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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you had a great summer and are ready for the upcoming winter semester 2025/2026! In this newsletter edition, we have collected a great selection of events, offers, and calls.

On 23 October 2025 at 5 p.m., we invite you to our info event exploring the career path to a professorship at a University of Applied Sciences (UAS). Learn more about the unique aspects of the UAS system, application requirements, and hear first-hand insights from Professor Michael Heintz, who also shared his journey from attending our Attract2HM info event to becoming a professor at Hochschule München in a LinkedIn interview. His reflections offer valuable advice and inspiration for those considering a career as a UAS professor.

Our monthly online networking event for First-Generation Academics is back from its summer break, providing a space to connect, ask questions, and share experiences. The next session is scheduled for 15 October from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Join the TUM Graduate Council and actively shape university policy, gain leadership experience, and organize extraordinary events that contribute to the doctoral community!

Have you just returned from research stays and international conferences over the summer, and are looking for information on how to submit your refund application for the TUM-GS internationalization support? In the Internationalization section, we invite you to explore our TUM-GS wiki, a comprehensive resource for everything related to going abroad during your doctorate. The wiki offers clear guidance on mobility opportunities, application procedures, and answers to your most important questions about internationalization and reimbursement procedures at TUM Graduate School.

Last but not least, be sure to check out the interesting events and calls in the TUM & Co. section, such as the call for applications for the 75th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, which is still open until 15 October.



GOOD TO KNOW:

Yearly data confirmation in DocGS – confirmation period ends on 15 October 2025!

According to § 5 (3) of the TUM Graduate School statute, doctoral candidates are required to update their data annually. This year's data confirmation period started on 01 September and will end on 15 October 2025. During this period, doctoral candidates are required to complete the respective form in DocGS, and their supervisors must confirm the information provided by the doctoral candidates. If you haven't confirmed your data yet, make sure to do so by 15 October 2025 at the latest!

Info event: Become a University of Applied Sciences Professor

On Thursday, 23 October 2025, at 5:00 p.m., we will host an information event focusing on an exciting career option that many doctoral candidates may not yet have considered: a professorship at a University of Applied Sciences (UAS).

Discover more about the job profile and receive practical information and guidance on the application process. The event will cover topics such as the differences between the university system and the evolving UAS landscape, as well as the application requirements for a professorship at a UAS.

Professor Michael Heintl from the Hochschule München will share his personal journey to becoming a professor at a University of Applied Sciences and his experiences in this multifaceted profession.

Following the presentations, there will be ample time for questions and networking. Please note that the event will be held in German. This event is part of the ['Attract2HM'](#) project, which promotes the professional development of doctoral candidates aspiring to a UAS professorship.

[Register now](#)



UAS Information Event in March 2025
(Photo: TUM-GS)

Interview with Professor Heintl – His Way to a Professorship at a UAS

Back in 2022, Michael Heintl attended one of our Attract2HM information events as a doctoral candidate. Just three years later, we are proud to welcome him back – this time as a speaker. Since September 2024, he has held a professorship of Applied Cybersecurity at Hochschule München.

Ahead of our upcoming networking event, we spoke with Michael about his path to a professorship at a University of Applied Sciences (UAS). In our LinkedIn Q&A, he shares what inspired him along the way, the key decisions that shaped his career, and his advice for those aspiring to follow a similar route.

Whether you're just starting to consider a UAS professorship or actively preparing for one, his insights are not to be missed.

[Read the interview](#)



LinkedIn Interview with Professor Michael Heintl
(Photo: Alexander Ratzinger)

Virtual Networking Event for First-Generation Academics on 15 October

Did you know that we offer a monthly virtual networking opportunity for doctoral candidates who are First-Generation Academics? Our meetings take place every third Wednesday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During our sessions, 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 online meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 October, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To join, register by emailing Melanie Frank at melanie.frank@tum.de.

Sign up



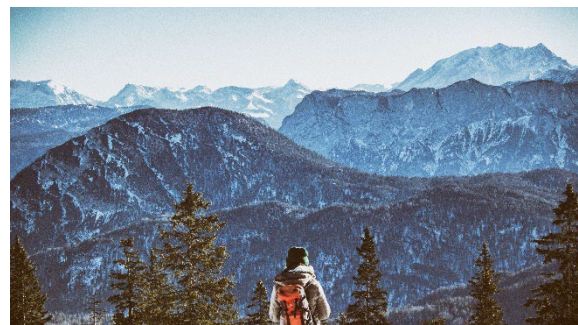
Two people running with and without obstacles
(Image: TUM-GS)

Welcome@TUM-GS Program

New in the city and at TUM? Join our [Welcome@TUM-GS Program](#) for doctoral candidates who have recently started their doctorate.

The first event in the winter semester 2025/26 takes us to the picturesque traditional Bavarian town of Rosenheim on Saturday, 25 October. Visit our website to explore our upcoming events and excursions for the winter semester 2025/26 and save your spot now!

Join now



Hiker enjoying Bavarian winter landscape
(Photo: Unsplash/Hanna Viellehner)

Graduate Council

Get involved in the Graduate Council

The TUM Graduate Council is the official representative body of all doctoral candidates at the TUM. Join the TUM Graduate Council (GC) as your Graduate Center's doctoral representative or as a member of the working groups! Get in touch with them at one of the GC meetings that are open to all TUM doctoral candidates, or if you want to stay informed on the latest developments of the TUM Graduate Council, contact them via the [online contact form](#) or send an email to the [Speakers of the TUM Graduate Council](#). For regular GC updates, you can also follow them on their Social Media accounts on LinkedIn or [Instagram](#).

Find out more



114th Graduate Council Meeting
(Photo: TUM GC)

Internationalization

Going Global with TUM-GS: Your Guide to International Mobility

In today's research landscape, international collaboration is more critical than ever. To thrive in this environment, developing cultural and global competencies is essential. One of the best ways to achieve this during your doctoral research is by participating in research stays or attending conferences abroad. To support this, we provide several funding opportunities to help doctoral candidates broaden their international experience.

To make the application and reimbursement process easier, we've launched a [wiki page dedicated to international mobility](#) support. This platform provides detailed guidance on how to apply, outlines funding amounts, eligibility criteria, and deadlines, and addresses the most frequently asked questions about reimbursement. You can access the page using your TUM-ID.



TUM doctoral candidates in Singapore
(Photo: Renata Kuutiero)

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Call for Application: Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings 2026

The 75th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting (Interdisciplinary) will take place from 28 June to 03 July 2026. More than 50 Nobel Laureates and about 600 highly talented young scientists from around the globe are invited to join a unique week of scientific exchange, inspiration, networking, lectures, and panel discussions. TUM doctoral candidates at the intersection of at least two Nobel disciplines (physics, chemistry, and physiology or medicine) or at the intersection of one Nobel discipline and another discipline from the social or natural sciences are invited to apply by 15 October 2025.

<https://www.gs.tum.de/gs/singleview/article/call-for-applications-lindau-nobel-laureate-meetings/>

Mental Health Action Days at TUM

On 09 and 10 October, the TUM Institute for LifeLong Learning is hosting a diverse selection of short online sessions centered on mental health. Each session lasts 90 minutes, and courses will be offered in both German and English. Participation is free of charge for all TUM employees.

<https://www.tum.de/en/lifelong-learning/all-employees/people-development/mental-health-day>

LIT Days – Literature, Information, Training

Join the LIT Days of the University Library on 08 and 09 October 2025 and refresh your skills in literature research, management, and citation.

<https://www.ub.tum.de/en/lit-days>

TUM English Coaching Program

The English Coaching Program at the TUM Language Center supports TUM doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers in enhancing their English writing and speaking skills. The program offers One-to-One Coaching for presentations, Interactive Editing for texts, and small group coaching.

During the semester breaks, the program offers group seminars on topics relevant to scientific and academic work, conducted in English.

<https://www.sprachenzentrum.tum.de/en/sz/languages/english/english-for-staff/>

Women in Data Science on 21 October

Discover the world of data science, a rapidly growing field shaping many areas of our daily lives, yet still marked by a significant gender gap. This one-day conference highlights the contributions and stories of women in data science, offering a platform to connect with the local Munich community. The goal is to promote greater inclusion and encourage more women to pursue careers in the field.

<https://www.tum.de/en/news-and-events/events/details/women-in-data-science-2025>

Call for Application: BayIND Scholarship

The Bavarian-Indian Centre for Business and University Cooperation (BayIND) fosters connections between Bavaria and India. Since 2012, the BayIND Scholarship has been awarded twice a year for stays throughout India - whether as part of studies, an internship, or a research project. The amount of funding available depends on the duration and type of stay. Apply now until 15 October!

<https://www.bayind.de/go-india> (the website is only available in German)

Call for Application: Fulbright Doctoral Program

Fulbright Germany offers scholarships of € 2,400 per month for research projects ranging from four to six months in duration at a U.S. university or research institution. Apply until 05 November 2025 for research stays in the USA, starting between 01 August and 31 December 2026. Fulbright Germany also invites you to an information session on 16 October 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To join the information session, please register [here](#).

<https://fulbright.de/stipendien/programm/doktorandinnenprogramm> (the website is only available in German)

Call for Application: "Research Forum" Funding Line (Daimler and Benz Foundation)

The funding program provides targeted financial support for exceptional scientific initiatives across all academic disciplines. The aim is to help researchers launch innovative projects that address socially relevant issues or to translate existing research into practical applications. Funding of up to € 150,000 may be granted, with the expectation that the project will be completed within a three-year timeframe.

<https://www.daimler-benz-stiftung.de/cms/en/research/research-forum-2.html>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.
Best regards from the TUM-GS Management Office Team,



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