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Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you're enjoying the summer season. In this newsletter, we've gathered a selection of informative events, valuable opportunities, and inspiring insights for you.

We're excited to share a special edition of our interview series "[Looking Behind the Doctorate](#)". For the first time, we feature two brothers, Christian Grashei and Dr. Martin Grashei, who are at different academic stages at TUM. They offer unique and motivating perspectives on their academic journeys.

As part of the [Attract2HM](#) project, we offer personalized career coaching sessions to support your path toward a professorship at a University of Applied Sciences (UAS). Take advantage of this opportunity to plan your next steps with expert guidance.

Are you in the second half of your doctoral journey at TUM and looking for support, advice, or motivation to successfully complete your journey? Join our upcoming online info event "[Halfway There – On the home stretch to success](#)" on 16 July at 1:00 p.m.

In our [TUM Graduate Council section](#), the upcoming University Elections are announced, as well as the doctoral candidate Henry Winner, who wants to represent the interests of doctoral candidates in the TUM Senate.

In the [Internationalization section](#), we're pleased to open the webinar "Introduction to German Copyright," which is part of our Onboarding Program for international doctoral candidates, to all interested in exploring this important topic.

Last but not least, we compiled further interesting events and calls for you in the [TUM & Co](#) section.



GOOD TO KNOW:

Yearly data confirmation in DocGS

According to § 5 (3) of the TUM Graduate School statute, doctoral candidates must update their data once a year. This year's data confirmation period will start **on 1 September and end on 13 October 2025**. During this period, doctoral candidates are required to complete the respective form in DocGS, and their respective supervisors have to confirm the information provided by the doctoral candidates.

Looking Behind the Doctorate - Brothers on a Doctoral Journey at TUM

Get to know Christian Grashei and Dr. Martin Grashei! Christian is a doctoral candidate at the Schöffler Lab for Computational Pathology (CIT/MH), and Martin is working as a postdoctoral researcher at the Schilling Lab at Rechts der Isar TUM hospital. The two brothers share what motivates them in their research areas, how they ended up in their current positions at TUM, and if their decision to do a doctorate had an influence on their relationship.



Interview with Christian and Martin Grashei
(Photo: TUM-GS)

Learn more about Christian and Martin Grashei and their research in [our interview on LinkedIn](#).

[Read the article](#)

Career coaching: Becoming a professor at a University of Applied Sciences

Are you considering a professorship at a University of Applied Sciences (UAS)? As part of the Attract2HM project, funded by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR), we offer free, personalized career coaching to doctoral candidates to support their professional development.

Topics could be:

- The development of your personal profile, your talents, knowledge, and skills
- Applying for a position as a professor at a UAS and the required qualifications
- Optimising your CV and your application documents
- Strategies for preparing for trial teaching and negotiations



Notebook with the phrase "career counseling"
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Depending on individual requirements and concerns, a maximum of five 60-minute online meetings is possible. Please note: for a professorship at a UAS, you need German language skills of at least C1. The coaching is therefore also only offered in German.

To apply, please send a short motivation letter (up to half a page long) by email to dagna.zinkhahn@tum.de.

[Register here](#)

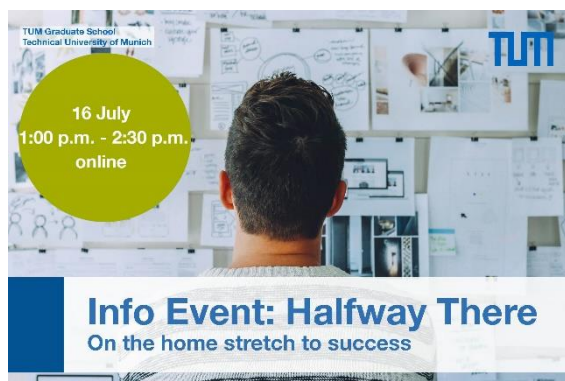
Info Event “Halfway There” on 16 July

Are you progressing with your doctorate and seeking support, guidance, and inspiration to navigate the final stages? Join our online info event, “Halfway There – On the Home Stretch to Success.” We’ll guide you through the mandatory components of your doctorate, provide an overview of the thesis submission timeline, talk about the publishing process and how to publish your thesis, and present tailored course options that may be beneficial during the latter part of your doctoral journey. Among others, we will be covering the following topics:

- 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

The next info event will be online on Wednesday, 16 July, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please register online by 15 July. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants shortly before the event. The event will be held in English.

[Sign up](#)



Person looking at a clipboard
(Photo: TUM-GS/Pexels)

Graduate Council

University Elections: Vote from 8 to 12 July via TUMonline

The University Elections will take place from 8 to 12 July and are conducted online via TUMonline. All registered students and employees of TUM are eligible to vote. Employees can access the "University Elections" application through their TUMonline business card, under the category "Teaching & Research." Students (and doctoral candidates) will find the application on their TUMonline desktop, listed under "Studies & Courses."

Please note: While the speakers of the Graduate Council are part of the TUM Senate, they do not hold voting rights. However, any fully elected member of the Senate (including doctoral candidates) does have full voting rights.

Vote for the Doctoral Candidate Henry Winner!

The TUM Graduate Council presents Henry Winner as a candidate for the TUM Senate and Board of Trustees. As a doctoral candidate himself, Henry is committed to ensuring that the voices of doctoral researchers are heard where it matters most.

His campaign advocates for stronger representation of doctoral candidates by one of their own, greater transparency in how resources are distributed across the university, and improved opportunities for career development throughout the doctoral journey.



Advertising poster of Henry Winner (Photo: TUM-GC)

Internationalization

Webinar: Introduction to German copyright

We invite all TUM doctoral candidates to our “Introduction to German Copyright” webinar. In this session, doctoral candidates will learn everything about German copyright law relevant to their role as lecturers and authors. Find out what doctoral candidates must consider when using copyrighted material from others, such as pictures or charts. Additionally, participants will familiarize themselves with the rights concerning their work and how to make it available for reuse through Creative Commons licenses. The webinar, held by publishing experts from the TUM University Library, provides doctoral candidates with essential knowledge of German copyright regulations and features a Q&A session to address their specific concerns.



Copyright text on a typewriter
(Photo: “Dzmitry” - Adobe Stock)

The webinar will be in English on Tuesday, 15 July 2025, 01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please register via the wiki form.

[Register here](#)

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How to TUMFIS: The Essential Course on TUM’s Research Information System

Gain hands-on insights into the key features of TUMFIS, the central portal and showcase for research performance at TUM. Learn how to manage and present your research activities, projects, and publications – ideal for newcomers or as a refresher. The one-hour webinars will take place in July, August, and September 2025. [More information & registration](#)

Register now: Webinar “From Doctorate to Industry”

What are the career prospects? How do you get started? In this series, successful TUM Alumni present their job description and career paths online and answer questions from participants. The first event takes place on 22 July at 6 p.m. with TUM Alumna Deepika Malhotra (Program Manager at Adidas). <https://www.community.tum.de/veranstaltungen/?start-date=&end-date=&q=From+Doctorate>

Call for Application: Apple Scholars in AI/ML PhD Fellowship 2025

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 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 by 1 August 2025. <https://www.gs.tum.de/gs/singleview/article/apple-scholars-in-ai-ml-2026-call-for-applications/>

Call for Application: Future-IoT Summer School in Scharbeutz

Participate in the 7th Future IoT Summer School from 20 August to 26 August, 2025, in Scharbeutz, Germany (with hybrid options) to explore how to build secure, resilient, and sustainable digital infrastructures. This year’s theme, Secure Smart Regions, dives into the critical systems behind smart

cities, trustworthy AI, and cyber-physical resilience. Engage in hands-on projects, learn from top experts, and collaborate across disciplines in a unique coastal setting.
<https://school.future-iot.org/>

Call for Application: Innovators Connect Tandem 2025

Are you a young researcher or early-stage start-up founder in Germany with a passion for innovation and international collaboration? Join a two-week immersion program in India (10 November until 20 November 2025) to co-create solutions with peers from Germany and India through expert sessions, design thinking, and real-world networking. This unique opportunity supports your journey from lab to market while expanding your global innovation network.

Application deadline: 13 July 2025

<https://www.dwih-newdelhi.org/en/event/innovators-connect-tandem-2025/>

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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