

NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS

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Dear international doctoral candidates and postdocs,

When **children and relatives in need of care** are a central part of the reality of life **alongside work in academia**, PhD students often face particular challenges. At the next **PhD lunch** on 3 June, there will be a short impulse for an exchange of experiences, strategies and support services. As always, we will start at 11.30 a.m. with an exchange of ideas and around 12.00 p.m. we will get something to eat in the Mensa and then continue the exchange over lunch. Please come along - even if you are not (yet) a caregiver! Registration is not required (and children are welcome 😊).

Furthermore, two new rounds of **mentoring** are starting this autumn for **female doctoral candidates and students interested in doing a doctorate**: "Einblick(e)!", the peer mentoring programme for female students interested in doing a doctorate, and the mentoring programme for female doctoral candidates. While "Einblick(e)!" is intended to promote the conscious decision to pursue a doctorate, the mentoring programme for female doctoral candidates aims to support women on their academic path at an early stage. Virtual information events are held in advance for both programmes. Details and application deadlines can be found under "Current calls for applications".

Some doctoral students at UPB have also expressed the wish to network with other doctoral students in order to exchange information on **quantitative research methods**. The aim is to learn from each other, discuss questions, share experiences and support each other with methodological challenges. If you work with quantitative research methods and are interested in such an exchange, please contact us by e-mail, ideally with a few keywords about your methodological focus and wishes for the exchange.

We have also planned a number of exciting interdisciplinary courses and events in the coming months, from **courses on acquiring funding in the postdoc phase**, or a workshop on **how to get into the German non-academic job market** (only a few places left!). Take a look!

Best wishes from the Jenny Aloni Centre for Early Career Researchers

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CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Date	Title
03.06.2025	PhD Lunch: Between childcare, colloquia, and caring for relatives: Balancing your PhD & care responsibility
10.06.2025	Market of Possibilities for PhDs & Postdocs
11.06.2025	Third-party funding in the early academic career Part 1: "Overview of mobility programs and programs for scientists in early career phases"
12.06.2025	Third-party funding in the early academic career Part 2: "Application workshop, how to write a good research proposal"
13.06.2025	Competence Based Assessment
23.06.2025	Intercultural Competence for University Lecturers
24.06.2025	COLOURS CoLab: Communicating Green Transitions
25.06.2025	Postdoc Peer Coaching

26.06.2025	How to get into Germany's non-academic job market!
01.07.2025	Going Abroad During Your Doctorate
09.09.2025	Deutsch für internationale (Nachwuchs-)Wissenschaftler*innen: Integration ins universitäre Umfeld und Vorbereitung auf den deutschen Arbeitsmarkt [DE]
	→ To the complete qualification programme

CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
04.06.2025	"Technologies d'avenir" scholarships for a research stay in France With the "Technologies d'avenir" scholarships, doctoral students and postdocs from German universities can spend 1-3 months at a French research institute (start of stay: 1 September - 31 December 2025). Focal areas include eco & energy transition, AI/quantum, health, culture & creative industries (see call for details).	Doctoral candidates & postdocs
13.06.2025	DAAD: Scholarships for going abroad during your PhD This programme supports research stays abroad during a doctorate. Stays abroad can last between one and twelve months.	Doctoral candidates
13.06.2025	DAAD: Scholarships for going abroad during your Postdoc Funding is provided for the realisation of a self-selected research project abroad. This can be an important qualification step for a later career in science, business or the cultural sector. The duration of the stay can be 3 to 6 months. Applications are open to academics of all disciplines with above-average qualifications who have completed their doctorate with very good results before starting the scholarship.	Postdocs
01.07.2025	Mentoring programme for female doctoral candidates The mentoring programme for female doctoral students is starting a new round in autumn and aims to support women early on in their scientific careers. The core elements of the programme are a one-year mentoring relationship with an experienced female scientist, intensive networking with female doctoral students from different faculties as well as career-relevant workshops and focused writing sessions. A digital information event with testimonials from former mentees will take place on 4 June at 1 p.m., for which you can register at go.upb.de/mentoringinfo .	Female doctoral candidates
15.08.2025	"Einblick(e)!" The peer mentoring programme for female students interested in a doctorate The peer mentoring programme offers prospective female graduates from all faculties the opportunity to discuss the prospect of a doctorate with other female students at an early stage. This exchange is accompanied by trained female doctoral students who provide tips and strategies for decision-making and for the path into academia. The first possible steps towards a doctorate are discussed together in a small group. In addition to these group meetings, the programme offers central fringe events and workshops with experts (e.g. on funding, application strategies and finding a topic). Are	Female students interested in doing a doctorate

you interested? Or do you know female students who you would like to make aware of the programme? The next digital information event will take place on 14 July from 1 pm to 2 pm. Please register [here](#).

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Postdocs

[DAAD: Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience \(PRIME\)](#)

With this programme, the DAAD supports international mobility in the postdoctoral phase through fixed-term positions at German universities. PRIME involves a 12-month secondment abroad and a six-month re-integration phase at a German university. With the research project of their choice and the stay abroad, PRIME Fellows gain an important qualification step for their future career in science.

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