

NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS

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Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs,

We are kicking off the new semester with a particularly diverse programme! On 28 October, we will welcome the new doctoral candidates at UPB with the 'Welcome to the Doctorate' event, followed by numerous workshops that are especially helpful in the early stages (stay tuned for more info in the November newsletter!)! But even if you have been a doctoral candidate at UPB for a while, feel free to join us for the event, talk to fellow doctoral candidates, and learn about the various support offers open to you!

We are also excited to announce that we are launching two new offers in October and November: Since our PhD Lunch is very popular, starting 10 November we will also be offering a **Postdoc Lunch!** We meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 12:00 pm for a lunch break in room N1.339. No registration necessary – just bring your lunch and join us!

In addition to 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 communication classes in both English and German to teaching workshops and networking events. Check out the **programme!**

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

CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Date	Title
07.10.2025	CoLab "Mental Health, Body Image and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) - Challenges for Future Society"
09.10.2025	Diversity in Teaching: Gender- & Diversity-Sensitive Approaches for Higher Education
13.10.2025	German language course A1.1
13.10.2025	German language course A2.1
13.10.2025	Sprechen im Alltag / Speaking Skills for Daily Life (A2)
13.10.2025	Deutschkurs für Fortgeschrittene B1/B2
13.10.2025	Deutsch Debattierkurs für Fortgeschrittene ab B1/B2
13.10.2025	Pre-Intermediate English A2/B1
14.10.2025	Communicating with international students and staff (B1/B2)

14.10.2025	Presentation skills (B2 or higher)
15.10.2025	Englisch für den Arbeitsplatz (A1.2)
16.10.2025	Academic Writing in English I (B2/C1)
24.10.2025	AI in Higher Education: Using AI Tools to Plan, Prepare, and Conduct Lessons
28.10.2015	Welcome Event for New Doctoral Candidates: Welcome to the Doctorate
04.11.2025	PhD Lunch
10.11.2025	Postdoc Lunch: Establishing and Maintaining Academic Collaborations
10.11.2025	Good Research Practice
11.11.2025	Peer Coaching "Starting your PhD" @ Fürstenallee (Please indicate your preferred language when registering)
02.12.2025	PhD Lunch
08.12.2025	Postdoc Lunch
03.02.2026	PhD Lunch
13.04.2026	Academic Careers in Germany
	➔ To the complete qualification programme

CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
14.10.2025	Horizon Europe: ERC Starting Grant 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 Research Department will be happy to advise you	Postdocs
25.10.2025	JSPS Summer Program 2026 – Research Visit to Japan Funding for a research stay at a Japanese university or research institute for a period of approximately two months from mid-June to mid-August 2026 to gain early experience in the Japanese research environment.	Doctoral candidates & Postdocs
15.11.2025	BMBF Junior Research Groups: BattFutur '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 Research Department will be happy to advise you	Postdocs

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

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