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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.

First, we're thrilled to announce the first [TUM Doctoral Day](#) on Friday, 27 September. You can look forward to an inspiring keynote, hands-on workshops for your successful doctorate, and a panel discussion on diverse career paths after the doctorate. In the evening, the [TUM Graduate Council](#) invites you to the legendary networking event [TUMblue](#) under the motto "Let your research glow!" Make sure to mark the date in your calendars – registration opens on 19 August.

Are you at the beginning of your doctoral journey and haven't yet participated in our [Kick-Off Seminars](#)? Registration for the upcoming dates until December 2024 opens today at noon!

Our [Transferable Skills Training](#) is a great opportunity to refine your skill set or gain guidance for your next career steps. The program for this winter semester offers over 70 tailored courses, ensuring that you find the right fit for your needs.

Are you new at TUM and in Germany and seeking orientation, new connections, and tools to master your doctoral journey? Sign up for our new [onboarding program designed for international doctoral candidates](#) – including intercultural training and coaching sessions, a project management workshop, and countless networking opportunities.

TUM-GS News

Save the date and be part of the first TUM Doctoral Day on 27 September!

A whole day and night dedicated to doctoral candidates: On 27 September, the university-wide TUM Doctoral Day will take place for the first time, with an inspiring keynote, workshops, and a panel discussion. In the evening, the TUM Graduate Council invites you to [TUMblue](#), the legendary networking event for doctoral candidates.

The TUM Doctoral Day (2:00-6:00 p.m.) provides a colorful program that covers a wide variety of topics, showcasing the many different paths and opportunities for doctoral candidates.

After an opening keynote by [Prof. Dr. Alena Buyx](#), there will be opportunities to exchange with the Graduate Centers, compact workshops for your successful doctorate, and a panel discussion on various career paths beyond academia. Join us and benefit from expert insights and helpful tips to make the most out of your doctoral experience! You can register for the TUM Doctoral Day and TUMblue starting from 19 August via DocGS.



TUM Doctoral Day & TUMblue on 27 September 2024.

(Photos: Andreas Heddergott/TUM & GC)

[Learn more](#)

Registration for Kick-Off Seminars opens today at 12 p.m.!

Today at noon, our [TUM-GS Kick-Off Seminars](#) until December 2024 will be open for registration. Please have a look at [our website](#) for more information and the upcoming dates.

What awaits you at the TUM-GS Kick-Off Seminar? In three days, you will receive important information about doctoral research as well as an introduction to Good Scientific Practice. Additionally, there will be numerous opportunities for networking through activities such as a guided Walk & Talk and a custom-designed Escape Game.



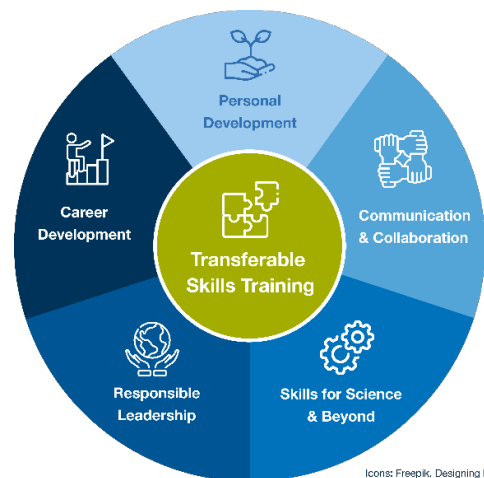
Impression from our Kick-Off Seminar.
(Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

You will spend three days with around 100 doctoral candidates from all disciplines in the beautiful setting of an old monastery, the TUM Science & Study Center Raitenhaslach. A gentle reminder: The Kick-Off Seminar is a mandatory part of your doctorate. To get the most out of it, we advise you to take part in the first phase of your doctorate.

Kick-Off Seminars

Transferable Skills Training: Discover our new course program

Make the most of the semester break by planning ahead and reflecting on your skills and career goals. What better way to do this than participating in our [Transferable Skills Training Program](#)? You can now check out the complete course program for the upcoming winter semester on [our website](#). Our courses now come in five new categories, making finding the best course options easier for you. Starting on 14 August, you can already register for some courses via DocGS - such as "[Systemisches Toolkit für angehende Führungskräfte](#)." Seize this opportunity to gain valuable insights and enhance your skill set! If you want to stay tuned for free spots and course highlights, sign up for our special [Transferable Skills Training newsletter](#).



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The transferable skills training now comes in 5 new course categories. (Image: TUM-GS)

Course Program

Reminder: Take part in our survey to improve our course offerings

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 until 9 August, 12 p.m. All TUM doctoral candidates can participate, regardless the number of visited courses. Thank you!

Survey

Graduate Council

TUMblue on 27 September: Get together and let your research glow! 🌟

On 27 September, the whole doctoral community at TUM is invited to a legendary get-together: **TUMblue**, organized by the TUM Graduate Council, celebrates you, our doctoral candidates.

Under the motto "Illuminate the Horizon: Let your research glow!" the GC organizes a rich program, including a science communication competition, live music, and a DJ set. In addition, you can look forward to free drinks and delicious food options (free for the first 1,000 attendees).

Doctoral candidates from all fields and backgrounds are welcome to join this remarkable gathering. Whether you are just beginning your doctoral journey or are close to reaching the finish line, this event is for you!

Mark your calendar and make sure to register starting from 19 August. The Graduate Council can't wait to see you there!

[Learn more](#)



TUMblue 2024 - Let your research glow!
(Poster: Stuart Daniel James & Photoshop Generative AI)

Internationalization

Join our onboarding program for international doctoral candidates!

Are you new to TUM and Germany? Save your spot in the new **TUM-GS Onboarding Program** for international doctoral candidates to kick-start your TUM doctoral journey! Set to take place in November and December 2024, this program supports your successful and enriching doctoral experience at TUM. The onboarding consists of four program elements:

- **Orientation Day:** Familiarize yourself with essential do's & don'ts for your doctorate, learn about TUM and its resources.
- **Intercultural Training:** Gain intercultural competence and awareness.
- **Workshop "How to manage your doctoral project":** Enhance your project management skills in the context of the German academic system.
- **Webinar:** Essentials of German copyright regulations for your doctorate.

Receive hands-on tips and support from experts while connecting with fellow doctoral candidates from around the world. Visit our [website for the full program](#), all dates, and eligibility criteria. Registration is now open until 1 October 2024.

[Register](#)



Doctoral candidates at our kick-off seminar.
(Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

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TUM PREP Call for Project Proposals

In the framework of the Practical Research Experience Program (TUM PREP), each summer, TUM invites excellent students from select North American universities and the Imperial College London to spend a research stay at TUM. TUM professors, research assistants and doctoral candidates have the opportunity to integrate excellent bachelor and master's students from those selected partner universities into their research projects for two months. Be part of TUM PREP 2025 and submit short descriptions for your project ideas by August 25, 2024.

<https://collab.dvb.bayern/x/NpkqB>

Open Day Campus Garching on 3 October 2024

Come to the Garching research campus and experience science in lectures, hands-on activities, guided tours and much more. Whether young or old, there are numerous activities for every one on this day: students, staff and external guests. In addition to TUM, many other research institutions such as the Max Planck and Fraunhofer Institutes will be taking part in the day of action.

<https://www.tum.de/en/news-and-events/events/open-day-garching>

Data Steward Training – Apply by 31 August 2024

Become a Data Steward and support your department with sustainable research data management (RDM)! In the Data Steward Training of TUM Research Data Hub, TUM researchers will gain in-depth knowledge of the research data infrastructure and develop solutions for subject – as well as project-specific RDM requirements. Experts from the University Library will guide you through the training in five on-site sessions during the winter semester 2024/25. Apply for the Data Steward Training by 31 August 2024.

<https://web.tum.de/en/researchdata/training/data-steward-training/>

Global Bioeconomy Alliance Conference – 30 September – 4 October 2024

The 2024 Global Bioeconomy Alliance Conference “Key Technologies in the Bioeconomy 2024”, hosted by Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP), aims to stimulate conversation around global challenges and solutions to shape the future of bioeconomy, regionally and internationally. The conference will take place in Brazil.

<https://www2.unesp.br/porta#!/arex/gba/2024>

The Global Bioeconomy Alliance e.V. supports young researchers (late stage doctoral candidates or successful defense of doctoral thesis after 31 July 2017 and no permanent academic position) by providing travel grants of up to € 2,500. You can apply for the grant until 12 August 2024 by sending an abstract of your talk or poster and a short CV to ktb2024@bioeconomy.world.

Heinrich Wieland Prize Award Symposium

The Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation and the Board of Trustees cordially invite you to celebrate 60 years of scientific breakthroughs and the 2024 Heinrich Wieland Prize honoring Professor Benjamin F. Cravatt III, PhD, as 2024 Laureate for his groundbreaking contributions to the development and application of methods for the functional annotation of enzymes. In addition to featuring scientific talks, junior scientists will have the possibility to present their research during a poster session or get the opportunity to give a 2-minute flash talk about their work. The symposium and award ceremony will take place at Nymphenburg Palace in Munich on 24 October 2024, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

<https://www.heinrich-wieland-prize.de/award-symposium/id-2024.html>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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