

# Technische Universität München Service program for national & international doctoral candidates

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## Greeting by the Graduate Dean of the TUM Graduate School

Dear doctoral candidates,

herewith we would like to invite you to the upcoming events this Winter Term for doctoral candidates at TUM! As some of you already know, this program is financially supported by the DAAD & the TUM Graduate School and aims to show you more of the facets of TUM and its surroundings, as well as to encourage networking among doctoral candidates attending TUM.

Viktoria Kindzierski will be coordinating all offered activities from now on. As in the last semesters your partner and/or your children are warmly welcome to join the events as well. Furthermore you might be able to take a friend with you provided that there are enough free places available. For more details about the registration and payment, please read the information following the events.

Last but not least we would like to point your attention to the TUM Graduate School (TUM-GS) which represents an innovative approach in doctoral education at TUM. All doctoral candidates can use the services and resources offered by TUM-GS. In order to do so, you need to register at your Graduate Center and are then able to take part in a wide range of advanced training and collaborative seminars.

For now I wish you a successful start and a lot of fun during these events!

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ERANK".

Ernst Rank  
Graduate Dean  
TUM Graduate School

If you are about to leave Munich, please do not forget to subscribe to the TUM Alumni Network at [www.tum.de/alumni/plattform](http://www.tum.de/alumni/plattform) as we would like to stay in contact with you and have you benefit from the worldwide network of alumni that the TUM has. We wish everyone leaving a good continuation of your research and hope to welcome you back here some day.

If you do not want to receive this Newsletter anymore, please send a short Email with the subject „Cancel Newsletter“ to: [kindzierski@zv.tum.de](mailto:kindzierski@zv.tum.de)

## TUM Graduate School

Founded by the Technische Universität München in May 2009, the TUM Graduate School (TUM-GS) is an innovative approach to German doctoral education, enhancing the excellent scientific training of TUM doctorates with key qualifications in a variety of subject-related and transferable skills. With roughly 1000 members the TUM Graduate School is an interdisciplinary organization, fulfilling the recommendations of the Salzburger Program within the Bologna Process. There is an extensive social program available featuring a multitude of excursions to scenic attractions around Bavaria, trips to concerts and other events as well as regular get-togethers. One of the goals of the TUM-GS is to facilitate and broaden the networks of its members. International doctoral candidates may therefore take part in the 4-day TUM Graduate School Kick-Off Seminar as guests, building up personal networks which span across all faculties at the TUM. An exceptional promotion of interdisciplinary and international networks encourages and supports the personal development of every doctorate at the TUM and provides each one with a multitude of contacts both within the TUM and worldwide.

### The Research Training Program includes:

- Supervision agreement  
“double mentoring” and an interim evaluation
- Subject related training and transferable skills training  
a minimum of three courses plus one Kick-off and one Final seminar
- Internationalization voucher (1.600€)  
for a term abroad / the invitation of guest researchers / visit of international conferences
- Personal bonus (200€)  
for candidates who have an article published in an international, peer-reviewed journal
- Social Networking  
supporting the interface between faculties, alumnis, careers and industry

For more information please visit the website: [www.gs.tum.de](http://www.gs.tum.de)

Or contact: [info@gs.tum.de](mailto:info@gs.tum.de)



## **Therme Erding**

When: Wednesday, April 27th 2011

Time: 6:30pm (Meeting point will be announced after registration)

Fee: 10€

Be amazed by the variety at Europe's biggest thermal water world – an exotic pool paradise with a soothing vitality oasis and bathing beneath palm trees. This exotic thermal paradise has a salt grotto with salt from the Himalayas, hot sulphur springs, a fountain of youth and many more water attractions. Europe's biggest water slide complex is taking fun to new heights. 16 high-tech galactic slides guarantee 1,400 meters of fun, action and adventure. Join us for 4 hours of absolute relaxation underneath the palm trees. Public transportation as well as the entrance fee are included in the fare.

## **Excursion to Regensburg and May Dult**

When: Saturday, May 14th 2011

Time: 9am (Meeting point will be announced after registration)

Fee: 10€

Located on the Danube River, the Old Town of Regensburg is an exceptional example of a central-European medieval trading centre. A notable number of buildings of outstanding quality testify to its political, religious, and economic significance from the 9th century. The Old Town of Regensburg is an outstanding example of a central-European medieval trading town, which has well preserved its historical stratigraphy, and which is an exceptional illustration to the development of commerce particularly from the 11th to 14th centuries. Come and join us for a historical tour through the city, a boat trip on the Danube River with a spectacular view of the medieval city center. We will spend the second half of the day enjoying one of the most traditional and exciting Dults Bavaria has to offer. The fee includes transportation, the historical city tour as well as the boat trip.

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## **Rocky Horror Picture Show**

When: Saturday, May 28th 2011

Time: 10:30pm (Meeting point will be announced after registration)

Fee: 5 €

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is the 1975 film adaptation of the British classic rock musical stageplay, The Rocky Horror Show, written by Richard O'Brien. Still in limited release 35 years after its premiere, it has the longest-running theatrical release in film history. It gained notoriety as a midnight movie in 1977 when audiences began participating with the film in theatres. The motion picture has a large international following and is one of the most well known and financially successful midnight movies of all time. We will enjoy the movie in the second oldest cinema Munich has to offer. The Rocky Horror Show has been playing there every Saturday for the last 30 years and enjoys a lively following of movie participants which turn every viewing into a unique experience. Our cinema experience will include an interactive package which will enable you to actively participate in the movie along with all the other viewers in the cinema. It will truly be an unforgettable experience!

## **Day Trip: Café Jasmin and Neue Pinakothek**

When: Sunday, June 12th 2011

Time: 1:30pm (Meeting point will be announced after registration)

Fee: 5 €

The Neue Pinakothek focuses on European Art of the 18th and 19th century and is one of the most important museums of art of the nineteenth century in the world. Together with the Alte Pinakothek and the Pinakothek der Moderne it is part of Munich's "Kunstareal" (the "art area"). The museum is under supervision of the Bavarian State Painting Collections which houses an expanded collection of more than 3.000 European paintings from classicism to art nouveau. About 400 paintings and 50 sculptures of these are exhibited in the New Pinakothek. Among others the house includes paintings of Goya, Renoir, Monet, Gauguin and van Gogh. The fee will include entrance to the museum as well as an audioguide in the language of your preference. To start this cultural experience I would be happy to invite you to a warm beverage in one of the most unique cafes in Munich, the Café Jasmin. Its interior design is made up of original 50s decoration and will transport you back into the stylish and whimsical flair of the past century.

## **BBQ Alumni to Newbies**

When: Thursday, June 16th 2011

Meeting point: TUM Graduate School Building, Campus Garching

Time: 7pm

Fee: none

Take part in an informative and fun night of Alumni sharing their experiences at work and in life in general with you. We will start the evening with a round table to give you the opportunity to ask the Alumni about topics like working overseas, applying successfully for grants and general insider tips concerning publishing. After that you are invited to take part in our BBQ and spend the rest of the evening with perfecting your skills on our kicker and ping pong table. We look forward to seeing you!

## **Chinesischer Turm-Beer garden**

When: Sunday, July 3rd 2011

Time: 12am (Meeting point will be announced after registration)

Fee: 5 €

Per definition a Biergarten (beer garden) is an open-air area where beer, other drinks and local food are served. But this only begins to describe the fun and unforgettable experience of spending a day on wooden benches underneath century old chestnut trees and enjoying the Bavarian summer. Beer gardens in Germany developed in the kingdom of Bavaria in the 19th century, during which lager beer was predominant. According to a decree by King Ludwig I, this had to be brewed during the cold months, since fermentation had to take place at temperatures between 4 and 8 °C. To provide this beer during summer, large breweries dug cellars in the banks of the River Isar for the storage of beer, to keep it cool. To further reduce the cellar temperature, they covered the banks in gravel and planted chestnut trees, the leaves of which provided shade in summer. Soon after, the beer cellars were used not only to store but also to serve the beer. Simple tables and benches were set up among the trees, creating “beer gardens”, and soon they were a popular venue for the citizens of Munich. Join us for a tasting of beer and traditional Bavarian food at one of Munichs most popular beer gardens in the very heart of the city.

## **Blade Night**

When: Monday, July 18th 2011

Time: 8pm (Meeting point will be announced after registration)

Fee: 5 €

The Munich blade night was initiated in the year of 1999 to motivate citizens to a more active lifestyle. Since then it has turned into the biggest blade night in Europe with some 10,000 participants per night. Join us for the warm up party at the Bavaria Statue and a nice chat at the beer garden. After a rejuvenating drink we will participate in the Strecke East which goes all the way to our beautiful city zoo along 12,5km of open road. The fee will include a participants bracelet as well as a cold drink at the beer garden. So let's get active!

## **Open Air Cinema Königsplatz**

When: Tuesday, July 26th 2011

Time: 8:30pm (Meeting point will be announced after registration)

Fee: 5 €

The Königsplatz was designed with the creation of the Brienner Straße at the command of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria by Karl von Fischer and laid out by Leo von Klenze. Klenze framed the square with the "Ionic" Glyptothek and the "Doric" Propylaea. The "Corinthian" State Museum of Classical Art was erected by Georg Friedrich Ziebland. The area around Königsplatz is today the home to the Kunstareal, Munich's gallery and museum quarter. This historical place becomes the site of one of Munich's most popular summer attractions, the open air cinema. We will see one of the best comedies Germany has produced in recent years with some of its awards being the Bambi as well as the Bayerische Filmpreis. The movie is about a young man with Tourette-Syndrome who embarks on a quirky road trip together with two other inmates of his clinic to bring the last remains of his beloved mother to the sea. The fee includes entrance to the movie as well as one soft drink. Please be aware of the fact that the movie will be shown in German!

## **Day trip: Bike tour to the Menterschwaige**

When: Sunday, August 7th 2011

Time: 10am (Meeting point will be announced after registration)

Fee: 5 €

Join me for a day of the two most favorite past times of a typical Bavarian: Cycling and Beergarden. We will ride our bikes along the beautiful Isar landscape starting in the famous Au all the way down to the more rural parts of Munich. There we will spend a quiet afternoon basking in the sun and enjoying the food and drinks one of munichs oldest and most beautiful beergardens has to offer. King Ludwig already knew how to enjoy himself there and was known for bringing his mistress Lola Montez for some quiet afternoon hours under the chestnut trees and to enjoy the spectacular view of the Isar. The round trip will start and end at the Deutsche Museum and includes a cold drink and traditional german food at the beergarden.

## Registration

Please register online under:

[www.tum.de/gs/doktoranden/anmeldung](http://www.tum.de/gs/doktoranden/anmeldung)

After this, you will receive an Email with all payment details. Your registration will only become official after you have made the payment and send a confirmation Email.

## Withdrawal

If you want to withdraw your registration, please do so at least 1 week prior via Email - in case of a cancellation your fee can only be returned if we can find someone else to take your place. We will not be able to refund your fee, should you not appear on the day of the event. Should this happen twice, you will not be considered for the rest of the events during the term!

## Extra Information

The events will only take place with a sufficient number of participants.

About one week prior to the event you will get more details about the meeting point as well as other organisational information.

**Also notice that taking part in the activities is at one's own risk.**

**The TUM-GS will assume no liability!**

## Advanced Training Program

### TUM and Germany in a Nutshell

We offer you an informative introduction regarding TUM and Germany as a whole. You will have the opportunity to request information regarding TUM, application formalities, health insurance, or any other everyday queries you may have, as our consultant for doctoral candidates will also be present.

This workshop aims to introduce you to German culture standards and to understand them in the historical and political context. You will get information on how to communicate and cooperate with German colleagues and mentors. Furthermore you will learn about the culture shock and how to deal with it. After the workshop you will hopefully feel more comfortable in intercultural situations.

We will work with cultural simulations, case studies, Trainer presentations and exercises.

When: Two options for this summer term

Friday, April 15th 2011

Friday, June 17th 2011

Where: Garching, Room number will be sent by email

Time: 2pm - 6pm

Fee: 5€

### Online DUO courses

We are glad to be able to offer you again free places at the DUO-online-German language course. DUO means Deutsch-Uni Online ([www.deutsch-uni.com](http://www.deutsch-uni.com)) and offers interactive and flexible learning of the German language. You decide when to take time for your course.

It combines language acquisition with the transfer of technical and practical knowledge. Learners may use DUO to prepare themselves ideally for study or research by enhancing or deepening their language skills. Our offer is addressed for those of you who already have basic German language knowledge and would therefore start with level B1/2 or level C1/2 in the fields of Nature, Economy, Technics, Biology or Medicine.

Those of you who are interested, please send your last German language certificate minimum Level A2 to [meyerc@zv.tum.de](mailto:meyerc@zv.tum.de)

### **German language courses**

Do you wish to learn German or improve your command of the German language?

You can find all courses offered by the TUM Language Center under [www.tum-sprachen.de](http://www.tum-sprachen.de). Enrolled candidates can apply for all language courses offered by the language center. The courses are free of charge and registration as well as the online assessment test for the courses start at the beginning of each semester via the e-learning platform ([www.elearning.tum.de](http://www.elearning.tum.de)).

Should you not be able to take part in these courses, but want to expand your German language skills, then you can apply for our financial support for up to 50€. For this, please send an E-mail to [meyerc@zv.tum.de](mailto:meyerc@zv.tum.de) and give details to your situation.

Other providers concerning German language courses are:

[www.dkfa.de](http://www.dkfa.de)

[www.goethe.de](http://www.goethe.de)

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### Directions to the office:

You can reach the TUM Graduate School by taking the underground line U6 in direction „Garching Forschungszentrum“. This is also the stop you must get off. Please walk to the exit in the front (in driving direction) and take the escalator. As soon as you get out of the underground station, you will see a square building with red, yellow, black and white colored accents next to the mechanical engineering faculty. This is the TUM Graduate School building and my office is on the second floor.

Appointments by arrangement

