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## Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope this finds you well. In today's newsletter, we've compiled various opportunities and events to help you broaden your skillset and expertise, find new impulses, and connect with your peers.

First, we're thrilled to share our [new video series](#), "Skills Booster," in which we talk about essential skills for doctoral candidates. In this first episode, we delve into scientific writing as one of the most fundamental aspects of academic work. Jeremiah Hendren, communication consultant and trainer at TUM-GS shares his insights and provides some helpful tips. Learn more in our video or directly register for one of our [upcoming courses](#)!

Also, we want to draw your attention to an exciting career option for doctoral graduates: a [professorship at a University of Applied Sciences](#). Our new [mentoring program](#) connects you with a UAS professor to learn more about the profession and discuss your career opportunities.

If you're up to a leisurely activity with the beginning of summer, join our [Welcome@TUM-GS Event Program](#) on 15 June and explore one of Germany's most famous sights with us: Neuschwanstein Castle!

Mark your calendars: [TUMblue](#), the legendary networking event by the [TUM Graduate Council](#), happens on 27 September. The TUM Graduate Council is still looking for volunteers to bring it to life. Come on board the organization team and help make it memorable!

Lastly, we cordially invite you to the [TUM.Africa Talent Networking Event on 19 June](#). Join us for an evening of celebration featuring insights into international collaborative research and inspiring discussions. Musical interludes and a buffet of West African delicacies will round off the event.

## TUM-GS News

### Skills Booster: Elevate Your Potential with our Transferable Skills Training!

The doctoral journey comes with various challenges, from presenting at conferences, managing research projects, navigating complex team structures, and writing scientific papers. This is why a broad set of transferable skills is essential to mastering your academic endeavors.

We're thrilled to share our [new "Skills Booster" video series](#). Each video presents a unique perspective on transferable skills, with brief contributions and helpful tips from experts who teach courses within the TUM-GS.

In this first episode, we delve into scientific writing as one of the most fundamental aspects of academic work. Jeremiah Hendren, a communication consultant and trainer at TUM-GS, shares his insights on why strong writing skills are essential for doctoral candidates during their research journey and what's at the core of writing:



Thumbnail of the new video series "Skills Booster"  
(Video: TUM-GS)

*"Good writing is not about making it fancy, making it stylish. It is actually about the science itself. It is about bringing the science to life."* Stay tuned to our Skills Booster to learn more about your possibilities to advance your academic and professional growth with us.

Of course, you can also register directly for one of our [upcoming transferable skills courses](#), such as our [scientific writing course](#) from 29 July to 1 August 2024 with optional professional childcare. The 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.

Watch on YouTube

## Finding your path to a UAS professorship – Join the new mentoring program!

Have you ever wondered how professors at Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) conduct research, teach, or work with industry partners? Would you like to participate in an enriching exchange of academic experiences with UAS professors to learn more about their profession and broaden your career perspectives? If so, our [mentoring program](#) is right for you! This program connects doctoral candidates at TUM with professors at the Hochschule München to help doctoral candidates gain deeper insights into the diverse tasks within a UAS-professorship. As a mentee, you can experience first-hand:

- How UAS-professors became professors.
- What research projects professors conduct at UAS.
- How teaching at a UAS differs from teaching at other higher education institutions.
- Which industry partners UAS-professors work with and the extent of their cooperation.

Do not miss out the chance to learn more about the exciting world of a UAS-professorship and connect with professors who can bring you forward in your academic path.

Register now



Sign up for our mentoring program connecting you with a UAS professor.  
(Image: TUM-GS)

## Welcome@TUM-GS: Let's visit Neuschwanstein Castle!

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 15 June, where we will visit one of Germany's most famous sights: Neuschwanstein Castle.

The so-called 'Fairytale Castle' was built for the Bavarian King Ludwig II (1845 - 1886) in 1868 but never completed. For him, his castle was a monument to the culture and royalty of the Middle Ages. Built and equipped in medieval forms but with the most modern technology of the time, it is the most famous building of historicism.



Photo of Neuschwanstein Castle  
(Photo: TUM-GS)

Until his passing in 1886, the king used Neuschwanstein Castle as his private residence. The castle was opened to the public shortly after and can still be visited.

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

## Graduate Council

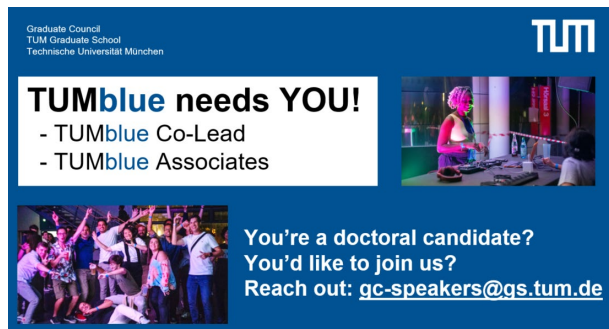
### TUMblue needs YOU (just a little more)

The TUMblue 2024 organizers are still looking for volunteers to take on the following tasks: Drinks, Fun & Games, Finances and more. So, reach out if you want to be part of TUMblue 2024!

This casual networking event on 27 September 2024, organized by doctoral candidates for doctoral candidates from all Graduate Centers, is all about interaction, communication, cooperation and fun. Furthermore, TUMblue raises the awareness for the [TUM Graduate Council](#) itself and promotes the identification of doctoral candidates with TUM.

So come on board of 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

A blue poster for TUMblue 2024. At the top left, it says 'Graduate Council TUM Graduate School Technische Universität München'. At the top right is the TUM logo. The main text reads 'TUMblue needs YOU!' followed by a list: '- TUMblue Co-Lead' and '- TUMblue Associates'. Below this is a photo of a group of people at a social event. To the right of the photo, it says 'You're a doctoral candidate? You'd like to join us? Reach out: [gc-speakers@gs.tum.de](mailto:gc-speakers@gs.tum.de)'.

TUM blue needs YOU!  
(Image: GC)

## Internationalization

### TUM.Africa Talent Networking Event on 19 June

As the final highlight of the [TUM.Africa Talent Program 2024](#), the TUM Graduate School and the TUM Global & Alumni Office cordially invite you to [the Networking Event on 19 June 2024, 5 p.m.](#), at TUM campus Garching-Forschungszentrum.

TUM.Africa Talent brings together researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa with TUM researchers and aims to foster long-term collaboration and exchange in research and beyond.

Join us for an evening of celebration featuring insights into the scientific work of our TUM.Africa Talent researchers, and inspiring discussions.

We are honored to welcome Prof. Walter de Vries (Professorship of Land Management) as our keynote speaker. Prof. de Vries will share his vast expertise and experiences in international collaborative research. Musical interludes and a buffet of West African delicacies will round off the event. We warmly invite the whole TUM community and friends! [Registration via the TUM wiki](#) is required and will be open until 18 June.

Register

A photo of people at a networking event. Overlaid on the right side is a blue box with the text 'TUM.Africa Talent Networking Event' and an orange box below it with the text '19 June, 5 p.m.'. The TUM logo is in the top right corner.

Join our Networking Event on 19 June!  
(Photo: TUM-GS)

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## TUM & Co.

### **TUM IDEAward 2024: Apply now!**

Do you have an idea and/or technology with market potential? In addition, you meet social challenges? With your founding idea you want to create added value?

Then apply for TUM IDEAward 2024! 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. The application deadline is 30 June 2024.

[www.tum.de/en/innovation/entrepreneurship/for-founders-start-ups/start-up-competitions/tum-idea-award](http://www.tum.de/en/innovation/entrepreneurship/for-founders-start-ups/start-up-competitions/tum-idea-award)

### **TUM Sustainability Day on 12 June – We walk the talk!**

TUM is committed to a sustainable future and is sending out a clear signal with the TUM Sustainability Day on June 12, 2024: We aim to walk our talk! We activated the resources of our entire university community in the area of sustainability because we can only achieve our sustainability goals together. TUM invites all students, researchers, staff and external guests to experience the diversity and potential of all sustainability topics and activities at our university on TUM Sustainability Day.

<https://tum-sustainability.lineupr.com/2024/>

### **Protecting and promoting research with patents – Webinar on 24 June**

Broaden your knowledge of patents and discover how to monitor them successfully to identify trends and competition. The course "Unleashing the Power of Patents" provides basics and tips on finding, analyzing, and interpreting patents. The webinar will take place on 24 June 2024, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

<https://www.ub.tum.de/en/webinar/patents>

### **DocColloq Graduiertenkonferenz – Call for Papers**

Unter dem Thema "Wissen schafft Wandel - Ideen, Prozesse und Theorien aus der Forschung" lädt das DocColloq Forum der Universität Trier zur Online-Graduiertenkonferenz am 5. und 6. Dezember 2024 ein. Hierbei soll sich unter anderem der Frage genähert werden, wie Nachwuchsforschende mit ihren Projekten in einer sich stetig und immer schneller verändernden Welt einen positiven Wandel für Gesellschaft, Wirtschaft, Kultur und/oder Wissenschaft erzielen können. Promovierende sind eingeladen, ihre Beitragsvorschläge bis zum 21. Juli einzureichen.

<http://doccolloq.uni-trier.de/>

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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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