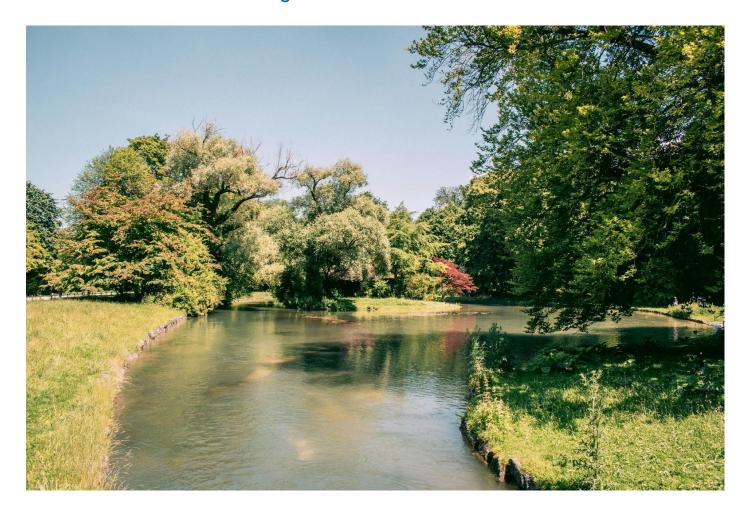TUM Graduate School
Technical University of Munich

August 19, 2025

Transferable Skills Training Newsletter

Picture of a river in a park (Image: pexels.com)

Dear doctoral candidates,

As summer slowly fades and a new academic year begins, it's the perfect moment to reflect, recharge, and refocus. Over the past year, you've taken important steps in your personal and professional development. Now, a fresh semester awaits, full of new opportunities to grow, connect, and thrive.

We are excited to present the **Winter Semester 2025/26 course program**, designed to support your learning journey with inspiring workshops and valuable skill-building sessions. Registration is already open—so take a look and secure your spot!

TUM Graduate School invites you to stay tuned for more updates, insights or interesting events for doctoral candidates by visiting our website and subscribing to our TUM-GS Newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you in our courses!

Events

TUM Doctoral Day & TUMblue 2025

On **September 19, 2025**, the university-wide **TUM Doctoral Day** will take place for the second time at the Munich main campus. All doctoral candidates are warmly invited to a varied program of engaging workshops, an exciting keynote speech and a lively panel discussion. In the evening, **TUMblue**, the legendary networking event for doctoral candidates, awaits you! Seize this opportunity to gain insights from experts, receive hands-on tips for your doctorate, expand your academic network and celebrate!

TUM Doctoral Day & TUMblue on September, 19
(Photos:Andreas Heddergott/ TUM &TUM GC)

Check out our program!

"Inside the courses"

Making projects more flexible: Fundamentals of Agile Project Management *Soon! Book your spot now!*

This course offers a practical introduction to agile project management, focusing on core principles like agile values, mindset, and Scrum methods. Through interactive exercises and group discussions, you will gain a clear understanding of how agile differs from traditional approaches and begin developing strategies to apply agile techniques to your own projects. The workshop concludes with the creation of a tailored agile concept for a real project, ensuring a strong focus on practical application and transfer.

Image of a three people working at a desk
(Image: pexels.com)

September 15 – 16, 2025

09:00 – 17:00 hours

Campus Garching │English

Register

Mental Health *Soon! Book your spot now!*

Pursuing a doctorate can be a demanding journey, often accompanied by challenges that impact mental well-being. This workshop will help you identify early signs of mental exhaustion and equip you with effective strategies for emotional self-regulation, motivation, and resilience. Using evidence-based techniques and practical exercises, you'll learn how to maintain focus, confidence, and a sense of joy—even in high-pressure academic environments.

Picture of man in front of a sunset
(Image: pexels.com)

September 17, 2025

09:00 – 17:00 hours

Campus Garching │English

Register

Fallstudien souverän lösen

This course will show you how to instantly recognize different types of case studies and apply suitable solution strategies with speed and confidence. The course focuses on enhancing quick thinking and reaction time, which are key to mastering case studies. Based on the trainer's consulting experience, the program combines theoretical insights with practical exercises to ensure you can systematically approach and solve any case study challenge.

Picture of a woman working at a laptop.
(Image: pexels.com)

September 19, 2025

09:00 – 15:00 hours

Online │German

Design Thinking for Researchers

Discover how Design Thinking can transform your research in this dynamic 2-day workshop. Learn to approach innovation from a human- and life-centered perspective, sharpen your communication and project management skills, and gain practical tools to move your research forward with clarity and creativity. Whether you're shaping a product, service, or research project, this training helps you work smarter, faster, and with greater impact.

Graphic of white an yellow sticky notes.
(Image: pexels.com)

September 23 – 24, 2025
09:00 – 17:00 hours
Campus Garching │ English

Courses open for booking

Personal Development

Mental Health: Staying Sane in Academia, Maintaining Joy and Fulfillment at Work *Soon! Book your spot now!*
September 17, 2025 │ Campus Garching │ English

Closing the tabs – Nach der Arbeit abschalten
October 1 & 7, 2025 │ Online │ German

Mental Clarity & Decision-making in Academia *Registration opens soon!*
October 15, 2025 │ Online │ English

Auftrittscoaching *New course!*
October 20 – 21, 2025 │ Online │ German

Communication & Collaboration

Onboarding Course: Preparation for your first teaching tasks (ProLehre | Media and Didactics)
Start: September 16, 2025 (See exact dates on DocGS)│Online│English

Wissenschaftskommunikation
September 16 – 17, 2025│Online│German

Networking
September 30, 2025│Campus Garching│English

Scientific Writing Workshop – 4 weeks
Start: October 17, 2025 (See exact dates on DocGS)│Hybrid│English

Schreibwerkstatt: Erfolgreich wissenschaftlich schreiben
October 9 – 10, 2025│Online│German

Rhetorik extrem
October 9 – 10, 2025│Campus Garching│German

Scientific Paper Writing (Basics) *Registration opens soon!*
October 21 – 22, 2025│Campus Garching│English

Skills for Science & Beyond

Making Projects more flexible: Introduction to Agile Project Management *Soon! Book your spot now!*
September 15 – 16, 2025│Campus Garching│English

Fallstudien souverän lösen
September 19, 2025│Online│German

Slidewriting: Optimize your own academic presentation
September 23, 2025│Online│English

Design Thinking for Researchers
September 23 – 24, 2025│Campus Garching│English

Introduction to Python Programming *Registration opens soon!*
October 17, 2025│Campus Garching│English

Introduction to AI Ethics *New course!*
October 24, 2025│Campus Garching│English

Grundlagenseminar „Betriebswirtschaftslehre in Finanzen und Controlling" für Promovierende *Registration opens soon!*
October 30 – 31, 2025│Online│German

Deep Work (mit Einzelcoaching) *New course!*

October 31 & November 14, 2025│Hybrid│German

Responsible Leadership

(Selbst-)Führung - Führungsseminar in den Alpen
October 9 – 10, 2025│Brannenburg│German

Dein New Leadership Mindset *Registration opens soon!*
October 23 – 24, 2025│Campus Garching│German

Coaching Skills for Academic Leaders *Registration opens soon!*
November 6 – 7, 2025│Online│English

Career Development

Bewerbungstraining für Promovierende
September 24 – 25, 2025│Online│German

Future Life and Career Plans: Priorities, work-life-balance and a good life
September 29 – 30, 2025│Online│English

Karriereplanung für die HAW-Professur *New course!*
October 8 – 9, 2025│Campus Garching│German

Bewerbungsstrategien – Marketing in eigener Sache
October 16, 2025│Online│German

Career Paths in Academia: (Funding) Opportunities for Postdocs
October 17, 2025│Online│English

Develop your Competency Profile (with individual coaching)
Start: October 21, 2025 │Online│English

Karriereweg Professur an einer Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften (HAW)
October 23, 2025│Campus Garching│German

Additional offers

Thesis First (Dr.Luisa Demant)
Start: September 16, 2025 (See the link for the exact dates)│Online│English

Kompaktkurs Forschungsdatenmanagement – Nachhaltiger Umgang mit Daten im Forschungsprozess (UB-TUM)
September 16, 2025 │Online│German

Kompaktkurs Zitieren – Sicherer Umgang mit Quellen und Zitaten (UB-TUM)

September 17, 2025 │München: Großer Besprechungsraum 2180 (Teilbibliothek Stammgelände)│German

Intensivkurs Zitieren – Zitierfragen in der Forschung gemeinsam lösen (UB-TUM)

September 19, 2025 │Online│German

Vortragsreihe Wissenschaft für jedermann: Selber denken oder denken lassen? KI und die Zukunft der Freiheit (acatech)

September 24, 2025│Deutsches Museum│German

Applied Data Management Seminar (TUM Research Data Hub – Munich Data Science Institute │ UB-TUM)

Start: October 13, 2025 (See the link for the exact dates)│Hybrid│English

Application deadline: August 31, 2025

TUM Climate Ventures (TUM Venture Labs)

Start: October 16, 2025 (See the link for the exact dates)│Munich│English

Application deadline: September 28, 2025

IdeaLab Workshop (TUM Venture Labs)

October 17 & 24, 2025│Garching│English

Application deadline: September 30, 2025

English Courses for Staff (TUM Language Center)

SoSe 25│Online and on-site│English

Munich Postdoc101 Talks (TUM ForTe)

SoSe 25│Online│English

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Also, if you have any ideas for courses, we are always happy to receive your suggestions.

Best regards
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