

NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS

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Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs,

Christmas is just around the corner! The Welcome Services will treat you to festive get-togethers and events in December, such as a special-themed Christmas coffee break at Fürstenallee! 🎄

Our next **PhD Lunch** on 9 December (please note: exceptionally on the second Tuesday of the month!) offers another great opportunity to network and exchange experiences over lunch. This time, the focus will be on the important topic of '**Conflicts During the Doctorate**'. We will discuss where tensions can arise in everyday PhD life and how to deal with them constructively – an essential aspect of successfully completing your doctoral studies.

December is the perfect time to look back on the year – but the start of a new year is also a very good reason to look at what's ahead! December and January will feature exciting events that will support you in your research, writing and teaching.

If you are a doctoral candidate looking to connect with others who are in the same boat as you, join one of our peer coaching groups! We currently offer three peer coachings, targeted at the different PhD levels: "**Starting Your PhD**" for doctoral candidates in the first year of their doctorate, "**Running the PhD Marathon**" for those more advanced in their doctoral journey, and "**Finishing your PhD**" for PhDs who are planning to finish soon. 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! If you're interested in joining, just send us an email at earlycareer@upb.de!

We will put you on the wait list for the next peer coaching round and then plan meetings according to your needs and schedule. 😊

Plus, as always there are going to be some exciting **interdisciplinary courses and events** for you these coming months. Check out the **programme**!

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

Alexandra & Henriette

CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Date	Title
04.12.2025	International Coffee Break: Winter Edition at HNI (Fürstenallee)
04./05.12.2025	To Be Honest Conference 2025: Navigating Uncertainty in Academia & beyond
09.12.2025	PhD Lunch: Conflicts during the doctorate
11.12.2025	International Coffee Break
11.12.2025	Research Data Management - Data Organization
15.12.2025	Conveying the Message: Powerful and Engaging Presentations
08.01.2026	International Coffee Break
13.01.2026	PhD Lunch
15.01.2026	Research Data Management - Archiving and Publishing Research Data

03.02.2026 [PhD Lunch: Mental health](#)

05.02.2026 [Research Data Management - Electronic Lab Notebooks, eLabFTW](#)

13.04.2026 [Academic Careers in Germany](#)

17.06.2026 [How to get into Germany's non-academic job market!](#)

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CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
12.01.2026	Procope Mobility to France With the Procope-Mobility grant program, the Office for Science and Technology Service of the French Embassy in Germany supports the mobility of young researchers affiliated with a university or a research institute in Germany to France. These mobility grants fund research stays of one, two, or three months at a university or research institute in France. Research stays must begin between May 18, 2026 and December 31, 2026.	Doctoral candidates & Postdocs
31.01.2025	BMBF Junior Research Group: QuantumFutur As part of the Quantum Futur competition for young scientists, outstanding young researchers are supported in establishing their own independent research groups that focus on new interdisciplinary research approaches in second-generation quantum technologies. The competition covers all areas of second-generation quantum technologies and related fields. These include quantum computing, quantum simulation, quantum informatics, quantum sensor technology and metrology, quantum communication, and supporting technologies. If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Department will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs
15.04.2026	BioKreativ – Creative young talent conducts research for the bioeconomy (BMFTR) The key social challenges of our time include securing global food supplies, sustainable raw material and energy supplies, and protecting the climate and the environment. With its National Bioeconomy Strategy, the German government is promoting the transformation to a more resource-efficient, circular economy in which young scientists are to develop innovative, sustainable bioeconomic applications for science and industry. If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Department will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs
29.04.2026	Social-ecological junior research groups for sustainable and resilient urban-rural regions (BMFTR) As part of FONA and the Future Strategy for Research and Innovation, the BMFTR provides funding for up to five years to young scientists who wish to qualify in the field of social sustainability research and the management of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research groups on urban-rural regions. If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Department will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs

Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary junior research groups in socio-ecological research (BMFTR)

Within the framework programme "Research for Sustainable Development" (FONA3), the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space intends to support young scientists who wish to qualify in the field of social sustainability research or the management of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research groups. If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Department will be happy to advise you.

➔ *Further calls can be found in the Fit newsletter.*

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