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MINGZ Doc Newsletter

Dear doctoral researcher,

The University of Hamburg has once again been awarded the title of Excellence University for a period of seven years. This means that we continue to be one of the few universities nationwide to receive this significant recognition. MIN Graduate Center joins in applauding this great success for the University of Hamburg and the entire Hamburg research community!

We would like to know how this recognition impacts you as doctoral researchers and how you feel about it. We encourage you to contact us at mingz@uni-hamburg.de and share with us, what the designation of the University of Hamburg as an Excellence University means to you personally.

Your MIN Graduate Center

NEWS OF MIN GRADUATE CENTER

We are still searching for You! Are you interested in improving the conditions for doctoral researchers? Want to know more about the internal processes of your university? Apply as a doctoral representative of the MIN Faculty at mingz@uni-hamburg.de

[Further information](#)

MINGZ March Walking Tour

20. March, 07:00 p.m., meeting point at U Feldstraße

For the next MINGZ WALKING TOUR in march we will celebrate the end of winter with a bar-hopping tour through St. Pauli. Join us for Hamburgs liveliest scenery, enjoy beverages and cheers to the weekend as well as the beginning of spring together with us! If the weather allows we will also grab a drink at a shop and walk through the streets of St. Pauli to enjoy its full diversity!

As always you can join our [discord](#) where we keep you posted regarding our Walking Tours and much more - BUT this time especially, as we can also discuss to also visit the place during night and for instance have dinner or drinks before, so join us and let us know what you prefer to do!

[Further information and registration](#)

MINGZ April Walking Tour

19. April 2026, 12 p.m., Meet at S-Stadthausbrücke

For the MINGZ WALKING TOUR in April, we will celebrate spring time with a classic Walking Tour through the historical city of Hamburg and the new Hafencity. Join us for a classic Walking Tour where we check out famous buildings such as St. Michaeliskirche or the Elbphilharmonie. As always you can join our [discord](#) where we keep you posted regarding our Walking Tours and much more.

[Further information and registration](#)

Welcome Services for doctoral researchers

Are you a registered doctoral researcher at the MIN Faculty? Would you like to support a prospective or new doctoral researcher from abroad (incoming buddy) and receive an individual certificate for the extracurricular voluntary activities? Then join the Welcome Buddy Program of the MIN faculty to support incoming international doctoral researchers. The Buddy Program activities can be approved as one part of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). [Registration](#) is possible via this link.

[Further information](#)

MINGZ Good Scientific Practice Workshop – May 2026

28. & 29. May 2026, 09:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m., Grindelberg 5, room 008

The MIN Graduate Center recommends all doctoral researchers to participate in a seminar on Good Scientific Practice (Gute Wissenschaftliche Praxis). We will discuss important issues around a smooth and successful completion of your doctorate. Sign up for this seminar to learn more about how **not to get into trouble or conflicts** during your doctorate! May your doctorate run smoothly. The seminar will be held in English. External doctoral candidates who are not registered in Geventis send an e-mail to mingz@uni-hamburg.de.

[Further information and registration](#)

MINGZ Funded Conference Participation: a Report

The MIN Graduate Center offers support to doctoral researchers, including travel grants for conferences and research stays. These experiences not only enhance academic growth but also foster international collaboration. Nicole Acosta traveled to Brisbane, Australia where she attended the International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) 2025 and conducted research at Macquarie University.

At ICCB, Nicole was able to present her research on the intertwined challenges of invasive plant spread and food security in the Galapagos Islands. She received invaluable feedback in discussions with international experts, visited inspiring keynote talks and participated in networking events, that broadened her perspective on global conservation challenges. Nicole also took the opportunity to spend a week at the Galleria Research Facility at Macquarie University, where she observed cutting-edge laboratory work, gained hands-on experience and forged a basis for future collaboration. Looking back on her trip to Brisbane, Nicole concludes:

“Participating in ICCB 2025 allowed me to connect with leading conservation scientists, learn about the latest advances in the field, and gain insights into the practical application of interdisciplinary research. The conference’s commitment to inclusivity and knowledge sharing created a dynamic environment where I could both contribute to and learn from the global conservation community.”

[Find Nicole Acosta's full report and other interesting reports by doctoral researchers](#)

WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING EVENTS

Hamburg Research Academy Current Workshop Portfolio

- [HRA Spotlight - Auslandsaufenthalte während der Promotion \(in German\)](#)
24. März, 10:00 - 12:00 Uhr, online
- [HRA Spotlight - German Academic System for PhDs and Postdocs](#)
26. March, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., online
- [Own your voice - mit starker Stimme sprechen \(in German\)](#)
26. März, 10:00 - 16:00 Uhr, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7
- [E-Learning: Starting your PhD or Postdoc in Hamburg Successfully](#)
01. April, 12:00 a.m., online
- [E-Learning: Basics of Science Communication](#)
13. April, 1:00 p.m., online
- [Disputationstraining \(in German\)](#)
16. - 17. April, 9:00 - 16:30 Uhr, online
- [Career Options: Science Communication as a Job - Your Career beyond Academia?](#)
17. April, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., online
- [AI 101 or: Top Tools and How to Use Them Optimally and Ethically](#)
27. April, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., online
- [Career Options: Karrieremöglichkeiten im Auswärtigen Amt - Wir leben Diplomatie! \(in German\)](#)
28. April, 14:00 - 15:30 Uhr, online

Urheberrecht in Forschung und Lehre (in German only)

25. März 2026, 13:00 - 17:00 Uhr, TUHH, Am Schwarzenberg-Campus 2 (B), Raum B 0.001

Der Workshop gibt einen Überblick über die für wissenschaftliches Arbeiten relevanten urheberrechtlichen Fragestellungen. Gemeint ist damit vor allem wissenschaftliches Publizieren sowie der Einsatz elektronischer Medien in der Lehre. Besondere Bezugnahme erfolgt vor allem zu Bildrechten, Lizenzfragen, Schrankenbestimmungen in Wissenschaft und Lehre sowie Open Content.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

56. Heidelberg Physics Graduate Days

07. - 10. April 2026, University of Heidelberg, at INF 226 and 227

Over four days, doctoral researchers from across physics will come together for intensive block courses. This year's program spans from cosmology, dark energy, and gravitational waves to AI in fundamental research. Topics include Higgs physics, holographic dualities, quantum simulations with ultracold atoms, as well as fusion, environmental physics, and soft matter/biophysics. And: magnetic materials for sustainable energy applications, represented by Katharina Ollefs, who only recently joined the faculty.

[Further information and registration](#)

Coping with stress, for doctoral researchers/PhDs only

09. & 23. April, 7. & 21. & 28. May, 11. & 25. June, 04:00 - 06:00 p.m., Mittelweg 177

The next round of this offer exclusively for doctoral researchers is about to start! Topics include dealing with anxiety and negative thoughts (aka impostor syndrome), improving self-care, e.g. through mindfulness and relaxation techniques, managing time and resources, communicating and setting boundaries at the workplace. The group shall provide skills for coping with the particular challenges doctoral researchers are facing.

[Further information and registration](#)

Brown Bag: Erfolgsmomente teilen – Motivation stärken (in German only)

15. April 2026, 12:30 - 13:30 Uhr, Mittelweg 177

In diesem Brown Bag Meeting dreht sich alles darum, wie es gelingen kann gemeinsame Erfolge sichtbar zu machen und wertschätzend zu feiern. Es wird sich darüber ausgetauscht, wie positive Erfahrungen im Arbeitsalltag bewusst wahrgenommen und gewürdigt werden können.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Literaturrecherche für Promovierende – die besten Recherche-Hacks, Strategien und Tools (in German only)

23. April 2026, 09:00 - 17:00 Uhr & 24. April 2026, 09:00 - 16:00 Uhr, Von Melle Park 5, WiWi-Bibliothek

Die Fähigkeit, die relevante Literatur effektiv und effizient zu finden und zu beschaffen, ist die Basis für eine ausgezeichnete Dissertation. In diesem Workshop erarbeiten Sie unter Anleitung eine effiziente und effektive Strategie für die Literaturrecherche, konkret bezogen auf Ihr Forschungsthema und unter Nutzung aller Möglichkeiten des Bibliothekssystems UHH und darüber hinaus, einschließlich ausgewählter KI-Tools.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Welcome@Universität Hamburg

24. April 2026, 09:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m., Mittelweg 177

Starting in January 2026, Welcome Day will take place once a quarter. Whether you are interested in TVBP or science, Welcome Day is designed to bring everyone together and support your (joint) start at UHH. You can participate in Welcome Day in German or English; please register for the appropriate event. Here, you will have the opportunity to get to know the university as well as key contact persons. Gain your first insights into our diverse organization and take the chance to connect with colleagues from different areas.

[Further information and registration](#)

Online Writing Retreat – Raum und Zeit für die Doktorarbeit (in German only)

28. - 30. April 2026, 09:00 - 16:00 Uhr, online

Das Schreibzentrum lädt Promovierende aller Fächer der Universität Hamburg ein zu einem Online Writing Retreat. Dieser bietet Ihnen die Möglichkeit, sich voll und ganz auf das Schreiben der Doktorarbeit zu konzentrieren, nebenbei Neues über das Schreiben zu lernen und sich mit anderen Doktorand:innen auszutauschen. Bitte klicken Sie für die Anmeldung im OpenOLAT-Raum „Online Writing Retreat für Promovierende der UHH April 2026“ links auf Anmeldung und schreiben Sie sich bei „Angemeldete OWR April 2026“ ein.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

NewCLEAR SummerSchool

27. - 29. May 2026, Domero Hotel and Excursion to the Nuclear Power Plant

Three days full of knowledge, exchange and practical experience. Exciting lectures, workshops and networking opportunities related to nuclear technology and the energy industry await you in Greifswald, Germany. The highlight: an exclusive excursion to the Greifswald nuclear power plant (EWN, Lubmin) with real insights into decommissioning and reactor technology.

[Further information and registration](#)

JOB OFFERS & FELLOWSHIPS

Project Manager for EU Projects

Join DESY as a Project Manager for EU-funded projects (initially 2 years, starting May 1, 2026). In this role, you will coordinate project activities, ensure timely achievement of goals, monitor partner tasks, organize events, and handle contractual and financial administration. You will also support dissemination efforts, including maintaining the project website and creating newsletters. This position offers full-time or part-time work with the possibility of remote work and provides an exciting opportunity to contribute to cutting-edge scientific research at a leading international research center.

[Application Deadline is 30. March](#)

VAA Stiftung Preis 2026

Der Exzellenzpreis der VAA Stiftung wird für hervorragend bewertete Dissertationen im Bereich der Chemie und der Verfahrenstechnik vergeben, die eine besondere Leistung für die Weiterentwicklung dieser Fachgebiete darstellen und denen industrieller Anwendungsbezug zugesprochen werden kann. Der Preis wird einmal im Jahr an bis zu drei Preisträger*innen vergeben. Mit der Auszeichnung ist ein Preisgeld in Höhe von jeweils 5.000 € sowie eine Urkunde verbunden, aus der die Verdienste des Preisträgers/der Preisträgerin hervorgehen.

[Application Deadline is 31. March](#)

University of Bremen: Independent Projects for PostDocs

The University of Bremen offers 3-year postdoc positions via the Central Research Development Fund. This call is addressed towards postdocs from Bremen and abroad who apply a) directly after completing their PhD or b) as advanced postdocs with the aim professorship. Funding includes a postdoc position for three years and additional allowance of up to €6,000 per year as well as offers for personnel development and support in writing grant proposals. Research stays abroad are permissible up to nine months. The full postdoc position comes with a teaching load of one class per semester.

[Application Deadline is 01. April](#)

Postdoc Fellowship: Young Academy Fellows

Mit dem Programm der Young Academy Fellows (YAFs) fördert die 'Akademie der Wissenschaften in Hamburg' herausragende norddeutsche Postdocs aller Disziplinen (bis vier Jahre nach der Promotion) finanziell und ideell, idealerweise für drei Jahre. Interessierte Kandidat:innen aus Hamburg, Bremen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern und Schleswig-Holstein sind dazu aufgerufen, sich für den neuen Jahrgang mit Aufnahme ab Herbst 2026 zu bewerben.

[Application Deadline is 07. April](#)

Max-Planck-Postdoc-Programm

Das Max-Planck-Postdoc-Programm bietet aufstrebenden Toptalenten eine Reihe von attraktiven Maßnahmen und Möglichkeiten für eine Karriere in der Wissenschaft. Die Ausschreibung läuft zweimal im Jahr – jeweils ab 1. März und ab 1. September. Die Max-Planck-Gesellschaft bietet interessierten Toptalenten gebündelt Postdoc-Positionen an.

[Application Deadline is 13. April](#)

Joachim Jungius Preis 2026

Der mit 5.000€ Preisgeld dotierte Wissenschaftspreis der 'Joachim-Jungius-Stiftung der Wissenschaften zu Hamburg' wird 2026 für bemerkenswerte Arbeiten zu dem Thema 'Übertragungen' verliehen. Beiträge aus sämtlichen Fachbereichen sind willkommen.

[Application Deadline is 30. June](#)

In-Person and Blended EUGLOH Activities Open to PhD (and other) Students

· [Crime Scene Investigation with Animals Reloaded](#): Student at all levels are invited to apply for this blended activity, which includes an online portion as well as an in-person portion from **8. to 10. June 2026** at the University of Alcalá. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **20. March 2026**.

· [AI and the Humanities Workshop](#): The University of Szeged invites students at all levels to apply for this blended activity, which includes online sessions and an in-person session in Szeged from **3. to 5. June 2026**. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **31. March 2026**.

· [Taking Care of Yourself: Self-Examination of Your Health](#): Student at all levels are invited to apply for this blended activity, which includes an in-person portion on **17. and 18. June 2026** at the University of Alcalá followed by asynchronous online classes. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **1. April 2026**.

· [Chemical Processes for a More Sustainable Society](#): Master's and PhD students are invited to apply for this blended activity hosted by the University of Alcalá via the EUGLOH website by **1. April 2026**.

· [Skills on and Response to Resuscitation and Other Life-threatening Scenarios](#): Student at all levels are invited to apply for this blended activity, which includes an in-person portion from 15. to 19. June 2026 at the University of Alcalá in addition to online sessions. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **1. April 2026**.

· [EUGLOH Living Lab - Crafting My PhD Journey 2026](#): Lund University invites PhD students to apply for this blended activity, which includes an in-person session in Lund the first week of June. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **6. April 2026**.

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