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## Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

The **TUM Doctoral Day** on 27 September is already in sight, and places are filling up fast. Register now and get inspired by our opening keynote with Prof. Dr. Alena Buyx or our panel discussion on various career paths after the doctorate! In addition, the doors of the TUM-GS are already open for a **walk-in consultation** before the start of the TUM Doctoral Day at 2:00 p.m. - our Welcome Office will be happy to advise you on general topics, or we will help you complete your application for refund of your international stay.

On the evening of 27 September, the **TUM Graduate Council** invites you to the legendary networking event **TUMblue** under the motto "Illuminate the Horizon: Let your research glow!" At TUMblue, the stage is yours: you are invited to showcase your creative talent and share your passion for research at the **TUMblue Science Communication Competition**.

You have recently started your doctorate and would like to connect with peers while learning about the history and culture of Bavaria? Join our **Welcome@TUM-GS Event Program** and explore Munich's old town on 14 September with us.

We've also included a gentle reminder for your **annual data confirmation** in DocGS. Best do it right away and have it out of your mind!

PS: We've recently reached an incredible milestone: **10,000 doctoral candidates at TUM!** We've had the pleasure to talk with our 10,000th doctoral candidate, Tabea Kaiser, and her supervisor, Prof. Dr. Carina de Oliveira Mann, about the first steps of the doctoral journey – learn more in our **special interview!**

## TUM-GS News

### Save your spot for the TUM Doctoral Day on 27 September!

Places for the **TUM Doctoral Day** on 27 September are filling up fast! You can still save your spot for our opening keynote at 2:00 p.m. by **Prof. Dr. Alena Buyx** on the topic "Science in the Spotlight: Embracing the Public Discourse." The renowned medical ethicist and former Chair of the German Ethics Council will share her insights on effectively communicating science and delve into researchers' responsibilities in engaging with public discourse.

At 5 p.m. we invite you to the panel discussion "What's next? Diverse careers after the doctorate." We will take a look at unconventional and niche career paths, highlighting that there is no "one-size-fits-all" career advice for doctoral candidates. Our panelists, who are experts in their respective fields, will share their personal experiences, insights, and advice on finding fulfilling, challenging, and rewarding work. In the evening, the TUM Graduate Council invites you to **TUMblue**, the legendary networking event for doctoral candidates. Find the **full program** on our website and register **via DocGS**.

[Learn more](#)



TUM Doctoral Day & TUMblue on 27 September 2024.  
(Photos: Andreas Heddergott/TUM & GC)

## Let's explore Munich's old town on 14 September!

New in town? Then join us on 14 September, 10 a.m., for our **Munich Old Town Tour**. This is the perfect opportunity for you to explore the city and connect with your peers. During the guided walking tour in English, we will stroll through the city and learn more about the former historical hotspots of the Bavarian capital. After the tour – weather permitting – we will rest at a Biergarten nearby and enjoy some drinks and food together. The tour is part of the **Welcome@TUM-GS Program**, which is aimed at TUM doctoral candidates who started their doctorate within the last 12 months. Save your spot now via **email**. TUM-GS will cover the costs for the tour.



Cityscape of Munich  
(Photo: Adobe Stock/Alberto Masnovo)

Join us!

## Reminder: Your annual data confirmation in DocGS

The annual data confirmation („Datenaktualisierung“) has started on 1 September and ends on 15 October. As soon as you have confirmed your data in DocGS, your supervisor will automatically be asked to confirm the data as well.

Only if both parties confirm the data before the deadline on 15 October, your membership will continue regularly. All candidates have already been notified via the email address provided in DocGS. Therefore, please check your mailbox (and remind your colleagues).



Don't forget the annual data confirmation! (Photo: Pexels)

## Graduate Council

### Science Communication Competition at TUMblue: Win an attractive prize!

You're a doctoral candidate at **TUMblue** with a passion for science and a flair for communication? Illuminate the Horizon and let your research glow at TUMblue's Science Communication Competition: Show an amazing audience of peers what you are working on for your dissertation! Three minutes to convey a message – and three rules:

1. Be creative!
2. Be entertaining!
3. a) Anything that you can carry on stage is allowed! 3b) No PowerPoint!



The stage is yours! (Photo: Unsplash)

Compete for a grand prize worth over 100€ and showcase your research in a fun, engaging way. Sign up now by sending your pitch title and contact info **via email**.

Sign up

## 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 (GC), 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 via DocGS**. The Graduate Council can't wait to see you there!



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

[Register](#)

## New TUM Graduate Council Position Paper on planned WissZeitVG amendment

The TUM Graduate Council (GC) has voiced concerns over proposed changes to the Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz (WissZeitVG) in their current [position paper](#). The proposals resolved by the elected doctoral representatives at TUM relate to the length and scope of contracts for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers. To learn more about the GC's stance and the impact of these changes, read the full position paper on the [GC website](#). Don't miss out on this crucial discussion that could shape the future of the German academic sector!

[Contact](#)

## Internationalization

### Visit us for walk-in counseling on 27 September

On the TUM Doctoral Day, the doors of the TUM Graduate School management office are also open to you for walk-in consultations on a wide range of topics. Our colleague Amelie (Haindl) from the Welcome Office will gladly help you with any questions about visa, residence permits, legal and administrative procedures after arrival at TUM or general advice on the doctoral process. We are also happy to help doctoral candidates who have recently come back from an international research stay or conference with financial support from the TUM-GS. Bring your documents and receipts to check with our colleague Mo (Zhang) to find out whether there is anything missing or if you are ready for your refund.



Our office building at TUM campus Garching-Forschungszentrum  
(Photo: Astrid Eckert/TUM)

Stop by our office at Boltzmannstr. 17, 2nd floor at TUM campus Garching-Forschungszentrum between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on 27 September to resolve your questions in person. No registration is required. But of course, we are always available to answer your questions by email/phone outside of this period.

Contact

### **Extended deadline: Onboarding program for international candidates**

Are you new to TUM and Germany? Join the [TUM-GS Onboarding Program](#) for international doctoral candidates this November and December 2024 to kick-start your doctoral journey. The program includes an orientation day to familiarize you with TUM, an intercultural training to build intercultural competence and awareness, a workshop on managing your doctoral project, and a webinar on German copyright regulations. Connect with experts and fellow candidates from around the world. Registration is open until 15 October 2024. Visit our [website for full details](#).

Register

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## TUM & Co.

### **Data Steward Training: 3 Places Remaining – Enroll Now!**

The University Library extended the application deadline for the Data Steward Training until 15 September 2024! In the TUM Research Data Hub training, TUM scientists gain in-depth knowledge of the research data infrastructure and will be able to develop project-specific data management solutions. Experts will guide you through five on-site sessions in the winter semester of 2024/25. Secure your spot: Apply for the final three places to transform into a Data Steward!

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

### **Stanford x TUM Venture Labs Workshop on 8 October: Digital Health Innovation and Biodesign**

This workshop is aimed at computer science professionals, doctoral candidates and Master's students in the field who have already gained experience in or are interested in healthcare. It is a unique opportunity to learn more about the development approaches of the Stanford Byers Center for Biodesign and to explore future collaboration opportunities.

If you are interested, please send your resume and a brief overview of your motivation and experience in software development to [healthcare@tum-venture-labs.de](mailto:healthcare@tum-venture-labs.de). Please use "Stanford workshop" in the subject line of the email. The application deadline is this Friday, 6 September. The workshop takes place on 8 October at TranslaTUM, Einsteinstr. 25 in Munich.

### **Call for applications: IGP Winter School 2024 in India**

The Winter School under the theme "From Policy to Practice: Innovative Pathways to Sustainable Environmental Services in the Global South" is open to TUM Master's students and doctoral candidates and includes a ten-day trip to India (5-15 December 2024), where participants will explore transformative approaches to link policy and practical implementation of sustainable environmental services in a world of climate change.

Participants will benefit from a unique combination of theoretical learning and practical field research that will provide them with valuable insights into specific challenges as well as tailored solutions to pressing environmental problems in the Global South. IGP Winter School participants will receive an IGP Mobility Grant to support their travel and accommodation expenses. The application deadline for the IGP Winter School is 15 September 2024. In case of any queries, you can reach out to [igp@tum.de](mailto:igp@tum.de).

[www.international.tum.de/en/global/indo-german-partnership/#c14691](http://www.international.tum.de/en/global/indo-german-partnership/#c14691)

### **Unterstützung für die KinderUni München gesucht**

Die KinderUni München kommt im Wintersemester 2024/25 wieder an die TUM – mit 5 Vorlesungen für Kinder und einer Exkursion in die KI.Fabrik Bayern (alle Termine Freitagnachmittags). Hierfür sucht der Verein Kultur und Spielraum e.V. im Auftrag der Stadt München noch Studierende/Promovierende zum Mitarbeiten, z.B. bei der Anmeldung oder dem Begleiten der Kinder in die Vorlesung. Interessierte können sich einfach per Mail melden: [kinderuni@kulturundspielraum.de](mailto:kinderuni@kulturundspielraum.de)  
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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