

# NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS

SEPTEMBER 2025 | [ENGLISH VERSION](#)



Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs,

After the summer break, we are kicking off September with two important digital events!

This year's **Postdoc Appreciation Week** will take place from 15 to 19 September. Inspired by examples in the US and UK, the German PAW team has been organising Postdoc Appreciation Week Germany since 2022 to recognise the work of postdocs. The talks and workshops, most of which are offered virtually, are organised by numerous organisations throughout Germany and are generally open to participants from other institutions. More information and the complete programme can be found at [www.paw-germany.de](http://www.paw-germany.de). And on 25 September, the **digital workshop day of the GAIN Annual Conference** 2025 will take place – the programme has some exciting events on the topic of career planning. Both events include numerous workshops in English.

We are also excited to announce that the peer coaching "**Starting Your PhD**" is coming to Fürstenallee this winter semester! The programme brings together PhD candidates at the beginning of their doctorate in three or four sessions over the course of one semester. In each session, one or two participants present a current challenge or question that the group can help with. We share experiences, give advice and try to develop possible solutions together. This is a great opportunity to bond with other doctoral candidates. You will see: **Whatever your challenge is, you are not alone!**

There are also exciting **interdisciplinary courses and events** for you this month, from an introductory workshop on Academic Teaching to German language classes and a CoLab on Mental Health, Body Image and EDI. Have a look at the **programme**!

All the best from the Jenny Aloni Centre for Early Career Researchers,

Alexandra & Henriette

## CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Date	Title
07.09.2025	<a href="#">CoLab: Mental Health, Body Image and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Challenges for Future Society</a>
09.09.2025	<a href="#">German for international (early career) researchers: Integration into the university environment and preparation for the German labour market</a>
16.09.2025	<a href="#">Mastering Conference Execution: From Prep to Success – Lead Your Event with Confidence</a>
22.09.2025	<a href="#">Deutsch Intensivwoche Redezeit B1/B2</a>
25.09.2025	<a href="#">Design for How People Learn: Academic Teaching in Higher Education (Introductory Workshop)</a>
25.09.2025	<a href="#">GAIN25: Digital Workshop Event</a>
13.10.2025	<a href="#">German language course A1.1</a>
13.10.2025	<a href="#">German language course A2.1</a>
13.10.2025	<a href="#">Deutschkurs für Fortgeschrittene B1/B2</a>

13.10.2025	<a href="#">Deutsch Debattierkurs für Fortgeschrittene ab B1/B2</a>
10.11.2025	<a href="#">Good Research Practice</a>
11.11.2025	<a href="#">Peer Coaching "Starting your PhD" @ Fürstenallee</a> (Please indicate your preferred language when registering)
13.04.2026	<a href="#">Academic Careers in Germany</a>
	→ <a href="#">To the complete qualification programme</a>

## CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
10.09.2025	<b><a href="#">MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships</a></b> The MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships enable stays abroad of 12 to 24 months with the aim of acquiring new skills that are important for career development through mobility. Applications are submitted together with the supervisor of the chosen host institution abroad. If you are interested in submitting an application, the <a href="#">Research Department</a> will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs
26.09.2025	<b><a href="#">Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan</a></b> Funding is available for research stays of between one and twelve months at a Japanese university in 2026/2027.	Postdocs
30.09.2025	<b><a href="#">Informal network meetings for female doctoral candidates at the beginning of their doctorate</a></b> The informal network meetings serve to connect female doctoral students in the early stages of their doctorates so that they can discuss current challenges and issues among like-minded individuals, exchange experiences and develop solutions.	Female doctoral candidates
14.10.2025	<b><a href="#">Horizon Europe: ERC Starting Grant</a></b> The ERC Starting Grant supports excellent scientists (2 to 7 years after their doctorate) with up to €1.5 million to set up their own working group and research field. If you are interested in submitting an application, the <a href="#">Research Department</a> will be happy to advise you	Postdocs
15.11.2025	<b><a href="#">BMBF Junior Research Groups: BattFutur</a></b> 'BattFutur' is aimed at early career researchers who want to establish their own independent junior research group to address material, process and recycling-related issues concerning rechargeable electrochemical energy storage devices (secondary batteries) with a focus on electric mobility, stationary systems and other industry-relevant applications. If you are interested in submitting an application, the <a href="#">Research Department</a> will be happy to advise you	Postdocs

→ *Further calls can be found in the [FIT newsletter](#).*

*You can unsubscribe from the newsletter here.*

Questions or suggestions? Feel free to contact us!  
Dr Henriette-Juliane Seeliger & Dr Alexandra Wiebke

Jenny Aloni Centre for Early Career Researchers  
Paderborn University  
Warburger Str. 100  
33098 Paderborn

e-mail: [EarlyCareer@upb.de](mailto:EarlyCareer@upb.de)

