Learn more and get inspired by their entrepreneurial journey of building a start-up while conducting doctoral research at TUM.

Are you thinking about starting your own business as well? We asked Ulrike and Elias what advice they can give and what skills you’ll need to build a successful startup:

Ulrike: *“A lot of motivation, belief in your idea or product, openness to innovation and a lot of time are essential.”*

Elias: *“One important thing is to strengthen your network from the very beginning. During your doctorate, everyone opens doors for you, people have a lot of trust in you, and it is a good time to build relationships that will benefit you later on, for example as colleagues or clients.”*

[Read on LinkedIn](#)



Ulrike Jehle (l.) and Elias Pajares (r.)  
through a lens.  
Photo: Plan4Better

### Before Departure: What you need to know before leaving TUM

Are you in the final stage of your dissertation and your time at TUM is ending? Are you asking yourself whether there is something you need to take care of before you leave the university, maybe Munich or even Germany altogether?

With our info event “**Before Departure**”, we wish to provide you with an overview of the most important issues for you to consider before your intended departure date.

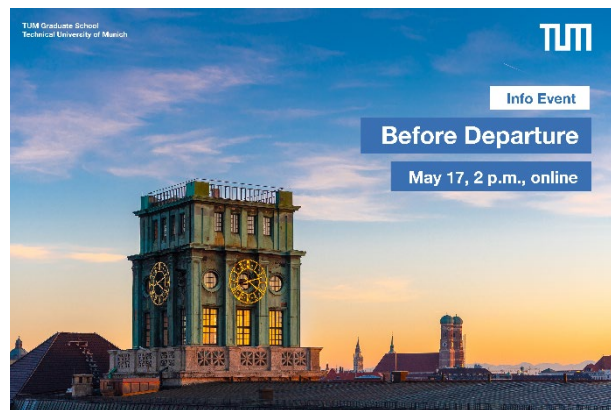
Among others, we will be covering the following topics:

- Leaving TUM: TUM-GS membership, TUM account, de-enrollment, TUM alumni network and career possibilities
- Leaving Munich/ Germany (this part is directed mainly at international doctoral candidates): terminating contracts and insurances, radio & television license fee, tax declaration, pension, de-registration of your address etc.
- Q&A

The info event is scheduled to take place twice per semester – once remotely via Zoom and once on site. Join us for our first event, which will take place online on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 p.m.

The event will be held in English.

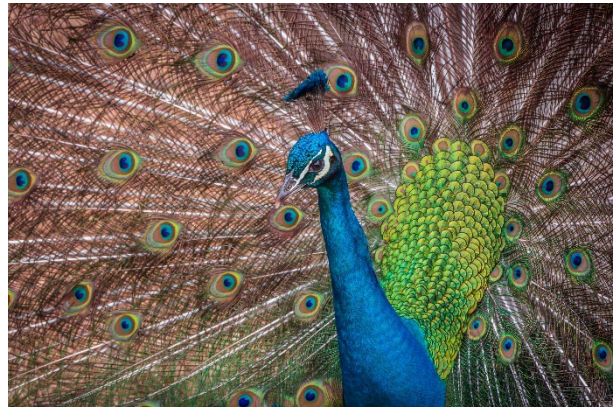
[Register](#)



TUM Thierschturm 2019.  
(Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

## TUM-GS Family event: Weekend Scavenger Hunt at Wildpark Poing

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Peacock at the Wildpark Poing  
(Photo: Unsplash/Matthias Schröder)

The participation fee consists of the entrance fee of Wildpark Poing, TUM-GS will cover the costs for the scavenger hunt. The event is family-friendly, barrier-free and the park is suitable for wheelchairs and baby strollers. Join us and register by June 9<sup>th</sup> [via email](#).

[Learn more](#)

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## Graduate Council

### Come and Join the Graduate Council!

Do you want to stand up for the interests of doctoral candidates, network, and take part in great events? The [TUM Graduate Council](#) as the official body of all doctoral candidates offers numerous possibilities to engage.

Whether you want to discuss university related topics, participate in networking events, or run for the office of doctoral representative at your Graduate Center – the Graduate Council looks forward to your message. You can learn more about the Graduate Council on their [website](#) and social media channels. Feel free to contact the current speakers Anna and Ayesha via [e-mail](#).

[Contact GC](#)

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## Internationalization

### TUM.Africa Talent: Expert Talk on Corporate Sustainability

[TUM.Africa Talent](#) 2023, a research exchange and networking program jointly organized by TUM-GS and TUM Global & Alumni, has officially started! We cordially invite you to join our upcoming events evolving around the focus topic of “Sustainable Global Leadership”.

Next up: Our TUM.Africa Expert Talk on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.: “[Siemens Healthineers and Sustainability – What Does Corporate Sustainability Entail at One of the Global Leaders in the Healthcare Industry?](#)” During this expert talk, Maiya Shibasaki, PhD, Head of Corporate Sustainability at [Siemens Healthineers](#), will present the company’s



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sustainability strategy and goals. She will speak specifically about the company's sustainability journey including the company's plans to improve access to healthcare and innovation in under-served countries. This online expert talk will be followed by a Q&A session. You can register [here](#).

Our first TUM.Africa Talent cohort with TUM buddies and hosting professors  
(Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

With the TUM.Africa Talent program, TUM aims to strengthen its long-term institutional relationships in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) and support a strong, growing TUM.Africa Talent network of academics in SSA connected to TUM. Does your chair or research group already have research collaborations with partners in SSA and would you like to expand them through a research exchange? The TUM.Africa Talent 2024 call will open in late summer. For more information, please have a look at our [website](#) or contact us [via mail](#).

TUM.Africa Talent

## New EIT Urban Mobility DTN Call for Doctoral Candidates

The [EIT Urban Mobility](#), supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), acts to accelerate positive change on mobility to make urban spaces more livable by engaging cities and citizens, putting new mobility solutions into practice, and reclaiming public space for public use. The [Doctoral Training Network](#) (DTN) offers doctoral candidates the unique opportunity to build a network throughout Europe while strengthening technical expertise and fostering entrepreneurial and innovative skills. The two-year doctoral program includes a 4-6 month international placement. Doctoral candidates from TUM and other EIT Urban Mobility partner universities can apply until June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. TUM doctoral candidates become [IGSSE](#) members after being accepted to the DTN. Please find more information [here](#) and contact [Corinna Niederreiter](#) (DTN Program Manager at IGSSE) or [Dr.-Ing. Benjamin Büttner](#) (Head of DTN, Chair of Urban Structure and Transport Planning) for more information.

Call for Applications

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## TUM & Co.

### Path to a University of Applied Sciences Professorship – Info event

At the info event of the TUM Graduate School on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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](#).  
[www.docgs.tum.de/de/node/780775](http://www.docgs.tum.de/de/node/780775)

### Current EIT Calls: Health – SCI FI 2023 | Supernovas – Women2Invest

The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) has published two more calls, both open until May 31<sup>st</sup>, which may be of interest to early career researchers. [From Scientists to Innovators for Industry \(SCI FI\)](#) is a three-month blended learning program geared towards scientists with a doctoral degree/PostDoc in healthcare wanting to transition from academic research to the medtech/pharma industry. The program consists of different online learning modules as well as workshops and events in Barcelona and Erlangen. The [Women2Invest program](#) is aimed for women who have graduated

with a doctoral or master's degree in STEAM studies providing fundamental knowledge and skills required for venture investment and also give access to Venture Capital funds that are currently recruiting for paid internships.

<https://eithealth.eu/programmes/sci-fi/>

[www.eitfood.eu/projects/supernovas/women2invest](http://www.eitfood.eu/projects/supernovas/women2invest)

### **Keep Calm and Hire a Babysitter - TUM4Kids platform goes online**

From now on, employees and students of our university can be activated for the TUM4Kids platform and search for babysitting and tutoring. The program brings together students who want to offer a babysitting and/or tutoring service, with TUM parents to make agreements on their own responsibility. In this way, TUM members receive flexible support offers and students can earn something alongside their studies. The initiative serves to improve the compatibility of work or study and family. The registered caregivers took part in a first aid for children crash course and a one-day babysitter training. The platform will gradually grow and will be further adapted or expanded in the ongoing process.

[www.chancengleichheit.tum.de/en/diversity/family/childcare/tum4kids/](http://www.chancengleichheit.tum.de/en/diversity/family/childcare/tum4kids/)

### **Blog Contributions: My New Life in Bavaria**

The Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts has developed the web portal [www.research-in-bavaria.de](http://www.research-in-bavaria.de). This portal aims to inform international early career researchers about research opportunities at Bavarian universities. But it is just as important to show international researchers what kind of life awaits them in Bavaria. "My new life in Bavaria", tells small anecdotes written by international researchers to prepare their peers for life in Bavaria as soon-to-be locals. Are you a young international researcher at TUM and would like to share your experiences living and working in Bavaria with other young researchers? You can contribute short texts (max. 200 words) with pictures on your hobbies, discoveries, favorite places in the city, sports, traditions and festivities, excursions, afternoons passed on the playground with your kids, in short: everything you like to do in your city or region can be of interest. A selection of good photos and a pinch of humor can make a nice contribution. Interested? Contact the team [by e-mail](mailto:by e-mail) or phone (+49 89 2186 2570) and send your ideas for a contribution.

[www.research-in-bavaria.de/blog](http://www.research-in-bavaria.de/blog)

### **Fulbright Stipendien für Forschungsaufenthalte in den USA**

Bis zum 1. Juni 2023 können sich Promovierende mit deutscher Staatsangehörigkeit bei Fulbright Germany für ein Mobilitätsstipendium bewerben. Gefördert werden vier- bis sechsmonatige Forschungsprojekte an einer US-Hochschule, die zwischen dem 1. Januar und 30. Juni 2024 begonnen werden. Das Stipendium finanziert Unterhaltskosten von 1.700 Euro/Monat, die transatlantische Reise und eine Kranken-/Unfallversicherung.

[www.fulbright.de/programs-for-germans/nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen-und-hochschullehrerinnen/doktorandenprogramm](http://www.fulbright.de/programs-for-germans/nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen-und-hochschullehrerinnen/doktorandenprogramm)

### **José Carreras-DGHO-Promotionsstipendien**

Zur Förderung wissenschaftlicher Arbeiten in der Erforschung der Leukämie und verwandter Blutkrankheiten bei Erwachsenen im Rahmen der Dissertation von Student\*innen der Medizin oder Studierenden anderer Fächer haben die DGHO und die Deutsche José Carreras-Leukämie-Stiftung einjährige Promotionsstipendien etabliert. Seit 2014 können zwei Mal im Jahr bis zu zehn José Carreras-DGHO-Promotionsstipendien vergeben werden. Gestiftet wird das Fördergeld von der Deutschen José Carreras-Leukämie-Stiftung. Alle Promotionsstipendiat\*innen der José Carreras Leukämie-Stiftung werden ab 1. Juli 2023 mit 1.000 Euro pro Monat über ein Jahr lang gefördert. Bewerbungsschluss ist jeweils am 15. Januar und 30. Juni eines jeden Jahres. Die jeweiligen Ausschreibungsunterlagen sind auf der Webseite der José Carreras Leukämie-Stiftung zu finden.

[www.carreras-stiftung.de/antragstellung/](http://www.carreras-stiftung.de/antragstellung/)

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

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