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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you are well and enjoying the summer weather in Munich to the full. ☺

First things first: Registration for the upcoming [TUM-GS Kick-Off Seminars](#) opens at midnight (June 7th)! Save your spot for one of the three-day seminars full of networking opportunities and helpful information to kick off your doctoral journey.

Also, we would like to draw your attention to a new offer for TUM doctoral candidates: You can now access [Grammarly](#) through a TUM license. Grammarly is an AI-powered writing tool designed to improve your writing.

The [Graduate Council](#) has an exciting announcement: [TUMblue](#) is back! Save the date and join the legendary event on September 15th that brings together the community of TUM doctoral candidates. In our [international section](#), we would like to invite you to our [TUM.Africa Talent networking event](#) on June 14th, 5 p.m., as a final highlight of the 2023 program. The event is rounded off by a panel discussion on the topic of sustainable leadership and offers plenty of opportunities for networking and exchange.

Do you want to learn more about TUM's international profile and your opportunities for international exchange? Join us for the [TUM Global Week from June 26th to 30th](#), organized by the TUM Global & Alumni office!

As always, we compiled further interesting events and calls for you in the [TUM & Co.](#) section, such as the [TEDxTUM](#) countdown event or the [TUM Entrepreneurship Day](#).

We wish you all a pleasant day!

TUM-GS News

Kick-Off Seminars: Registration opens on June 7th, 2023

Don't miss your chance! From June 7th, midnight, you can register for more [TUM-GS Kick-Off Seminars](#) from September to December 2023. During the 3-day-Kick-Off Seminar, which takes place in the beautiful TUM Science and Study Center Raitenhaslach, you will not only get interesting information about the academic work and the diverse offerings at TUM, but it is also an excellent opportunity to meet other fellow doctoral candidates from different disciplines, gain new perspectives and expand your personal network. Don't wait until the last minute and sign up for this great event!

A gentle reminder: participating in the TUM-GS Kick-Off Seminar is mandatory for all TUM doctoral candidates. To benefit the most from the Kick-Off Seminar, participation is strongly recommended within the first six months after the start of your doctorate. Furthermore, Kick-Off Seminar participation is a prerequisite for access to the TUM-GS internationalization support.



Impression from TUM-GS Kick-Off (Photo: TUM-GS)

Kick-Off Seminars

Grammarly License for TUM doctoral candidates

Good news! From now on, you can access the Grammarly tool via the new TUM license. Grammarly is an AI-powered writing tool that can help you improve your writing by detecting and correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors, as well as making suggestions for clarity and tone. Grammarly can be used as a browser extension, a desktop app, or a mobile app. The TUM license is initially available to all TUM employees, doctoral candidates who are enrolled at the TUM, as well as doctoral candidates with a guest account in TUMonline. During the 12-month test phase of Grammarly, the TUM-GS proofreading service will be paused. Learn more about the offer and installation in the [TUM wiki](#).

[Learn more](#)

Graduate Council

TUMblue is back on September 15th – Save the Date!

The legendary networking event TUMblue for all doctoral candidates is finally back at TUM. After a pandemic-related break of 4 years, the TUM Graduate Council is hosting this year's event in the Mathematics building in Garching, Boltzmannstraße 3.

Mark your calendars and don't miss the event on September 15th, 2023 from 7 p.m. onwards. This casual networking event, organized by doctoral candidates, brings together the community of doctoral candidates from all Graduate Centers in a casual setting. Registration via DocGS will open on August 1st.



TUMblue is back!
(Picture: TUM Graduate Council)

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Internationalization

TUM.Africa Talent Networking Event on June 14th

As the final highlight of the [TUM.Africa Talent Program 2023](#), the TUM Graduate School and the TUM Global & Alumni Office cordially invite to a [Networking Event on June 14th, 2023, 5 p.m.](#) at the Vorhoelzer Forum. The event will be rounded off by a panel discussion on the topic of "Tomorrow's Academic Leaders - What Does It Take To Make a Difference?" Following the discussion, there will be plenty of opportunities for networking and exchange. You can register [here](#).

Panel Discussion: As the next generation of academic leaders, doctoral candidates play a critical role in addressing the most pressing global challenges of today and tomorrow: From climate change, resource scarcity, geo-political conflicts to rising inequality.



Join our TUM.Africa Talent
Networking Event on June 14
(Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

But what does it mean to take responsibility as a leader of tomorrow? And what skills are required to make a real difference, whether it's in industry, academia or society? The concept of 'Sustainable Leadership' may provide a guide for future leaders, offering a style of leadership that prioritizes the well-being of people and the planet as well as profit. Easier said than done!

Join us for an interesting panel discussion that brings together a diverse group of speakers to explore what sustainable leadership can look like in theory and practice. We are pleased to welcome our panelists:

- Dr. Anna Brzykcy, Postdoctoral Researcher at the TUM School of Management, Learning & Development Expert at the TUM Institute for LifeLong Learning
- Wayne Chinembiri, Research Associate at the TUM School of Management, CEO of TUEmpower Africa e.V., Attorney
- Sandra Raad, Head of Innovation Network, World Food Programme Innovation Accelerator

Together, our panelists will provide us with a lively discussion and insights into their different leadership styles and share their thoughts on how to incorporate the idea of sustainability into the concept of leadership.

[Register](#)

TUM Global Week 2023 from June 26th to 30th: Be part of it!

"At home in Bavaria, connected to the world": True to this motto, the TUM Global & Alumni Office invites all members of the TUM family to join the annual TUM Global Week. Find out about TUM's offers and seize your opportunities for stays abroad and collaborations with our international partners in the events [International mobility programs and funding options for TUM doctoral candidates](#) and [UQ & TUM doctoral exchange & joint doctoral supervision programs](#). TUM Global Week offers a variety of mostly virtual events so that as many members of the global TUM community as possible can participate.

The TUM Global & Alumni Office and all participating units are looking forward to your registrations. By the way, there is a novelty here this year: registration is exclusive via the new TUM Global Week app, a [browser-based web application](#) with a personal profile that provides you with an easy overview of your events at any time.

[Learn More](#)



TUM Global Week 2023
(Photo: TUM G&A Office)

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

At our second family event on June 17th, 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! Wildpark Poing is an open wildlife park in the greater Munich area where you can experience many indigenous wildlife animals face to face. During the scavenger hunt, we will stroll through the park, look for clues and solve tasks prepared for us. Bring your whole family! (of course, doctoral candidates without children are also very welcome). 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 wheel-chairs and baby strollers. Join us and register by June 9th [via email](mailto:gs@tum.de). www.gs.tum.de/gs/singleview/article/tum-gs-family-event-weekend-scavenger-hunt-at-wildpark-poing/

TEDxTUM presents “Countdown” on June 24th

The TEDxTUM Countdown event is near! But what is Countdown? Countdown is a global movement to find ways to come together and create a better future for our planet and the generations to come. It is important to understand climate change and how it affects our daily lives. The event is about taking action on the climate crisis by spotlighting ideas that will lead to a more sustainable future. There are other TEDx Countdown events around the world. Join TEDxTUM's first Countdown event of here in Munich, Audimax on June 24th from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

www.tedxtum.com/events/2023-countdown/

TUM Entrepreneurship Day on June 29th

Every year, the last Thursday in June at the Technical University of Munich is dedicated to entrepreneurship. On this day, the entire ecosystem comes together to learn about and network on start-up and innovation activities at TUM and UTUM. After three years of Corona restriction, TUM is pleased to be able to offer you a multifaceted event on site for the first time again this year without restrictions, in order to get into direct and personal exchange with the entrepreneurship community of TUM and UnternehmerTUM. As in previous years, you can expect a colorful and diverse program around the topics of founding, innovation and entrepreneurship. You can learn, participate, try things out and network. Whether students, scientists, founders, investors, alumni & corporates: the diverse program offers something for entrepreneurship newbies as well as experienced start-up coaches.

www.tum.de/en/innovation/entrepreneurship/news-events/tum-entrepreneurship-day

TUM IDEAward 2023: Apply now!

Do you have an idea and/or technology with market potential? In addition, you meet social challenges? You want to create added value with your founding idea? Then apply for TUM IDEAward 2023 [here](#). Take your chance to become one of the finalists, benefit from constructive feedback of the jury and receive an individual pitch training. Within a tailored workshop you will outline hands-on first steps towards a sustainable start-up. And at the public award ceremony of the TUM IDEAward, you also have the opportunity to present your innovative idea to a broad audience. The award is intended to motivate scientists to develop marketable products from their inventions. The winning teams receive prize money totaling 37,500 euros from the Zeidler Research Foundation and an individual coaching from TUM start-up consultancy to accompany their idea until market launch.

Application deadline: July 10th, 2023

www.tum.de/en/ideaward2023

Save the date: Key Technologies in the Bioeconomy Conference 2023 at UQ, Australia

The Key Technologies in the Bioeconomy Conference will take place at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia from 27th -29th September. The conference aims to showcase research, initiatives, and stimulate conversation with panel discussions around global challenges and solutions that could inform the future of bioeconomy, locally and internationally. The conference will facilitate action-oriented and future-focused discussions on building a sustainable future in the face of recent and anticipated future disruptions. The conference themes include sustainable food production, advanced materials, future elements, bioenergy, innovation and ecosystems and green hydrogen.

[More information](#)

Maximilian Graf Montgelas Fellowships

The Maximilian Graf Montgelas Fellowships provide employees of the university administration with the opportunity to spend time at TUM partner institutions around the world. In line with the TUM Agenda 2030, the aim is to further strengthen the internationalization of the TUM administration both in terms of personal competence gain and the further development of an internationally capable science administration. The application deadline for the Montgelas Fellowship is July 3rd, 2023. In addition to individual consulting services, the Global & Alumni Office offers consultation appointments on specific topics via Zoom. Registration is not required.

www.international.tum.de/en/global/montgelas-fellowships/

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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