

# NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS

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Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs,

a new year lies ahead of us – and with it the opportunity to sharpen our goals and consciously plan our next (career) steps. To kick off the year, we would therefore especially encourage you to take a look at our [individual career planning service](#): whether you are looking for orientation regarding your long-term direction (within or beyond academia), are facing an important decision, or would like to approach your career planning more strategically and explore your options – the free-of-charge guidance can be tailored entirely to your needs and offers space to reflect on your questions, aspirations, and priorities in a focused and supportive setting. For more information or to arrange an initial appointment, simply send an email to [earlycareer@upb.de](mailto:earlycareer@upb.de) or give us a call!

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! [You can find more information and the registration form on this website!](#) 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
08.01.2026	<a href="#"><u>International Coffee Break</u></a>
08.01.2026	<a href="#"><u>Dealing with text feedback and peer review</u></a>
09.01.2026	<a href="#"><u>Writing Room for Doctoral Candidates in the University Library</u></a>
13.01.2026	<a href="#"><u>Scholarship Evening</u></a>
15.01.2026	<a href="#"><u>Research Data Management - Archiving and Publishing Research Data</u></a>
15.01.2026	<a href="#"><u>Finding a Topic for your PhD Project</u></a>
19.01.2026	<a href="#"><u>Writing a research proposal: A construction kit for your PhD project</u></a>
03.02.2026	<a href="#"><u>PhD Lunch: Mental health</u></a>
05.02.2026	<a href="#"><u>Research Data Management - Electronic Lab Notebooks, eLabFTW</u></a>
13.04.2026	<a href="#"><u>Academic Careers in Germany</u></a>

17.06.2026 How to get into Germany's non-academic job market!

→ [To the complete qualification programme](#)

## CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
12.01.2026	<b><u>Procope Mobility to France</u></b> 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	<b><u>BMBF Junior Research Group: QuantumFutur</u></b> 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 <u>Research Department</u> will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs
15.04.2026	<b><u>BioKreativ – Creative young talent conducts research for the bioeconomy (BMFTR)</u></b> 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 <u>Research Department</u> will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs
29.04.2026	<b><u>Social-ecological junior research groups for sustainable and resilient urban-rural regions (BMFTR)</u></b> 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 <u>Research Department</u> will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs
29.04.2026	<b><u>Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary junior research groups in socio-ecological research (BMFTR)</u></b> 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 <u>Research Department</u> will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs

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

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