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Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope this finds you well. We're excited to announce a series of engaging events to foster connections, spark inspiration, and facilitate meaningful discussions within the TUM community and beyond.

How can you best prepare for an international career? Get inspired and discuss in our “[Fireside Chat – Global Science, Global Career](#),” a panel discussion jointly organized with [TUM:Junge Akademie](#) on 16 May. With our panelists, we will explore the role of personal international experiences for diverse career paths.

You have recently started your doctorate and would like to connect with peers while learning about the history and culture of Bavaria? Join our [Welcome@TUM-GS Event Program](#) and explore the city of Augsburg and its UNESCO World Heritage historical monuments on 18 May.

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

Lastly, mark your calendars for our discussion format on 4 & 11 June – “[TAT Talks – Spotlight on Global Collaborations with Impact](#).” Jointly organized with the [TUM SEED Center](#) and the [World Food Programme \(WFP\) Innovation Accelerator](#), we will showcase sustainable and innovative projects and invite experts from research and the humanitarian sector to learn from best-practice solutions.

TUM-GS News

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? 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.

Panelists:

- [Prof. Ferdinand Ludwig](#), Professorship of Green Technologies in Landscape Architecture, TUM School of Engineering and Design
- [Prof. Werner Hemmert](#), Professorship of Bio-inspired Information Processing, TUM School of Computation, Information and Technology
- [Prof. Karen Alim](#), Center for Functional Protein Assemblies, TUM School of Natural Sciences

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

Welcome@TUM-GS: Let's tour Augsburg on 18 May!

You have recently started your doctorate and would like to connect with peers while enjoying the nature and culture of Bavaria? Then come and join our [Welcome@TUM-GS Event Program](#) with our next trip coming up on 18 May: Let's leave Munich and visit the city of Augsburg. Augsburg has a rich history – the city's water management left behind many monuments from the late Middle Ages to 1972. A total of 22 objects are part of the UNESCO World Heritage. The tour leads from the town hall square through the artisan old town to the waterworks at the Red Gate: one of the three water towers is the oldest water tower in Central Europe.



Panorama of Augsburg
(Photo: Unsplash)

Learn more on [our website](#) and save your place [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

Writing Retreat with Childcare from 29 July to 1 August – Save your spot!

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](#). 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. on TUM Campus Garching-Forschungszentrum.

All doctoral candidates with and without children are welcome to participate, although priority will be given to candidates who will also benefit from the professional childcare offer. Registration is open until 20 May 2024 via DocGS.

Register

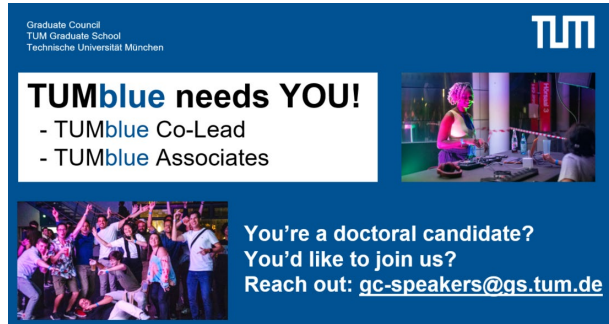
Graduate Council

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 September. This casual networking event, organized by doctoral candidates for doctoral candidates, is all about interaction, communication, cooperation and fun for doctoral candidates from all Graduate Centers. Furthermore, TUMblue raises the awareness for the TUM Graduate Council itself and promotes the identification of doctoral candidates with TUM. So come on board 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 Stuart and Leon [via email](#).

Contact



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TUMblue needs YOU!
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- TUMblue Associates

**You're a doctoral candidate?
You'd like to join us?
Reach out: gc-speakers@gs.tum.de**

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TUM blue needs YOU!
(Image: GC)

Internationalization

TAT Talks in June – Spotlight on Global Collaborations with Impact

Answers to today's pressing challenges – from global warming to resource scarcity – can only be shaped through global collaboration. What future skills do innovative minds need, and how can we foster successful North-South collaboration? We cordially invite the TUM community to approach these questions by joining our upcoming "TAT Talks" in June, jointly organized by TUM Graduate School with the **TUM SEED Center** and the **World Food Programme (WFP) Innovation Accelerator**.



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TAT Talks | June 2024
Spotlight on Global Collaborations with Impact

- 4 June, 6 p.m.
TUM SEED Center
- 11 June, 4 p.m.
WFP Innovation Accelerator

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Join our TAT Talks in June!
(Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

Our talks highlight sustainable and innovative projects and invites experts from research and the humanitarian sector to learn from best-practice solutions and discuss what it takes to create a long-lasting positive impact. The series is part of the **TUM.Africa Talent Program (TAT)**.

- **4 June, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: TUM.Africa Talent x TUM SEED Center**
"Research with impact in a transforming world – insights from North-South research collaborations" featuring keynote speeches by **Professor Miranda Schreurs** and **Professor Frank-Martin Belz**

- **11 June, 4:00-5:00 p.m.: TUM.Africa Talent x WFP Innovation Accelerator**
Human-Centered Design: Innovative Solutions in the Humanitarian Sector with Gonzalo Rodino, Design & Innovation Lead at WFP Innovation Accelerator

Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights, network with like-minded individuals, and explore innovative approaches to today's pressing challenges. Mark your calendars and reserve your spot now!

[Learn more](#)

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TUM Career Day on 4 June: A whole day dedicated to your career

On the TUM Career Day, you are invited to a wide range of exciting events, such as CV checks, free pictures for your applications, speed dating with companies, career webinars, career counseling, and an experience exchange with TUM alumni in the Career Lounge. In the summer semester, the Career Day takes place on 4 June 2024.

www.community.tum.de/en/career-service/career-day-en/

Flexible Project Weeks in WS 2024/25 – Funding as part of the Excellence Strategy

The Project Week in the winter semester 2024/25 will take place from 13-17 January 2025. For the first time, project-based learning offered outside of this week will be funded equally. Project Weeks offer teachers and students the opportunity to work together across disciplines and locations and to concentrate on tasks at a time. This semester, funding of up to €20,000 is again available for individual courses within the Project Week. The funding is aimed in particular at providing financial support for interdisciplinary teaching and learning formats. Eligible to apply are departments, schools, professorships, Integrated Research Institutes and TUM's central service institutions.

<https://collab.dvb.bayern/x/3IA2B>

Save the Date – Global Bioeconomy Alliance Conference, 30 September – 4 October

The 2024 GBA Conference, hosted by Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP), aims to stimulate conversation around global challenges and solutions to shape the future of bioeconomy, regionally and internationally. Part of the conference will take place in São Paulo and part at the Atlantic coast. To get added to the mailing list and be informed once registration has opened, send a message to ktb2024@bioeconomy.world.

Data strategy support for your research project

Profound research data management is an essential component of excellent research at TUM and a relevant factor for research funding. TUM Research Data Hub works with you to develop a convincing strategy for your data management and supports you from the application to the review process.

[Data strategy support of TUM Research Data Hub](#)

Request a Data Steward!

Do you need staff support for research data management (RDM) in your research project? Get RDM expertise from TUM Research Data Hub directly in your team.

[More information about Request a Data Steward](#)

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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