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MINGZ Doc Newsletter

Dear doctoral researcher,

are you struggling to find your voice in academia? Do you find it a challenge to achieve **visibility for yourself and your ideas** within the wider academic community? This month we would like to take the opportunity to draw your attention to the annual 'Promovierendentag' (Doctoral Student Day) organized by the Hamburg Research Academy. On May 22, 2025, this event aims to explore the important questions of how to find your own voice and how to create a presence as a young researcher. From the art of public speaking, overcoming social anxieties, and vocal empowerment (especially for women) to participation in university committees, workshops will address how doctoral researchers can be heard and seen within the academic community. You can also expect **practical tips on conversation and presentation skills as well as an entertaining Science Slam** to conclude the event.

All doctoral researchers are warmly invited to participate. Further information on Promovierendentag 2025 can be found below. The event will be in German with only certain selected workshops being available in English.

Your MIN Graduate Center

NEWS OF MIN GRADUATE CENTER

MINGZ GSP - Good Scientific Practice - May

16./19. May 2025, 09:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m., online

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.

[Registration on Geventis](#)

Walking tour of MINGZ – May 2025

17. May 2025, 11:00 a.m., Hamburg Central Station

MINGZ academic tutors Kai and Juliane invite you to our neighborhood city Lüneburg. You will explore the lovely city throughout the day and enjoy the little cafes and restaurants in the city center. As always you can join the discord where our tutors keep you posted regarding our Walking Tours and much more. Please sign up via Geventis (link below) or on the [Discord channel](#).

[Registration on Geventis](#)

MINGZ funded conference participation abroad: a report

The MIN Graduate Center supports doctoral researchers by travel grants for conferences and research stays. The experiences on these trips are diverse and very interesting. Here is a report from a doctoral researchers' conference attendance in Perth, Australia.

Christian Rentschler traveled to the University of Western Australia in Perth to attend the 2024 International Conference on Infrared, Millimeter and Terahertz Waves. There he was able to present his own research on 'Terahertz-induced modulation of a narrowband laser' to the scientific community, receiving valuable feedback from experts in his field. Additionally, a specialized student workshop was held on the day before the main sessions, where participants could talk to leading researchers and professors. And since it is customary to give the floor to a representative of the Aboriginal Australians before large international events in Western Australia in order to raise awareness of past and present deprivations and create visibility, the conference participants were also able to learn about Aboriginal culture and even to enjoy a performance of traditional Didgeridoo music.

Especially towards the end of a young researchers doctoral phase, gaining contacts and forging connections is particularly valuable in terms of future prospects. Therefore, Christian is grateful that there were specialized student workshops as well as a common gathering place for talking and networking during shared meals. For fellow doctoral candidates considering to add an international conference participation to their doctoral career path, Christian offers the following advice:

"Since outreach and networking are vital parts of scientific work, which every early stage researcher has to learn, I recommend every doctoral candidate to participate in international conferences. I am grateful that the MIN Graduate Center offers financial support with an uncomplicated application process to make this possible. [...] Finally, I advise my fellow students who are going on a similar trip to be well prepared in advance, not only in terms of their own contribution, but also regarding the selection of sessions they plan to attend and of whom they want to talk to. [...] A good preparation helps to make the conference even more enjoyable and to get the most out of it".

[Find Christians full report as well as other interesting reports by doctoral researchers](#)



Photo: Christian Rentschler

Spread the Word: Postdoc Welcome Night: Bahrenfeld Edition

24. April 2025, 05:00 p.m. - 08:00 p.m., Seminar Room I, CFEL, DESY Campus (Luruper Chaussee 149)

The UHH MIN faculty and PIER Education Platform warmly welcome all new postdoctoral fellows, as well as anybody who still feels new! During our PostDoc Welcome Night, we will familiarize you with structures at PIER and the UHH MIN faculty, and share many other resources available to you at Campus Bahrenfeld. The evening will be filled with talks and workshops covering topics such as support options provided by the UHH MIN faculty and PIER during your PostDoc phase and career paths for PostDocs within academia or outside of academia. Additionally, there will be snacks and opportunities to socialize with your fellow PostDocs

[Further information and registration](#)

WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING EVENTS

English Language Courses for doctoral researcher and academic staff

In the summer semester of 2025, the Language Center at the University of Hamburg offers [English language courses](#) that are specifically designed for and targeted towards PhD students and academic staff. The program includes courses focusing on academic writing and presentation skills for PhD students, as well as courses focusing on developing speaking skills in a university context open for academic staff at the University of Hamburg. Registration is conducted directly through the Language Center's website on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Further information about the UHH language center](#)

How to publish in A-Journals

22. April - 24. June 2025, online via Zoom/Moorweidenstraße 18, room 0005.1

Join the University of Hamburg Business School for an essential PhD block course on academic publishing tailored for aspiring researchers. This course will help you navigate the challenges of publishing in prestigious "A-journals" by enhancing your skills in writing high-quality research articles. Topics include understanding the publishing landscape, crafting impactful manuscripts, and developing effective revision strategies. Ideal for those who have completed relevant methodology courses and made progress on their research projects.

[Further information on Geventis](#)

Scientific Poster Lab: Visual Methods to Reach Different Target GroupsRegister (HRA)

25. April, 09:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., online; 30. April 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 02:00 p.m., Hamburg Research Academy, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7, 20354 Hamburg

Scientific posters are an integral part of the daily work of scientists. Usually, you design them for an expert group with special pre-knowledge. But sometimes there are also posters required to explain your work to a much broader target group – for example, at "Open House" events. In this workshop you will learn visual methods that will help you convey your message to a lay audience – and also, how you can re-use this competence to enhance your poster presentations for peer groups as well.

[Further information and registration](#)

Making an Impact! Skills for Career Paths in and beyond Academia

28./30. April (online), 05.-09. May (face-to-face event)

Would you like to expand your skills, make international contacts and explore career opportunities outside the academic world during your doctoral phase? Register now for this year's Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) - organised by the University of Porto, the University of Hamburg and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München - which brings together participants from all over Europe through online and face-to-face activities. The virtual phase of the BIP will take place on 28. and 30. April 2025, the face-to-face event at the University of Porto from 5. to 9. May 2025. The topics range from science communication and public engagement to concrete insights into the professional world.

Doctoral researchers at the University of Hamburg are invited to register (phd-skills@uni-hamburg.de) to express their interest in Erasmus funding for the limited number of places available for this BIP.

[Further information about EUGLOH](#)

EUGLOH Summer School in Szeged: Biomedical Data Processing and Artificial Intelligence “BEATRICE”

30. June - 04. July 2025, Szeged, Hungary

Participants in this summer school held by the University of Szeged in collaboration with EUGLOH partner universities will receive an overview of the basis of data processing in different biomedical applications as well as an introduction to the topic of artificial intelligence as it relates to multidisciplinary research activities. It is also open to postdoctoral researchers. Registration deadline is 28.04.2025

[Further information and registration](#)

The #MdRzA—Biking to Work campaign

01. May - 31. August 2025

Biking to Work is a joint initiative of the German National Cyclists' Association and the AOK and takes place each year from May 1 to 31 August. Take the chance to be more active and win great prizes! It's not about top performance, but simply about taking part, making a contribution to the environment and your own health or simply about team spirit. Numerous colleagues at the University bike to work already. Last year, 448 UHH employees registered for the campaign and 32 UHH teams took part. Together they cycled 79,224 kilometres and saved 15.591 tonnes of CO₂. Join them, and register your team!

[Further information and registration](#)

ZMNH Alumni Career Sessions

05. May 2025, 04:00 - 06:00 p.m., Falkenried 94, seminar room (ground floor)

Ever asked yourself what comes next after your PhD/MD/MSc or how to achieve your career goals as a young scientist in or outside academia? That's why Center for Molecular Neurobiology Hamburg (ZMNH) created the ZMNH Alumni Career Session, where former ZMNH employees talk about their career paths. Two speakers will give a short talk and then be available for an extensive networking session to answer your individual questions.

[Further Information](#)

HRA Spotlight – Promovieren und Familie. Herausforderungen und Lösungen (in German only)

12. Mai 2025, 14:00 - 16:00 Uhr, online

Wie kann die Vereinbarkeit von Familie und wissenschaftlicher Qualifizierung gelingen und was müssen Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler bedenken, die eine akademische Karriere mit Kindern anstreben? Wie finden andere Eltern die Balance zwischen Fürsorge und Forschung? Die Informationsveranstaltung gibt einen ersten Überblick zu Unterstützungs- und Beratungsangeboten und bietet Raum für Fragen sowie die Möglichkeit, sich untereinander auszutauschen und zu vernetzen.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Building Your Career Strategy in Academia & Beyond

14. May 2025, 10:30 a.m. - 05:30 p.m., Hamburg Research Academy, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7, Room A1012

To achieve your goals in career and life, you first need to clarify what you truly want—or determine whether what you think you want is the right fit. In this workshop, Executive Director of the German Scholars Organization (GSO) Anne Schreiter will share strategies to help you identify your values, transferable skills, and strengths. This workshop will explore how storytelling and networking tools can enhance your ability to communicate your aspirations and increase your visibility, whether you aim for a career in academia or other sectors. Finally, you will examine real-world career paths and application strategies.

[Further information and registration](#)

Writing Outside the Box: Techniques, Formats & Practice

16. May 2025, 01:30 p.m. - 03:30 p.m., HRA, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7, 20354 Hamburg; 06. June 2025, 01:30 p.m. - 03:30 p.m., online

Writing for a non-scientific audience has you breaking out into sweat? Don't worry, you are not alone. The good news: while talent plays a role as it does in any skill, so do method, technique and practice. Engaging writing is a skill that you can learn. This course will cover the essentials of writing. Participants will learn how to write for audiences beyond academia, discover common formats, and engage in practical writing exercises to apply their skills.

[Further information and registration](#)

Academic Career: yes or no? And what comes next?

21. May 2025, 01:30 p.m. - 02:30 p.m., HRA, online

This one-hour event supports you in clarifying individual career questions in a small group (max. 4 doctoral candidates and/or postdocs). Particularly those of you who are "not yet decided" will receive suggestions for confident and timely decision-making. Systemic questions and resource-oriented coaching methods enable you to change your perspective and discover previously unnoticed paths. Beyond, you can exchange ideas on a peer-to-peer level and benefit from the suggestions and experiences of other participants.

[Further information and registration](#)

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

20.-22. Mai 2025, 9:00 - 16:00 Uhr, online

Jeweils von 9:00 bis 16:00 Uhr bietet das Schreibzentrum Ihnen drei Tage lang die Möglichkeit, sich voll und ganz auf das Schreiben der Doktorarbeit zu konzentrieren und sich mit anderen Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden auszutauschen. Das Online Writing Retreat ermöglicht Ihnen beides: produktives Schreiben zu festen Zeiten und motivierenden Austausch mit anderen. Es ist auch möglich, nur an einzelnen Tagen dabei zu sein.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

HRA Promovierendentag: Stimme finden - Präsenz in der Wissenschaft (in German only)

22. May 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m., Betahaus, Eifflerstraße 43

This years 'Promovierendentag' of the Hamburg Research Academy focuses on the themes of voice and presence from various perspectives: from the art of public speaking and overcoming social anxieties to vocal empowerment (especially for women) and active participation in university committees. You will receive valuable tips for difficult conversations in the context of your doctorate and learn practically how to improve your presentation skills through microphone training. The day will culminate in an exciting and entertaining Science Slam on the topic of speaking.

[Further information and registration](#)

Developing Your Emerging Research Ideas for Funding Proposal

9. July 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 04:00 p.m., online

Don't let funding calls pass you by because you haven't had time to put the ideas in your head down in to a coherent proposal. This workshop offers you an opportunity to spend a day taming your great research ideas. These may be ideas that you have been pondering for some time, have discussed with colleagues, but have not quite got them organised and on to paper. In this interactive session you will spend some time starting to work up your ideas in to a tangible proposal to put forward for funding.

[Further information and registration](#)

JOB OFFERS & FELLOWSHIPS

Call for Applications – Azrieli International Fellowships

The fellowship enables PhD candidates to conduct short-term research at leading universities in Israel. It is valued at 12,000 ILS per month and is offered for up to four months. The [online application](#) for the Fall 2025 cohort is open now and closes April 22, 2025.

[Application deadline is 22.04.2025](#)

GSO/Klaus Tschira Stiftung: Leadership Academy

Die GSO – Guidance, Skills & Opportunities for Researchers e.V. vergibt 25 Fellowships für deutschsprachige Early/Mid Career Researchers aller Fachrichtungen. Die Leadership Academy ist ein Trainingsprogramm mit dem Ziel, Führungskompetenzen zu stärken. Die Fellows reflektieren ihre Karrierestrategie und entwickeln ein besseres Verständnis für den eigenen Führungsstil. Sie erproben Tools, die sie im Forschungsalltag, aber auch perspektivisch in Führungsrollen in anderen Sektoren anwenden können. In zwei Präsenzmodulen in Berlin & Heidelberg verbindet die Academy Selbstreflexion, interaktive Gruppenworkshops und Fallstudien mit individuellem Mentoring und einen Netzwerkaufbau in allen Sektoren.

[Bewerbungsschluss ist 22.04.2025](#)

Knowledge Exchange Fund 2025

The Twin Transformation of the University of Hamburg approach focuses on advancing sustainability goals through digital technologies and data on the one hand, while sustainably shaping technologies, data resources, and (social) infrastructures on the other. Therefore, the Transfer Fund 2025 supports projects that take joint responsibility for sustainable development with or through digital technologies and through cooperation and collaborative innovation with various relevant stakeholders. From 1. April, 2025 through to 30. April, 2025 applications are open for funding of up to 30.000€ for a funding period of 1. October 2025 to 30. September 2026.

[Application deadline is 30.04.2025](#)

Groningen-Hamburg Funding

The University of Hamburg (UHH) and the University of Groningen (UG) have agreed to jointly provide seed funding to support promising collaborative initiatives that aim to enhance collaboration and connectivity in research, teaching, student activities, and other general cooperative efforts. You are invited to apply for funding up to a maximum of EUR 8,000. The initiative will be jointly funded by the University of Hamburg and the University of Groningen. Funding will be confirmed in June and should be spent within 18 months starting from 1 July 2025.

[Application deadline is 31.05.2025](#)

Three Minute Thesis competition 2025

Can you imagine presenting your doctoral thesis in 180 seconds? This is precisely what the Three Minute Thesis competition challenges doctoral researchers from all disciplines to do. As they test their research communication skills on stage, the audience gains interesting and entertaining insights into current research. By taking part, you can practice conveying your research in a concise and understandable manner to an audience beyond your own scientific community. Moreover, the evening provides an excellent opportunity to network across disciplines and universities!

[Application deadline is 22.06.2025](#)

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