

Applying for a doctorate at TUM

You can directly apply for a position as research associate. Please visit www.tum.de/jobs for job openings. If there are no vacancies available, please follow these four easy steps to apply for a doctorate at TUM:

1	Find a supervisor Please visit the department websites to search for a prospective supervisor. Contact him/her anytime directly via e-mail with your research proposal and a short CV.
2	Secure your funding (see below)
3	Sign a supervision agreement Contact the Graduate Center of your department and sign a supervision agreement together with your supervisor.
4	Apply for the TUM Doctoral List Use the online application platform DocGS to apply for entry into the doctoral list and submit all necessary documents at your respective department.

Tuition and Funding

There are no tuition fees for doctoral candidates at TUM. The costs of doctoral education are covered by the German state. You will only have to provide for your own maintenance.

As a doctoral candidate you can be employed at TUM as a research associate and receive a monthly salary.

Alternatively, you can work for a company or non-university research institution (such as Max-Planck-Institut or Helmholtz-Zentrum).

You can also apply for a scholarship from an external organization. Since TUM does not charge tuition fees, TUM Graduate School does not offer scholarships.

Welcome Services

The Welcome Office of the TUM Graduate School provides all applicants and doctoral candidates alike with extensive support in all aspects of the application and admission process.

Our first-rate counseling and accommodation services will support you in making a smooth transition to your new life in Munich. Our services and fields of expertise include:

- Application & admission
- Visa & arrival formalities
- Accommodation service
- Application for the TUM Doctoral List
- Life in Munich
- Welcome Events

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Welcome to TUM!



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Paths to a Doctorate at TUM

Technical University of Munich (TUM) is among Europe's top universities and was one of the first universities in Germany to be awarded the status of University of Excellence in 2006. It has continuously been ranked as the best German technical university in all major international rankings.

Research at TUM is focused on **four areas**:

Mathematics &
Natural Sciences

Engineering &
Architecture

Life Sciences &
Health Sciences

Social Sciences

TUM has developed a unique model of doctoral education. As a doctoral candidate, you will find an outstanding research environment in the departments and schools of TUM where you will be supervised by world-renowned scientists.

Working independently on your research, you will enjoy a great degree of academic freedom. As a junior scholar, you will also increasingly take over responsibilities at your chair. TUM Graduate School provides supporting structures that will help you to excel.

Benefit from our wide range of offers:

- Scientific training
(e.g. colloquia, seminars, summer schools)
- Subject-related courses
(e.g. scientific paper writing, patents filing, teaching, advanced and expert-level courses)
- Transferable skills courses
(e.g. on management, leadership, cultural competence)
- Career support
(for careers in academia, industry or as an entrepreneur)
- Language courses
- Internationalization funding
(e.g. for international conferences, research stays abroad)
- Proofreading service
(for up to 2 peer-reviewed articles)
- Interdisciplinary networking

Doctorate as a Research Associate

You will be employed at the chair of your supervisor and receive a salary from TUM. You will be closely embedded into the research projects of your chair, and you will take on management as well as teaching tasks.

Doctorate with Scholarship

Having secured an external scholarship, you work on your subject largely independently. You are supervised by a TUM professor and are integrated into the research at your chair.

External Doctorate

You are employed at a company or at an external research institution (such as a Max-Planck or Helmholtz institute). At the same time, you are supervised by a TUM professor who will ensure your integration into the academic environment of our university.