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Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you are doing well. We're excited to share the latest updates, events, and opportunities designed to enrich your doctoral journey.

The [TUM Doctoral Day](#) is just around the corner, and Friday, 19 September, is already in sight. So don't forget to register for our program centered around the topic of collaboration. Don't miss this chance to connect, exchange ideas, and expand your horizons.

We are happy to share another episode of our interview series "[Looking Behind the Doctorate](#)" with Adrian Wenzel, who was the fastest doctoral candidate at this year's TUM Campus Run in May. Discover what drives his passion for research and running.

Are you an international doctoral candidate and new to Munich? Then, we have the perfect event for you: On Saturday, 20 September, we invite you to our guided tour through Munich as part of our [Welcome@TUM-GS Program](#). Join us, learn more about Munich and its history, and meet fellow international doctoral candidates.

We are already counting days until [TUMblue 2025](#), which is organized by the [TUM Graduate Council](#). Register now for the legendary networking event that follows the Doctoral Day on 19 September, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Would you like to be part of a science communication contest? Then, sign up for TUMblue ShowOff and pitch your research in 3 minutes. To register, please send an email to the TUM Graduate Council.

Another important organizational information: Elections for doctoral candidate representatives are coming up, as well as speaker elections in December!

In the [Internationalization section](#), we would like to draw attention to EuroTeQ and point out how doctoral candidates can get involved in this intra-European cooperation in higher education.

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



GOOD TO KNOW:


Reminder: Annual data confirmation in DocGS

This year's data confirmation period has started on **1 September and will end on 15 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. Please make sure to verify your data in time and remind your colleagues as well.

Save your spot for the TUM Doctoral Day on 19 September!

The countdown is on! The second TUM Doctoral Day is almost here, and only a few places are still available. Don't miss your chance to be part of this special event designed exclusively for TUM doctoral candidates.

 **When?** Friday, 19 September | 2 to 6 p.m.

 **Where?** TUM Main Campus (Theresienstr. 90 / Arcisstr. 21)

The program includes a keynote on “Creating Positive Impact Through Collaboration”, networking opportunities during Coffee & Connect, interactive workshops tailored to different stages of your doctorate, and a panel discussion on collaboration in uncertain times.

Check out the [full program](#) on our website and register now – spots are filling fast!

[Register here](#)



Doctoral candidates during the TUM Doctoral Day 2024
(Photo: TUM-GS)

Looking Behind the Doctorate – Campus Run Special with Adrian Wenzel

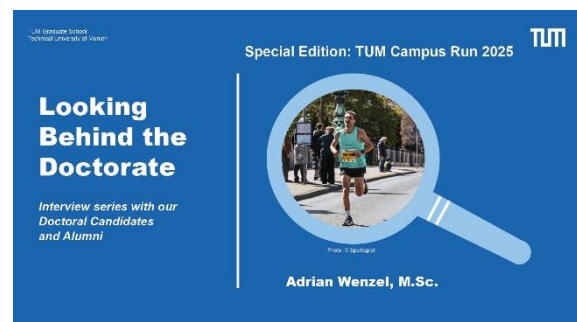
In this special edition of [Looking Behind the Doctorate](#), we feature Adrian Wenzel, doctoral candidate at the Associate Professorship of Environmental Sensing and Modeling (CIT) and the fastest doctoral runner at this year's TUM Campus Run in May.

We spoke with Adrian about what drives him, both in running and research. He shared insights into his work, his experiences abroad, and how determination plays a key role in both fields:

“Determination and goal-setting are key aspects in both running and research. Progress often comes in small steps – you might not notice it day to day, but it becomes evident during a race or when you meet a research milestone.”

Discover more about Adrian's journey and what keeps him moving — on the track and in the lab.

[Read the article](#)



Interview with Adrian Wenzel
(Photo: TUM-GS/ Adrian Wenzel / Sportograf)

Welcome @TUM-GS Program: Munich City Tour

Are you new in town? Then join us on 20 September, 10 a.m., for our Munich City tour. This is the perfect opportunity for you to explore the city and connect with your peers. Join us as we walk through the center, led by a guide whose knowledge is as vast as the history of this city. 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 by registering via [email](#). TUM-GS will cover the costs for the tour.

[Sign up](#)



Munich Old Town
(Photo: Unsplash/ Daniel Schmidt)

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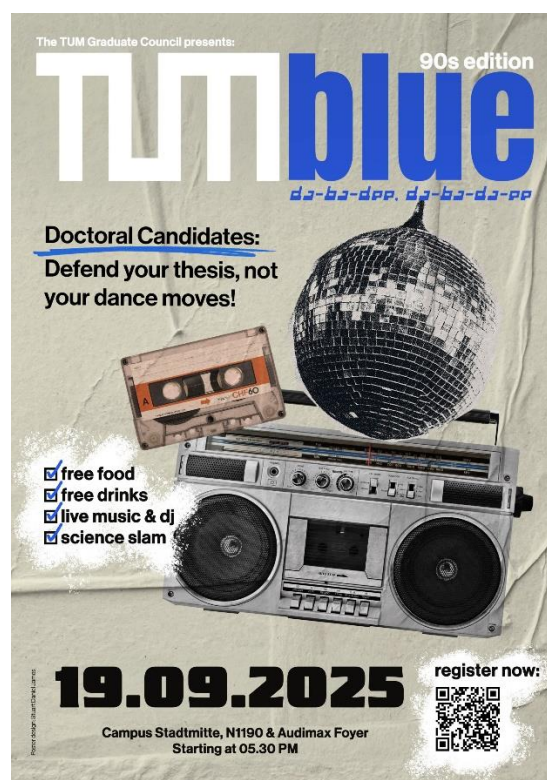
Defend your thesis, not your dance moves – TUMblue 2025

After an inspiring afternoon at the TUM Doctoral Day, the evening on 19 September continues with TUMblue, the iconic networking event hosted by the TUM Graduate Council. From 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., the TUM Main Campus becomes the stage for a night dedicated to the doctoral community – full of celebration, exchange, and entertainment.

This year's theme, "TUMblue da ba dee da ba di – Defend your thesis, not your dance moves," invites you to enjoy a vibrant mix of science and fun. Dive into the excitement with a science communication competition, live acts, and interactive challenges at the DocRepGames Fair. As the night unfolds, the DJ stage will keep the energy high and the dance floor moving. Whether you're looking to meet fellow researchers, showcase your creativity, or simply unwind after a day of academic inspiration, TUMblue is the place to be.

Don't miss out – register now and be part of the celebration! Plus, the first 500 guests will receive food vouchers and free drinks – so register now via DocGS and join us for an unforgettable night.

[Register here](#)



TUMblue poster
(Photo: TUM-GC/ Stuart Daniel James)

Reminder: Sign up for TUMblue's ShowOff 2025!

You got a fascinating research topic and a flair for storytelling? Then the TUMblue ShowOff is your chance to shine! This fast-paced science communication contest gives you just 3 minutes to present your research – no slides, just your ideas, energy, and any props you can carry on stage.

Doctoral candidates from all TUM Schools will compete to see who can explain their science most clearly, creatively, and convincingly. The audience is curious, the atmosphere is supportive, and the prize? A fantastic reward and bragging rights for your Graduate Center.

Whether you're in it to win or just want to cheer on your peers, TUMblue ShowOff promises excitement, inspiration, and a celebration of research in action.

Ready to ShowOff? Don't wait, and contact the TUM Graduate Council via gc-tumblue@gs.tum.de to sign up or ask questions. Spots are limited!



Microphone on a stage
(Photo: Unsplash/ Kane Reinholdtsen)

[Sign up](#)

Elections for doctoral candidate representatives are coming up!

Are you interested in being on a team of motivated doctoral candidate representatives aiming to improve conditions, as well as organizing networking events? Please contact your Graduate Center and/or school representatives for further information and appropriate forms. If not indicated otherwise, the application deadline is 7 September 2025. We have summarized the relevant information and contact possibilities for each Graduate Center in our [website news](#).

You want to take it a step further and aim to be a speaker? Contact us about detailed application process and further questions directly: gc-speakers@gs.tum.de and gc-assistants@gs.tum.de

Internationalization

EuroTeQ – Offer your own course or participate in the EuroTeQ Collider!

Have you heard of EuroTeQ? Emerged out of the EuroTech Universities Alliance, EuroTeQ Engineering University brings together nine leading European institutions – including TUM – to foster innovative, cross-border collaboration in higher education. The alliance includes the Technical University of Denmark, Eindhoven University of Technology, École Polytechnique, Czech Technical University in Prague, Tallinn University of Technology, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, HEC Paris, and IESE Business School Barcelona. Until 8 September, you can sign up for one of the last spots for the EuroTeQ Course Catalogue 2025/2026.



EuroTeQ Engineering University
(Photo: EuroTeQ)

What else can doctoral candidates do? TUM lecturers also have the chance to offer their courses to students across the EuroTeQ network in a forward-thinking format. To learn more, join the [online info session](#) hosted by the EuroTeQ team on 10 October at 10 a.m.! Another exciting opportunity is the EuroTeQ Collider. By submitting a challenge, you can co-learn and facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration with a diverse group of learners, all while contributing to sustainable futures through innovative formats.

[Learn more](#)

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PerspektivePlus – Kick-off Event on 21 October

The Staff Unit Diversity and Inclusion at TUM started a new support program for students and doctoral candidates with (severe) disabilities and/or impairments and/or chronic illnesses. The program (in cooperation with Allianz) supports you in actively shaping your professional future with concrete offers, valuable contacts, and individual support. Sign up for the kick-off event on Tuesday, 21 October via the website. Please note that the event is held in German and the information on the website is only in German.

<https://www.zv.tum.de/diversity/stabsstelle-diversity-inclusion/diversity-inclusion/perspektiveplus/>

HEF AgriScience Symposium – AI in agriculture: potential and future

On Thursday, 18 September, the HEF AgriScience Symposium at Weihenstephan Campus takes place. Have you ever asked yourself: How can artificial intelligence help make agriculture more resource-efficient and sustainable? Learn more about the answer to this question in the event and hear about the latest developments and applications from research and practice. The language of the symposium is German.

<https://www.hef.tum.de/hef/aktuelles/veranstaltungen/hef-agrarwissenschaftliches-symposium/>

Call for Application: Studienstiftung Doctoral Scholarship Program

The Studienstiftung is Germany's oldest and largest network for promoting gifted students in Germany. It is politically, religiously, and ideologically independent. Applications for doctoral funding from the foundation can be submitted at any time. For those interested, the Studienstiftung offers a digital information evening twice a year. The next session will take place on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

<https://www.gs.tum.de/en/gs/singleview-en/article/neue-rahmenbedingungen-der-studienstiftung-promotionsfoerderung/>

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

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