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Dear Doctoral Candidates,

The war in the Ukraine has plunged countless numbers of people into adversity. We at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) stand in solidarity with those affected and are thus launching two aid programs of our own. We especially wish to bring to your attention the call for donations for TUM students who are cut off from their families and support network in Ukraine. If you wish to support affected Ukrainian students to continue and complete their studies at TUM, please visit the [following website](#) for more information.

As the Winter Semester is coming to a close, we wish to give you a glimpse of the TUM-GS transferable skills program for the Summer Semester 2022. Under the semester focus theme “Staying healthy & motivated”, we have added several new courses such as “Stress Release for the Scientific Minded”, “Mental Health” or “Find your Flow: zielgerichtet und motiviert promovieren”.

We are happy to share with you the interview on good supervision with Professor Felix Brandt, the winner of the 2021 TUM Supervisory Award, Graduate Dean Professor Hans-Joachim Bungartz and our Graduate Council Speakers. Visit [our website](#) to read the whole interview.

We wish you all a pleasant day!

Stay safe and healthy!

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Interview: The Essence of Good Supervision

Good supervision is one of the most essential aspects for a successful doctorate. The supervisor-candidate relationship not only affects the progress and outcome of the dissertation, but also shapes the candidate's enthusiasm for science & research, as well as personal development. However, as with all relationships, the supervisor-candidate relationship also goes both ways and each supervisor is influenced in his*her development as a supervisor by the personalities of their candidates.



Image of the participants

Check out our interview with Prof. Felix Brandt, the winner of the 2021 TUM Supervisory Award, Graduate Dean Prof. Hans-Joachim Bungartz and our Graduate Council Speakers on the most important ingredient for good supervision, benefits and difficulties of remote supervision and how to keep themselves and everybody else motivated.

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Transferable Skills Training Summer Semester 2022 Focus topic “Staying Healthy & Motivated”

As a doctoral candidate, you may have experienced that a doctorate can sometimes feel like a roller coaster ride: Great results and big achievements are occasionally chased by frustrations and fears. Sometimes it might feel challenging to stay positive over the long haul and not to let the pressure affect your well-being. However, we have great news for you: Every effort has its rewards.

Various mindfulness tools have been shown to create a better balance during these overwhelming times when it comes to overcoming obstacles that challenge you every day during your doctorate. Some aspects such as efficient time management, setting smart goals, but most importantly being kind to yourself are all part of a healthy doctoral journey.

To stay healthy and motivated, it is essential to find ways to create a wholesome work-life balance – not only during your doctorate. Visit our [website](#) to browse through our course offerings in the upcoming summer semester and don't forget to [subscribe to our new Transferable Skills Training Newsletter](#) to keep yourself updated on free spots and course highlights!

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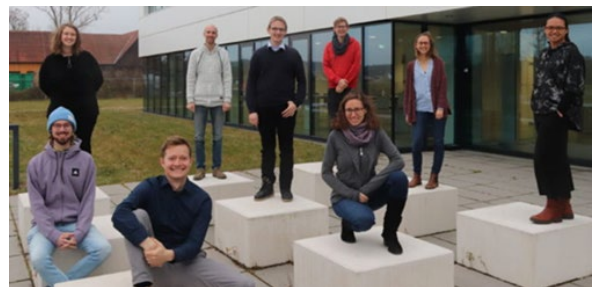
Call for Nominations: Supervisory Award 2022

You want to show your appreciation for good supervision? Your doctorate supervisor is the best and goes the extra mile? Nominate your supervisor for the Supervisory Award 2022 of the TUM Graduate Council until the March 14th, 2022. The prize money of 5000 € can be used for the benefit of the doctoral candidates in your research group. Thanks to Bund der Freunde der Technischen Universität München e.V. for the generous prize money. Check out the [Graduate Council website](#) for more information!

[Nomination](#)

Bavarian-wide Network of Doctoral Candidates

Have you already heard of [LaProBay](#), the Network of Doctoral Researchers' Representatives in Bavaria (Landesnetzwerk der Promovierendenvertretungen in Bayern)? It unites doctoral candidates from the universities in Bavaria to deal with doctoral-related issues at the Bavarian state level and to help shaping the future of science. The TUM Graduate Council was a founding member of LaProBay, and its working group PromVerBund actively engages in the work of LaProBay.



Doctoral representatives of LaProBay

The activities of LaProBay include: [Networking](#) between doctoral representatives across Bavaria, writing [position](#) statements on doctoral matters, meeting with various stakeholders in [higher education](#).

[Contact to participate](#)

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Reminder: Apply for the Imperial-TUM Global Fellows Program!

The application for this year's [Global Fellows Program](#) is still open until March 13th, 2022!

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, participants will work together to enhance, among others, their ability to work collaboratively on research ideas, as well as to network and communication with interdisciplinary and intercultural teams.



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.

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

[Application](#)

TUM-GS Family Mobility Allowance for international research stays

To support doctoral candidates to balance international research stays and family life, the TUM Graduate School has introduced the TUM-GS Family Mobility Allowance as a new mobility scheme to support doctoral candidates during research stays abroad. The TUM-GS Family Mobility Allowance is a monthly allowance of 400 EUR in total for immediate family members who accompany the doctoral candidate during his*her international research stay of at least 3 months.

The family allowance is designed to financially support additional expenses caused by accompanying partner and/or underage child, but can also be applied for other persons, e.g. parents, if the doctoral candidate requires extra care due to special health/mobility issues. The TUM-GS Family Mobility Allowance can be applied for a maximum period of 6 months.

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Are you planning to publish in an open access journal? Then, the TUM Publishing Fund might cover your publishing fees under certain eligibility conditions. If cost coverage through the fund is not possible, you can benefit from author fee discounts, which TUM members obtain from certain publishers, or you can publish your article within the framework of memberships, initiatives, or DEAL

agreements.

<https://www.ub.tum.de/en/open-access>

International Women's Day 2022

To mark International Women's Day 2022 the Women of TUM, the TUM Gender Equality Office and the Diversity Office of TUM School of Life Science invite you to a broad range of networking sessions on Zoom. The aim: To celebrate the achievements of women at TUM and to give you the opportunity to meet like-minded women, connect on topics of your interest and simply have an evening of fun! On **March 8th, 2022** (7 pm – 8.30 pm) via Zoom (multilingual). More information and registration: [International Women's Day 2022](#)

German-French Conference: Smart World! Smart Europe?

Call for contributions at the German-French Conference "*Smart World! Smart Europe?*" – *How to advance European digital sovereignty?*, scheduled to take place on May 11th- 12th, 2022 in Munich. Deadline for contribution submission is April 10th, 2022.

<https://www.future-industry.org/events/call4ideas-digital-sovereignty/>

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