

NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS

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Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs,,

We have exciting news to share: [The "Academic Career Development Office" will henceforth be called "Paderborn PhD & Postdoc Support Office"](#).

With this new name, we would like to communicate more clearly what we stand for: supporting you – the PhD candidates and postdocs at UPB – on your individual career paths, in a personal, strategic and collaborative way. Our services will remain unchanged. Our [PhD Lunch](#) will continue to take place every month, and [Career Spotlights](#) will still be offered regularly. PhD candidates can also take part in our [peer coaching sessions](#), which are designed to support you as you begin, proceed on and complete your PhD journey. In addition, we offer [individual career planning sessions](#) for PhD candidates in the final stages of their doctorate as well as for postdocs, helping you to plan your next career steps strategically in academia, industry and wider society. You can find an overview of all our services on our newly redesigned website.

The "Jenny Aloni Centre for Early Career Researchers" is also being renamed, becoming the ["Jenny Aloni Network for Early Career Researchers" \(JANE\)](#). The new name highlights its function as a network: JANE strategically brings together all disciplinary and interdisciplinary support services for PhD candidates and postdocs at Paderborn University and strengthens collaboration between the participating units. Together, they organise an [extensive programme of interdisciplinary courses and events](#) for you every month, which we have compiled for you in the qualification programme on the website and here in the newsletter. You will also find all key information relating to the PhD and postdoc phases on the page ["PhD & Postdoc Support @ UPB"](#).

We look forward to seeing you at our events!

Best wishes from the Paderborn PhD & Postdoc Support Office,

Alexandra & Henriette

CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Date	Title
02.03.2026	<u>German Intensive week A1: Everyday life practice</u>
03.03.2026	<u>Efficient Toolflows in Linux [PC²]</u>
11.-13.03.2026	<u>"Doctinnov': Entrepreneurship as a PhD Student" in Le Mans, France [COLOURS]</u>
12.-13.03.2026	<u>German Postdoc Network Conference Munich</u>
17.03.2026	<u>HPC Tuning and Analysis [PC²]</u>
19.03.2026	<u>UCLM Doctoral Day in Ciudad Real, Spain [COLOURS]</u>
13.04.2026	<u>Academic Careers in Germany</u>
17.06.2026	<u>How to get into Germany's non-academic job market!</u>

➔ [To the complete qualification programme](#)

CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
15.03.2026	<p><u>Mentoring Programme for Female Postdocs</u></p> <p>The early postdoctoral phase is a pivotal period in which key decisions are made that shape one's future academic career. For women in particular, the opportunity for independent discussion and access to well-grounded experience through an external mentor is especially valuable. The new mentoring programme offers women who have completed their doctorates the space to reflect on their career goals, gain insight into academic career pathways, and engage in interdisciplinary exchange with fellow researchers.</p>	Female Postdocs
15.03.2026	<p><u>Junior Research Groups on Global Change: Innovative Methods in Climate Modelling (BMFTR)</u></p> <p>Faster and more accurate climate models are crucial for making climate mitigation and adaptation efforts more effective. To this end, the BMFTR is promoting the use of innovative methods based on artificial intelligence and is supporting early-career scientific research groups. If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Department will be happy to advise you.</p>	Postdocs
15.04.2026	<p><u>BioKreativ – Creative young talent conducts research for the bioeconomy (BMFTR)</u></p> <p>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.</p>	Postdocs
29.04.2026	<p><u>Social-ecological junior research groups for sustainable and resilient urban-rural regions (BMFTR)</u></p> <p>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.</p>	Postdocs
29.04.2026	<p><u>Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary junior research groups in socio-ecological research (BMFTR)</u></p> <p>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.</p>	Postdocs

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

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