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## Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you are doing well and you are ready for the start of the winter semester 2024/25! We've prepared a great selection of events, offers, and calls, so let's jump in!

First, we invite you to our info events at TUM-GS concerning the possibilities of [becoming a professor at the University of Applied Sciences](#) and our next virtual meet-up for [First Generation Academics](#). Furthermore, we want to look back at our successful TUM Doctoral Day. Thanks to everyone who joined; it was a pleasure!

In the Graduate Council section, you'll find a recap of TUMblue and get to know the winner of the Science Communication Competition.

Are you thinking of going abroad during your doctorate? We are delighted to share that TUM has a new flagship partner: Nanyang Technological University Singapore (NTU Singapore). Check out our short-term and long-term mobility offers with NTU Singapore.

Are you an international doctoral candidate and new at TUM? Save the last spots in our onboarding program for new international doctoral candidates and sign up for our [Welcome@TUM-GS Program](#) in the winter semester 2024/25.

As always, we compiled further interesting events and calls for you in the [TUM & Co.](#) section.

## TUM-GS News

### Info event: Become a University of Applied Sciences Professor

Do you want to know more about what becoming a professor at a University of Applied Sciences entails? This event introduces the career option of a professorship at a University of Applied Sciences (UAS) and presents practical information for the appointment process. Amongst others, the event will address, the different university systems and changing landscape of UAS, as well as the requirements for a professorship at a UAS. **Prof. Dr. Matthias Huber** from the **Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt** will provide insights into the everyday life of a UAS professor and his personal path to this position.



Attract2HM Project  
(Photo: TUM-GS)

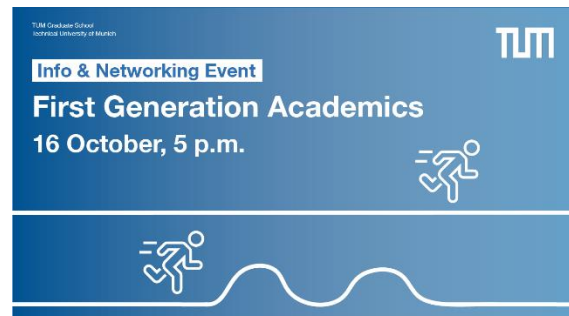
The event on **12 November 2024, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**, will take place in German. Registration opens in the middle of October.

Find out more

## Virtual Networking Event for First Generation Academics on 16 October!

Starting this winter semester, we offer a monthly virtual networking opportunity for doctoral candidates who are first generation academics. The meetings occur every third Wednesday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During the meetings, you have the opportunity to connect with your peers, ask practical questions (such as how to finance a doctorate), and learn more about the support available at TUM. The next meeting takes place on 16 October, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. To join, simply register by emailing Melanie Frank at [melanie.frank@tum.de](mailto:melanie.frank@tum.de).

Sign up



Two persons running with and without obstacles  
(Image: TUM-GS)

## Looking back at our Doctoral Day on 27 September:

27 September was an eventful day for those who participated in our very first TUM Doctoral Day. The day started with an engaging online keynote by Professor Alena Buyx on “Science in the Spotlight: Embracing the Public Discourse.” Afterward, during our Coffee and Connect session, the 200+ participants had the opportunity to network with their peers and meet representatives from their Graduate Centers. Next, our doctoral candidates participated and contributed to four diverse workshops on different stages of the doctorate, well-being and science communication. Before the transition to TUMblue in the evening, we concluded the day with an inspiring panel discussion titled “What’s Next? Diverse Careers After the Doctorate,” where our panelists shared valuable perspectives on their daily work, challenges, surprises, and what they love most about their chosen unconventional career paths.

Find out more



Audience at the TUM Doctoral Day  
(Image: TUM-GS)

## Welcome@TUM-GS Program

New in the city? Check out our new Welcome@TUM-GS Program for doctoral candidates who started their doctorate recently. We will kick off the winter semester 2024/25 program with a visit to the exhibition “Oskar Schindler – Lebemann und Lebensretter” on 13 October and learn about the Sudeten German entrepreneur Oskar Schindler (1908-1974) and his wife Emilie who saved 1,200 Jews from the Nazi extermination camps.

[Register now](#)



Museum sign  
(Image: Adobe Stock)

## Graduate Council

### TUMblue 2024 – A Night to Remember!

**TUMblue 2024 “Illuminate the Horizon: Let your research glow!”** was a great success! From inspiring science pitches in the Science Communication Competition to incredible live music, tasty food trucks, and an electrifying DJ set, the night was filled with energy and excitement. Doctoral candidates from across TUM came together to celebrate, network, and let their research glow. 🌟

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this event unforgettable. We can't wait to see you at the next TUMblue!



Party time at TUMblue! (Photo: Sonia Darvishi)

### Congratulations to Anastasia Asiedu!

A huge round of applause for Anastasia Asiedu, the winner of TUMblue's **Science Communication Competition**: “**Illuminate the Horizon: Let your research glow!**” With creativity, charisma, and a captivating pitch titled “The Art of Emotional Intelligence”, Anastasia splashed some paint and wowed the audience. Her outstanding communication skills earned her the top prize worth 100€! Thank you to all our participants for sharing their brilliant research and making this event unforgettable.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to showcase your work and shine at next year's TUMblue!



Participants of the Science Communication Competition  
(Photo: Sonia Darvishi)

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## Internationalization

### Joint Supervision Program with NTU Singapore

Next to Imperial College London, Tsinghua University, and the University of Queensland, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is TUM's newest flagship partner. This partnership strengthens TUM's cooperation with NTU and its global network in Southeast Asia. To encourage doctoral mobility and to foster international and cross-cultural networking, the TUM-GS and the NTU Graduate College have introduced different mobility schemes: for those of you who are interested in a research stay at NTU Singapore of 12 months or more, check out our TUM-NTU Joint Supervision Program. If you are more interested in short-term exchange, the one-week summer school "Global Fellows Program", jointly organized by Imperial College London, NTU Singapore, and TUM, might be better suited to your interests and availability. Visit [our website](#) to find out more about your exchange options with NTU Singapore!



TUM President Prof. Thomas F. Hofmann (left) and NTU President Prof. Ho Teck Hua agreed on the flagship partnership in Singapore. (Photo: NTU)

[Learn more](#)

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## TUM & Co.

### Mental Health Day on 10 October!

The TUM Institute for LifeLong Learning invites the TUM community to the TUM Mental Health Day on 10 October. Register now for the courses in German and English, addressing topics like stress perception, bio-hacking happiness, and many more. Check out the program and join the sessions.

[www.tum.de/mental-health-day](http://www.tum.de/mental-health-day)

### Call for Application: Roman Herzog Research Prize for the Social Market Economy

The Roman Herzog Institute annually awards the Roman Herzog Research Prize Social Market Economy, which is endowed with a total of € 35,000. The prize is awarded to three early career researchers from all disciplines who deal with the further development of the social market economy and future regulatory policy issues in their dissertations or post-doctoral theses. Find out more:

<https://www.romanherzoginstitut.de/forschungspreis.html>

### MunichKinder Uni is back at TUM with one lecture in English

The Munich KinderUni is back at TUM this winter semester! With science lectures and a field trip for children between the ages of 7 and 12 - and always with science from TUM. Topics will be space travel, nutrition and exercise, intelligent robots, agriculture, and global climate protection. There will be **one children's lecture in English** about how to fuel a rocket with water held by space expert Prof. Chiara Manfretti. Entrance is free. Registration starts on 1 October 2024. A number of tickets are reserved for TUM members' children. To register your child, please use your TUM e-mail address via <https://www.kinderuni-muenchen.de/> or call (0 89) 38 98 91 39.



**Call for Application: Fulbright Germany**

Young German researchers can apply to Fulbright Germany for a doctoral fellowship until 1 November 2024. Fulbright Germany funds four- to six-month research projects at a US university or research institution to be started between 1 August 2025 and 31 December 2025. The fellowship funds living expenses of €2,400/month, transatlantic travel and health/accident insurance. The Fulbright J-1 visa is free of charge and a lump sum of 300 euros is paid for other incidental costs. Get detailed information on the website: <https://fulbright.de/en>

**Promoting the exchange between Bavaria and France**

As part of its start-up funding, BayFrance supports the development of projects in research and teaching and the establishment and expansion of sustainable and long-term research cooperation between Bavarian and French universities and research institutions. This funding includes mobility grants for university teachers, post-docs, and doctoral candidates. The application deadline is 15 November 2024.

Learn more at <https://www.bayern-france.org/en/>

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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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