

NEWSLETTER FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

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WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS, ISSUED BY THE JENNY ALONI CENTRE FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS!

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The [Jenny Aloni Centre for Early Career Researchers](#) brings together numerous institutions at Paderborn University that offer services for doctoral candidates, Postdocs, and junior professors. This newsletter brings you the latest news from the Jenny Aloni Centre, courses and events, as well as current calls for applications.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the language is German. Events and courses in English are marked "[EN]".

NEWS FROM THE JENNY ALONI CENTRE FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

New Peer Coaching Groups for Doctoral Candidates start in January

In the initial phase of their doctorate, many doctoral candidates feel like they are all alone with a wide range of interdisciplinary questions. This is where the [peer coaching programme 'Starting your PhD'](#) comes in: Doctoral candidates in the first year of their doctorate are brought together in small groups to exchange ideas on topics that are currently on their minds and to support each other. The new group will start on 14 January 2025. Also new is a special programme for international doctoral candidates. In the [peer coaching 'Doing Your PhD in Germany'](#), international doctoral candidates come together in a small group of four to six people to discuss current challenges they are facing in their academic or professional life as international researchers at Paderborn University. The peer coaching sessions are open to doctoral candidates from all faculties. If you are interested, register via earlycareer@uni-paderborn.de.

15 years of "Insight!": The peer mentoring programme for female students interested in doing a doctorate celebrates its anniversary

In March 2025, the 30th group of the *'Insight!' peer mentoring programme for female students interested in doing a doctorate* will start! As part of the "Insight!" peer mentoring programme, prospective female graduates exchange ideas with other female students about the prospect of a doctorate. This exchange is accompanied by a doctoral candidate who reports on her own experience, shares strategies for decision-making and provides information on funding opportunities on the path to academia. In addition to that, the programme offers various events and workshops (e.g. on funding, application strategies and finding a topic). Female students from all faculties (in the Master's phase) who are interested in doing a doctorate can take part in the university-wide programme. The application deadline is 15 February 2025, the application form and further information on the programme [can be found here](#). In advance, there will be a digital *information event* for those interested in the programme on 20 January from 1pm to 2pm. In addition to receiving important information on the programme and the application process, you will be able to learn from a former mentee all about her experience. Interested? Please register in advance for the information event [here](#).

CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Start/Date	Title	Organisation	Target group(s)
	Doing Your PhD in Germany [EN]	Academic Career Development Office	International doctoral candidates
08.01.2025	Teaching Spotlight: The challenge of studying for first-time graduates - a reflection	University Didactics	Lecturers

09.01.2025	International Coffee Break [EN]	Welcome Services	International researchers
14.01.2025	Peer Coaching "Starting Your PhD"	Academic Career Development Office	Doctoral candidates
16.01.2025	Scholarship information evening [DE/EN]	Graduate Centre KW	Doctoral candidates
16.01.2025	Providing writing support for students	Writing Centre/ University Didactics	Lecturers
16.01.2025	Your strengths in everyday university life. Workshop for women* with ArbeiterKind.de	ArbeiterKind.de	Female doctoral candidates & postdocs
20.01.2025	Information event for those interested in the "Insight!" peer mentoring programme	Mentoring for female doctoral candidates	Female students interested in doing a doctorate
21.01.2025	Panel discussion: UPB's permanent position concept - How much is in it?	Graduate Centre KW	All
22.01.2025	Teaching Spotlight: "I have something you can't see." - Making teaching accessible	University Didactics	Lecturers
23.01.2025	Finding a Topic for your PhD Project	Writing Centre	Doctoral candidates
29.01.2025	Teaching Spotlight: Hands on - designing teaching materials to suit diversity	University Didactics	Lecturers
04.02.2025	PhD Lunch [DE/EN]	Academic Career Development Office	Doctoral candidates
04.02.2025	Experience German (B2/C1): Create contributions for podcasts, blogs and co.	Language Centre	International employees
06.02.2025	Writing a research proposal	Writing Centre	Doctoral candidates
06.02.2025	Doctinnov': A virtual day to discover entrepreneurship [EN]	Hochschulallianz COLOURS	Doctoral candidates with a business idea
10.02.2025	Legal framework for the use of ChatGPT and Co.	University Didactics	Lecturers
by appointment	Individual career counselling	Academic Career Development Office	Doctoral candidates & postdocs

➔ [To the complete qualification programme](#)

CURRENT CALLS

Deadline

Call

Target group(s)

08.01.2025

Doctoral scholarships from the Foundation of German Business

With the doctoral scholarship, the Foundation of German Business supports particularly capable and willing doctoral candidates to think and act entrepreneurially in a socially responsible manner. Prerequisites are a high level of social commitment and the will to help shape society in a responsible position in the future. Doctoral students from all disciplines can apply.

Doctoral candidates

19.01.2025	<p>"Academy for All" from 27 July to 3 August 2025</p> <p>Do you have something exciting to tell about your research, your work or your nerdy hobby? Do you like getting to know people, enjoy deep talk and engaging with other perspectives? Are you curious and interested in a wide range of topics? Then the "Academy for All" is just right for you! In 2025, the Studienstiftung Alumni Association is organising a one-week summer academy. This event is explicitly open to all interested parties and is not restricted to Studienstiftung alumni.</p>	All
31.01.2025	<p>Establishment of academic junior research groups - Quantum Futur</p> <p>As part of the "Quantum Futur" competition for young researchers, excellent young scientists are supported in setting up their own independent junior research group that deals with new interdisciplinary research approaches in second-generation quantum technologies. Thematically, all areas of second-generation quantum technologies and their specialised environment are addressed. In particular, these are quantum computing, quantum simulation, quantum informatics, quantum sensor technology and metrology, quantum communication and supporting technologies.</p>	Postdocs
31.01.2025	<p>Further qualification programme "Development and management of research projects (EMF)"</p> <p>The further qualification programme "Development and Management of Research Projects (EMF)" supports you in acquiring the necessary skills for the acquisition and implementation of third-party funded projects in the areas of application, financing, management, leadership and transfer. After a workshop phase of a maximum of two years, participants in the programme submit a "trial" application for third-party funding and receive qualified feedback from the EMF programme's scientific advisory board.</p>	Doctoral candidates & postdocs
03.02.2025	<p>UPB PhD Scholarships</p> <p>The university management invites applications for doctoral <i>and postgraduate scholarships</i> to promote excellent early career researchers at Paderborn University, as well as a scholarship for a thesis in the field of <i>gender research</i>. The award guidelines and further information can be found on the website of the Commission for Research and Young Academics.</p>	(Prospective) Doctoral candidates
15.02.2025	<p>"Insight!": Peer mentoring programme for female students interested in doing a doctorate</p> <p>As part of the "Insight!" peer mentoring programme, prospective female graduates exchange ideas with other female students about the prospect of a doctorate. This exchange is accompanied by a doctoral candidate who reports on her own experience, shares strategies for decision-making and provides information on funding opportunities on the path to academia. In addition to that, mentees can attend various events and workshops (e.g. on funding, application strategies and finding a topic).</p>	Female students interested in doing a doctorate
31.03.2025	<p>German Study Prize (for dissertations)</p> <p>Are you convinced that your dissertation will have an impact on society? Are you able to clearly explain the social significance of your dissertation project in a short text? Have you completed your dissertation with magna or summa cum laude in 2024? Then apply for the German Study Prize. Prize money of up to €25,000 awaits you.</p> <p>➔ <i>If you are interested in submitting an application, the <u>Research Unit</u> will be happy to advise you, unless stated otherwise. Further funding calls can be found in the <u>FIT newsletter</u>.</i></p>	Doctorates

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