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Newsletter for Doctoral Candidates

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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope you are doing well. Matching our 2022/2023 focus topic "[What's next? Steps in my Career & Professional Development](#)", today's [TUM-GS section](#) is all about your career opportunities after your doctorate.

First off, we are more than happy to share our [interview with TUM-GS alumna Sarah Stenton, MD, PhD](#), who most recently won the [Dimitris N. Chorafas dissertation award](#) and started working as a postdoctoral fellow at the Boston Children's Hospital and Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. Learn more about her research, her career path and the postdoctoral application process.

Another exciting career option in academia that many doctoral candidates might not be aware of is a [professorship at a University of Applied Sciences \(UAS\)](#). We cordially invite you to our info event on November 23 to learn more about the job profile and hear about the career path of Prof. Dr. Stefanie Schmidtner from the Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt. If you haven't had any points of contact with the topic yet, have a look at our [interview with Prof. Dr. Stefan Wallentowitz from Hochschule München UAS](#) sharing valuable insights and advice.

Would you like to learn more about the persons behind the [Graduate Council](#)? As [Anna Christina Jäkel](#) has just started her term as second Graduate Council speaker, we asked her to introduce herself and tell us about the volunteer work at the Graduate Council.

In our [international section](#), we can finally announce the winner of our [Photo Competition #Explore @TUM-GS!](#) Congratulations to Frederick Schneider, whose photo of the Natural History Museum in London won the first place. 😊

In the [TUM & Co.](#) section, we would like to draw your attention to the [TUM Sustainability Day](#) on October 27 and the [Mental Health Day of the TUM Institute for Lifelong Learning](#) on October 10, both with interesting points for doctoral candidates.

We wish you all a pleasant day!

TUM-GS News

Looking Behind the Doctorate – Postdoctoral Research

In this Looking Behind the Doctorate career edition, we have a closer look at the career path of TUM-GS alumna Sarah Louise Stenton, MD, PhD, who is a postdoctoral researcher at the Boston Children's Hospital and Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. In her much awarded research, she focuses on the diagnosis of rare mitochondrial diseases and aims to end the diagnostic odyssey for affected individuals and their families. Among other things, we talked about her background as a medical doctor in the UK, her decision to pursue a doctorate at the TUM and to eventually apply for a postdoctoral position.

Learn more about her professional path and the role of mentoring in her scientific career: *“At this point of my career, it was important to reach out to a prospective mentor whose career path I would potentially seek to follow.”*

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Sarah Stenton with her defense hat through a lens (Photo: Stenton)

Path to a University of Applied Sciences Professorship – Info event

At the info event of the TUM Graduate School on November 23, 2022, everything will revolve around an exciting career option that many doctoral candidates may not have considered yet: A professorship at a University of Applied Sciences (UAS). Learn more about the job profile and receive practical information and advice for the application process. Among other things, the info event will cover differences between the university system and the changing UAS landscape, as well as the requirements profile of a professorship at an UAS.



Last Attract2HM info event in April 2022 (Photo: TUM-GS)

Prof. Dr. Stefanie Schmidtner from the Ingolstadt University of Technology will give her personal insights into the everyday life of an UAS professor and her path to becoming one. Following the presentations, there will be plenty of time for questions and networking. The event will be held in German and takes place on November 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m. on the premises of the TUM Graduate School, Campus Garching. Register via [DocGS](#) or (for non-doctoral candidates) [via email](#). The info event is part of the "Attract2HM" project, which specifically promotes the qualification of doctoral candidates who aspire to a UAS professorship. For more information on the project, please visit [our website](#).

[Register now](#)

University of Applied Sciences Professorship – Interview

Can't wait until our [Attract2HM info event](#) on November 23 to learn more about a professorship at a University of Applied Sciences? In our interview, Prof. Dr. Stefan Wallentowitz, TUM-GS alumnus and professor in Computer Engineering and Computer Architecture at Hochschule München UAS shared his insights and experiences with us. Learn more about the application process, the job profile as well as requirements for applicants:



Prof. Dr. Stefan Wallentowitz
(Photo: Wallentowitz)

“The most important requirement is that you love teaching. Besides that, there are two formal requirements. For one, you need a doctoral degree, or alternatively an evaluation by university professors that you have worked equivalently (...). Additionally, you need five years of work experience, including three years outside of academia.”

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Graduate Council

Get to know Anna Christina Jäkel, new second Graduate Council speaker!

Would you like to learn more about the persons behind the Graduate Council? We've talked with Anna Christina Jäkel, newly elected second Graduate Council speaker:

“Hello! My name is Anna and I am 28 years old. I studied Biophysics and I am now doing my doctorate in the field of physics of synthetic biological systems. Mainly, I am working with 3D bioprinting. In my spare time, I love to go hiking together with friends and my dog.”

Your message to your fellow doctoral candidates:

“As we would like to improve our work even further, we need you! You don't have to be a doctoral representative to join us as a member. Just write an email to us if you want to find out more about our work or want to join us.”



Anna Christina Jäkel (Photo: Jäkel)

Check out our [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) channel to see the whole interview. Also, you are welcome to visit the [GC website](#) and contact the GC speakers at any time [via e-mail](#).

[Contact](#)

Internationalization

#Explore Photo Competition @TUM-GS – We have a winner!

Congratulations to Dr. med. Frederick Schneider, TUM-GS alumnus and winner of the #Explore Photo Competition! ☺ On the right, you can see his impressive photography “Royal Feelings in London” of the Natural History Museum, London that he took during a stay at the Royal London Hospital. Check out our [Instagram account](#) or [website](#) to see the three final pictures and the stories behind them. A huge thanks to all the participants showing us what [internationalization as a doctoral candidate at TUM](#) may look like. Seize your chance and make your own unforgettable experience abroad! Find information on your various internationalization opportunities on our [website](#).



Natural History Museum, London
(Photo: Frederick Schneider)

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Mental Health Day at the TUM Institute for Lifelong Learning

Everything revolves around the topic of mental health on the action day "Mental Health Day@IL3" on October 10, 2022. What do leaders need to know? What evidence-based approaches can increase your mental health and well-being? What practical tools can help you stay mentally strong? These and other questions will be answered in 20 virtual short lectures and workshops. See the full program and register now on the website of the TUM Institute for Lifelong Learning.

www.tum.de/en/lifelong-learning/all-employees/mental-health-day

TUM Sustainability Day

You are cordially invited to TUM's first Sustainability Day on October 27, 2022. Whether in research, teaching or entrepreneurship, there are many sustainability topics to discover at TUM's first Sustainability Day. TUM invites students, employees, alumni and anyone who wants to learn more about sustainability at TUM to network and get involved at events at all of the university's locations. View the full program on the TUM website.

www.tum.de/en/about-tum/goals-and-values/sustainability/sustainability-day

TUM Living – Housing Exchange

Have you ever heard of [TUM Living](#)? The official TUM housing exchange not only advertises long-term accommodation but also offers the possibility to insert your apartment/room for temporary rent to other TUM researchers or students, e.g. during your research stay abroad. Of course, it is also worth taking a look at the site if you are searching for an apartment/room in Munich yourself. Spread the word!

<https://living.tum.de/>

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

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