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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

We hope that you are doing well! In this February's edition, we have compiled some interesting news and recommendations for you.

First, we have a brand new newsletter that keeps you informed about free spots and course highlights of our TUM-GS Transferable Skills Course Program. In the future, the [Transferable Skills Training newsletter](#) will inform you exclusively about highlights like the upcoming [Writing and Yoga Retreat](#). Subscribe now so you do not miss any offers of the Transferable Skills Training and course places available. Additionally, we are excited to share with you our [latest interview](#) with TUM-GS alumna and Schmidt Science Fellow Dr.-Ing. Sema Karakurt-Fischer. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and stay tuned for more interesting insights!

Further, the [TUM Graduate Council](#) has just published a new position paper on the topic of Diversity and Internationalization and invites you to engage.

In our international section, we focus on the [Global Fellows Program, a one-week interdisciplinary summer school](#) in partnership with Imperial College London (Imperial) and the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore). The event hosted by the TUM-GS from 20th – 24th June, 2022 is a great chance to develop your professional, research and collaborative skills and expand your international network.

Updated information on how the Coronavirus is affecting the services and offers of the TUM-GS, as well as on the restructuring of TUM in schools and the new regulations for doctoral candidates can be found in our [TUM-GS wiki](#). You can get access to the wiki with your (guest) TUM-ID.

We wish you all a pleasant day! 😊

Stay safe and healthy!

TUM-GS News

Subscribe to our brand new Transferable Skills Training Newsletter!

The TUM Graduate School offers a wide range of courses that support you as a doctoral candidate to further develop your transferable skills and expand your interdisciplinary experience. The courses are designed as an additional qualification during your doctorate and offer valuable orientation for your next career steps.

Subscribe to our newsletter so you do not miss any information about free spots and course highlights! Check out the [current program on our website](#) and stay updated with our newsletter. Please do not forget to click on the confirmation link for newsletter subscription after receiving an e-mail from us!

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Check out our new offer for the Transferable Skills Training!

When writing a paper or thesis, doctoral candidates often face several challenges. Register now in our new [Writing & Yoga Retreat](#), a writing retreat with the special feature of yoga sessions in between for relaxation, which will equip participants with the right tools for a successful doctorate writing process.

Also, we still have some available spots in some of our courses, such as "[Veränderung kompetent gestalten](#)" or "[Gute wissenschaftliche Praxis als Kompass und Orientierungshilfe](#)".



A person doing yoga and another one working on a laptop
(Photo: Pexels).

Visit our website to see our full program or to receive further information on the course registration as well as our payment and cancellation policy. For all face-to-face courses, the 2G regulations must be followed. In order to respond to the changing situation, we reserve the right to change face-to-face offers into online courses on short notice. Changes will be announced as early as possible.

Register

Looking Behind the Doctorate – New interview online

We are happy to share our latest interview with TUM-GS alumna Sema Karakurt-Fischer, who is now part of the prestigious Schmidt Science Fellows. During her doctorate, she assessed the impacts of conventional wastewater treatment on drinking water sources and developed a technology for a more sustainable water management.



(Photo: Sema Karakurt-Fischer)

We talked about her international and interdisciplinary research profile, as well the topic of work-family-life-balance: *"I did not know that many examples of successful female researchers who also have a child and still make it. Knowing that there are people who can manage it takes many worries away from you."* Check out the interview for more interesting insights and stay tuned.

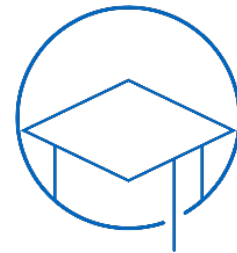
The Schmidt Science Fellows program is a 12-24 month postdoctoral fellowship. Fellows are supported to pursue a postdoctoral placement at a world-leading laboratory anywhere in the world in a disciplinary pivot from their doctoral research. Application period at TUM will usually start in late spring/early summer and will be announced on the TUM-GS website or in this newsletter.

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Graduate Council

Diversity and Internationalization

The TUM Graduate Council welcomes diversity and internationality and is dedicated to ensuring that all doctoral candidates at TUM are in a safe, supportive, and open-minded working environment. A new position paper on diversity and internationalization has been published by the official body of all doctoral candidates. In this position paper, the TUM Graduate Council uses the working definition of diversity as individuals with a range of intersectional histories and lived experiences, including but not limited to race, socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds and a broad spectrum of identities from members of the LGBTQIA+ community, individuals living with chronic diseases and/or disabilities, to older adults and beyond.



Logo of the TUM GC

Two of the new points include the advocacy for English versions of all official TUM publications and documents and the support of the usage of pronouns in e-mail signatures as well as staff websites. The [full paper is available at the Graduate Council website](#). Interested to join the Graduate Council? Feel free to contact the current speakers Sebastian and Baraa via [e-mail](#).

Position Paper

Internationalization

Apply now for the Imperial-TUM-NTU Global Fellows Program!

From 20th - 24th June 2022 TUM will host the 2nd trilateral Global Fellows Program in partnership with Imperial College London (Imperial) and the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore).

During this 5-day transferable skills summer school, approximately 40 doctoral researchers from Imperial, NTU and TUM will work together to enhance

- Their ability to work collaboratively on research ideas,
- Their ability to network and communicate effectively and with impact in interdisciplinary and intercultural teams,
- Their intercultural and international competency and awareness,
- Their creativity to develop collaborative research ideas,
- Their appreciation of research in international institutions.



ICL-TUM Summer School 2019 (Photo: Andreas Heddergott/TUM)

Participants will also have the opportunity to apply those skills and competencies to address topics under this year's program theme "The role of robotics in well-being and the workplace". Guest speakers from Imperial, NTU and TUM will provide participants with insight into current research in (but not limited to) human-robot interaction, the future of work, policy making and ethical aspects of robotics and AI, impact of rapidly advancing technologies on everyday wellbeing, as well as robotic technologies for elderly & health care.

This exciting program is designed to facilitate participants to actively focus on the development of these professional skills and competencies.

Doctoral candidates from any disciplines are invited to apply for this 5-day transferable skills summer school. A background in robotics is not needed. Application is now open until March 13th, 2022. You will find more information on our [website](#).

Application

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Speaker Series IEAI

With its Speaker Series, the TUM Institute for Ethics in Artificial Intelligence invites experts from all over the world to talk about ethics and governance of AI. These events serve as an important platform for sharing new research and exchanging knowledge. Check out the IEAI website and register now.

<https://ieai.mcts.tum.de/event/virtual-ieai-speaker-series-february-2022/>

Munich Global Impact Sprint

Attention entrepreneurs and tech talents worldwide – take a deep dive into Munich's founder scene and become part of Germany's exclusive entrepreneurial network! Join the virtual Munich Global Impact Sprint and benefit from exclusive TUM start-up consultancy and the network of Munich's biggest universities and its entrepreneurship centers. Join for Batch #3 2022 (April - October).

Deadline: 15.03.2022

<https://www.tum.de/en/innovation/entrepreneurship/for-founders-start-ups/international-programs/global-deep-tech-venture-initiative>

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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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