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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 events and opportunities for your doctoral journey.

Are you already further along with your doctorate and seeking support and inspiration? Join us for our online info event "[Halfway There](#)" on 24 July at 1 a.m.

Your feedback is crucial in shaping our course offerings to best suit your needs and interests. Please take 5 minutes to participate in our [survey on the Transferable Skills Training and the subject-specific courses](#) at your Graduate Center.

Enjoying nature, hiking, and meeting up with peers sounds like a good idea to you? Then come and join our [Welcome@TUM-GS Event Program](#) on 20 July and hike with us to the beautiful Kloster Andechs.

The [TUM Graduate Council](#), representing doctoral candidates' interests, recently discussed their future vision of TUM with President Professor Hofmann. Learn more about their ideas for the upcoming TUM Excellence Initiative in the [new position paper](#). Additionally, the Council seeks creative talents to bring [TUMblue](#), the networking event for doctoral candidates on 27 September, to life.

For international doctoral candidates who are nearing the end of their doctorate and time at TUM, we are offering our info event "[Before Departure](#)" – this time with an additional speaker from VBL (Versorgungsanstalt des Bundes und der Länder) to provide comprehensive information about your pension claims.

In our [TUM&Co.](#) section, you'll find various events and calls, including the next [Women in STEM Round Table](#) meeting and the [Apple Scholars in AI/ML PhD Fellowship 2025](#) call for applications.

## TUM-GS News

### Info Event "Halfway There" on 24 July

Are you already further along with your doctorate and looking for support, guidance and inspiration about how to master the home stretch of your doctorate? In our info event series "Halfway there – on the home stretch to success", we will guide you through mandatory elements of the doctorate at TUM, provide you with an overview of our tailor-made course options for career planning and orientation, as well as an overview of TUM-GS and TUM services that might be particularly interesting for the second half of your doctorate. Among others, we will be covering the following topics:



Person looking at a clipboard (Photo: Pexels)

- Timeline for thesis submission – what must be fulfilled until thesis submission
- Overview – how to submit my thesis (and what happens afterward)
- How to publish: process, author's rights, open access & affiliation
- Career planning – TUM-GS Transferable Skills Training
- International mobility – mobility and funding options by the TUM-GS
- Specific information for international doctoral candidates
- Q&A

The next info event will take place online on 24 July, 1-3 p.m. Please register online by 23 July [via our wiki](#). The event will be held in English.

Register

## Help us improve our course offerings at TUM-GS and the Graduate Centers!

We value your feedback and would love to hear about your experience with the Transferable Skills Training and the subject-specific courses offered by your Graduate Center! Therefore, we have created a [survey](#) to ask for your insight and wishes for the future.

It only takes around 5 minutes of your time to complete our survey and make your voice heard. Your input is greatly appreciated. The survey is open to all TUM doctoral candidates, regardless the number of visited courses. Thank you! ☺



Person typing on a laptop (Photo: Pexels)

Survey

## Let's go hiking! Join our Welcome@TUM-GS Event on 20 July

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 20 July.

Together, we will hike to Kloster Andechs, the lovely monastery on top of a small hill between lake Starnberg and Ammersee in the south of Munich. Get to see the breathtaking Bavarian landscape and taste all the Bavarian goodies the monastery has to offer once we reach its welcoming „Biergarten.“ Let's enjoy the beer, the food, and the view. Don't forget to take your swimsuit with you for a swim in lake Ammersee after the hike! The hike suits beginners and will be mainly in the shade (as we will hike through a forest).



Impression from last year's hike (Photo: TUM-GS)

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

### Excellence Initiative: Doctoral Candidates' Vision for TUM

In early June, [TUM Graduate Council](#) (GC) speakers Stuart Daniel James and Leon Chryssos presented the doctoral candidates' vision of the future at TUM to President Thomas Hofmann. It was a warm and fruitful discussion which not only proved the president's support for the concerns of doctoral candidates at TUM but also provided valuable background information. The GC is looking forward to seeing some of the ideas implemented – ideally as part of TUM's Excellence Initiative. Learn more about the ideas of the Graduate Council in their [new position paper on the Excellence Initiative](#).

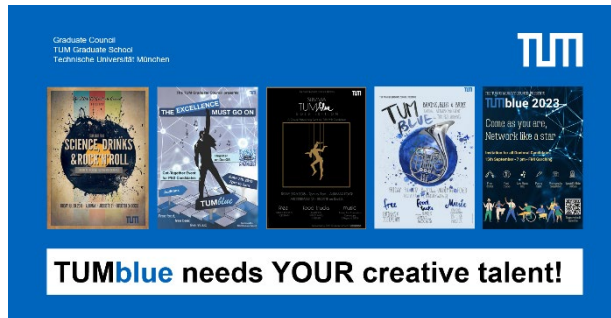


The Graduate Council speakers with president Prof. Hofmann. (Photo: GC)

[Position Paper](#)

### TUMblue needs your creative talent!

TUMblue needs your creative talent! If you're a doctoral candidate at TUM with a passion for design, volunteer to help bring TUMblue 2024 – a networking event for doctoral candidates – to life. You'll help select an engaging theme and design a captivating poster. This is a great chance to gain experience in event promotion, enhance your portfolio, and support your peers while expanding your network within TUM. Interested? Reach out with your ideas [via email](#).



TUMblue needs your creative talent! (Image: GC)

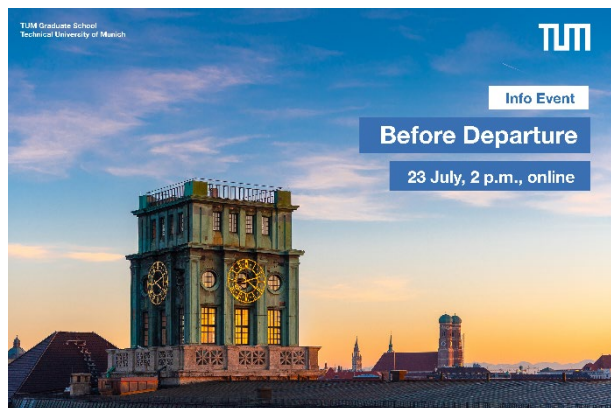
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## Internationalization

### Info Event “Before Departure” on 23 July

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

With our info event, "Before Departure," we provide you with an overview of the most important issues to consider before your departure date. In addition, we will talk about the topic of pension, as doctoral candidates and researchers often work in many different countries during their careers and thus accumulate pension claims in many countries.



Thierschturm at TUM main campus. (Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

Giuliana Ratzel from VBL (Versorgungsanstalt des Bundes und der Länder) will join us as a guest speaker and talk about verifying your pension claims in different countries and ensuring you are sufficiently covered in your old age.

Join us for our next event, which will take place online on 23 July, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Please register online by 22 July [via our wiki](#). The event will take place in English.

Register

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## TUM & Co.

### **Apple Scholars in AI/ML PhD Fellowship 2025 – Call for Applications**

The Apple Scholars in AI/ML PhD fellowship program recognizes the contributions of emerging leaders in computer science and engineering at the graduate and postgraduate level. The PhD fellowship in AI/ML was created as part of the Apple Scholars program to support the work of outstanding doctoral candidates from around the world, who are pursuing cutting edge research in machine learning and artificial intelligence. Fellows will receive a generous stipend, mentorship, and potential internship opportunities. Applications must be submitted to the TUM-GS until 31 July 2024.

<https://www.gs.tum.de/gs/singleview/article/apple-scholars-in-ai-ml-2025-call-for-applications/>

### **New NS Memorial at TUM – Opening and Film Night on 9 July**

TUM is taking a critical look at its history during the Nazi era. A new memorial and information site commemorates 17 members of the former Technical University of Munich (THM, now TUM) who were dismissed and persecuted by the Nazi regime and provides information about the university's connections to the Nazi regime. The site is a call for tolerance and respect for liberal democratic values in science and society. TUM cordially invites you to the opening of the memorial and afterwards to a film presentation with "der tu film". The event is open to all interested members of the university and non-academic sector. The event takes place on 9 July, starting at 4 p.m. at TUM main campus. Registration is not required.

<https://www.emeriti-of-excellence.tum.de/eoe/gedenkort-ns/>

### **Women in STEM Round Table @ TUM | Edition 4: Consulting**

With the "Women in STEM Round Table" format, TUM gives the stage to inspiring role models to have STEM careers being discussed live – to inspire, to encourage and to support!

The "Women in STEM Round Table" is a series of events that was developed by the Staff Unit Diversity & Equal Opportunities as part of the Google exploreCSR award. On 5 July 2024, they will celebrate the next edition, with a panel of inspiring STEM role models who work in consulting, followed by a Q&A session, time to network over coffee as well as coaching options, held from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Galileo Garching. All FINTA students as well as doctoral candidates and post-docs at TUM are invited. Registration is required.

<https://www.eventbrite.de/e/women-in-stem-round-table-tum-edition-4-consulting-tickets-917257420637>

### **Bioengineering Day 2024 & Science Slam on 19 July**

Join the Bioengineering Day 2024 on July 19 at the Munich Institute of Biomedical Engineering (MIBE). This event is a unique opportunity to experience the groundbreaking research of our Integrative Research Institute in six Science Slams. You can expect to gain fascinating insights into the world of science, medicine, and bioengineering. Registration is required, so be sure to secure your spot and join us in cheering on our slammers!

<https://www.bioengineering.tum.de/bioengineering-day-2024>

## **Mental Health Day at the TUM Institute for LifeLong Learning on 10 October**

On that day everything centers around the topic of mental health. What evidence-based approaches can increase your mental health and well-being? What practical tools can help you stay mentally strong? These and other questions will be answered in numerous short virtual lectures and workshops.

[www.tum.de/mental-health-day](http://www.tum.de/mental-health-day)  
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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