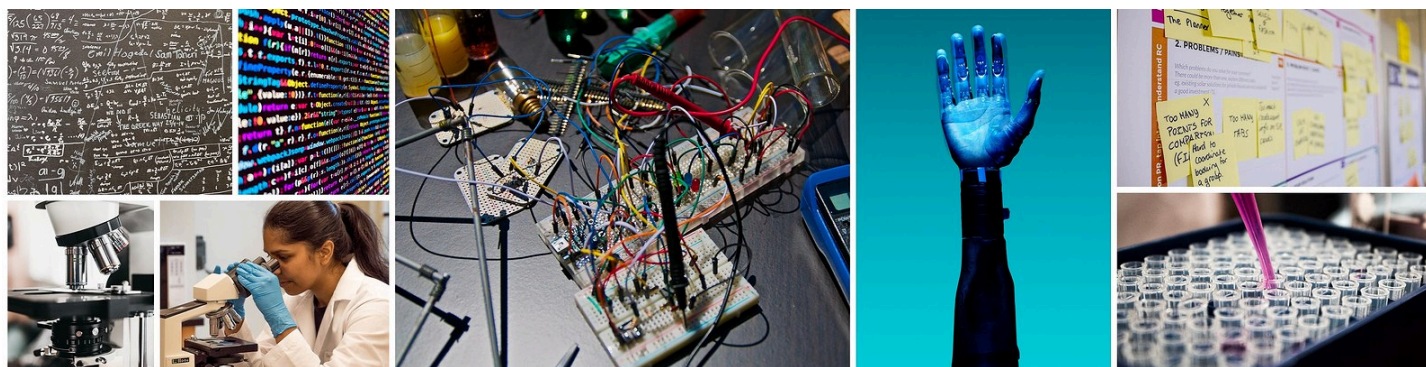




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MINGZ Doc Newsletter

Dear doctoral researcher,

It is time of change in the MINGZ team: After the election was completed in April, we welcome our new doctoral representatives, Meenakshi Mini Ashok and Julian-Partha Bhowmik. See below to find their portrait. They are approachable under doctoral-representatives.min@uni-hamburg.de

Additionally, our Academic Tutor Kai is close to finishing his doctorate and will therefore be leading his last Walking Tour in June (see below for details). Thank you, Kai, for all the fun and exciting discovery tours through Hamburg. Taking his place is our new Academic Tutor Lukas, who is offering the Walking Tours from July on. Lukas is happy to support you with any questions regarding getting started as a doctoral researcher at the MIN faculty, dealing with German bureaucracy, or settling into life in Hamburg.

Your MIN Graduate Center

NEWS OF MIN GRADUATE CENTER

Meet your new doctoral representatives

After we announced the results of the election for the new MINGZ Doctoral Representatives in the previous issue, we would now like to take the time and let both of your representatives introduce themselves to you:

Hi everyone! I'm **Meenakshi Mini Ashok**, a doctoral researcher at DESY specialising in laser physics and one of your new MIN Doctoral Representatives. I'm here to help build a welcoming, well-connected community—with a focus on peer collaboration, career guidance, and well-being. Looking forward to meeting many of you and making our doctoral journey a little more supported, together!

And my name is **Julian-Partha Bhowmik**, I am a doctoral researcher at UKE and doctoral representative at the MIN Faculty. I am committed to supporting doctoral researchers and fostering a collaborative and supportive doctoral community.

You can always reach out to your new doctoral representatives via the email doctoral-representatives.min@uni-hamburg.de.

[Learn more about your doctoral representatives](#)

A change of staff in our team

Our new Academic Tutor Lukas will be taking over from Kai. We wanted to give Lukas the chance to introduce himself as well as give Kai the opportunity to say goodbye to all of you.

Hi everyone, I'm **Lukas**, and I'll be taking over Kai's position starting in June (hopefully doing as good a job as he did). I'm a third-year doctoral researcher at DESY, where I work in mathematical physics, and I enjoy travelling. I'll be holding weekly office hours on the fifth floor of the MIN Forum, where you can come by for consultations around every day life in Hamburg. I'll also be organizing [monthly Walking Tours](#) to explore Hamburg together in an informal group of doctoral researchers. I look forward to meeting you!
Lukas

And here is **Kai's** goodbye message:

Hi guys, my journey as an academic tutor for the MIN faculty is coming to an end. It was a very nice and rich experience for me - during my consultancy i learned a lot about the structures of the university and i hope that i could at least help some of the people who were in need for advise :) It was also a big pleasure to host the Walking Tour for our MIN-faculty researchers. I've met so many lovely people and we had lots of fun moments together - hopefully i will be able to join some future occurring ones as well and i will always be approachable if you wanna have a chat or need help! For now Lukas will take over my place and i'm pretty sure, that he'll do at least as good of a job as i did! For the next and my last [Walking Tour](#) as a host we will do a picknick in Planten un Blomen at 21. June! I'd be happy to see as many faces as possible :)
Until then, Kai

Thank you Kai for working with us and we look forward to working with you, Lukas!

[Information on counseling by our academic tutor](#)

MINGZ June Walking Tour

20. June 2026, 2:30 p.m. at Planten un Blomen entrance Gänsemarkt

For the MINGZ WALKING TOUR in June, we will do a picknick at Planten un Blomen Park with hopefully lots of sun and good food. For the picknick everybody is welcome to bring some food and drinks to share (always welcome to bring something from your culinartic home!). Afterwards we can end the day with some nice drinks either outside or at a bar. As always you can join our [discord](#) where we keep you posted regarding our Walking Tours and much more.

[Further information and registration](#)

MINGZ July Walking Tour

24. July 2026, 3:30 p.m., S-Bahnhof Wedel

The MINGZ Walking Tour in July will be a relaxed walk around Wedel's harbor, beach, and dike area with a stay at the 28GRAD Café & Bar. We will start at the S-Bahnhof Wedel, walk along the Elbe, and take some time to enjoy the water, the ships, and the calm atmosphere. This should be a nice opportunity to get to know Wedel and get to know each other in a relaxed setting. This will be the first Walking Tour with Lukas who is looking forward to meeting all of you! You can also join our [discord server](#) where we keep you posted regarding our Walking Tours and more.

[Further information and registration](#)

MINGZ August Walking Tour

22. August 2026, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (latest), Landungsbrücken

For the MINGZ Walking Tour in August, we will head to the Alte Land (Old Country) for a small day trip to Jork. We will meet at the Landungsbrücken and travel together to Jork Marktplatz, where we will have a calm walk, visit the Museum Altes Land, and stop by the Hofcafé Feindt. It will be a nice chance to enjoy the landscape, have good conversations, and explore the Alte Land together. You can also join our [discord server](#) where we keep you posted regarding our Walking Tours and more.

[Further information and registration](#)

MINGZ funding for international conference participation and research stays abroad

The MIN Graduate Center supports you in attending international conferences and conducting research stays abroad. The upcoming application deadlines are:

Int. conference participation: 15. July, 2026 (funding period starts 15. August, 2026)

Research stay abroad: 15. August, 2026 (funding period starts 15. September, 2026)

For more information, especially regarding the application process and required documents, please visit our [website](#). Check out our [MINGZ blog](#) for inspiring reports by MINGZ funded doctoral researchers. Applications can be handed in via Geventis.

[Further information](#)

MINGZ Doctoral Welcome Night 2026

5. November 2025, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Mittelweg 177, Room 0006_08 (ground floor)

The MIN Graduate Center invites all new (and not quite so new) doctoral researchers to join our Doctoral Welcome Night 2026 where we aim to assist you in transitioning into your doctoral phase in Hamburg. We will provide information on questions facing you at the start of your doctorate, such as: how to cope with stress and challenging situations, which career paths to consider, how to reach support services, and much more. Additionally, there will be ample opportunity to connect with fellow early-stage doctoral researchers over snacks and drinks. If you are not registered with Geventis yet, you may register for this event simply by sending an email to mingz@uni-hamburg.de.

[Further information and registration](#)

Spread the word: MINGZ Postdoc Welcome Night

12. November 2026, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Mittelweg 177, Room 0006_08 (ground floor)

The MIN Graduate Center in collaboration with PIER Education Platform warmly invites all MIN faculty postdocs to join our Postdoc Welcome Night 2026 where we aim to familiarize you with support services and structures available to you during your postdoctoral phase at the MIN Faculty. There will be two mini-workshops to choose from, focusing on optimizing your portfolio and obtaining third-party funding as well as the opportunity to connect with fellow postdoctoral researchers. Spread the word to your postdoc friends.

[Further information and registration](#)

MINGZ Good Scientific Practice: November 2026

19. & 20. November 2026, 09:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m., Bundesstraße 56a, BIB 01-116

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. Merrit Rothe attended the annual conference of the American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy (ASGCT), the most important conference in its field which took place in Boston, USA.

Before travelling, Merrit contacted collaboration partners in the U.S. and arranged for meetings during the conference. She also reviewed the lists of fellow attendees and their contributions in advance in order to identify researchers she wanted to speak with. This preparation turned out to be extremely valuable, as the schedule was intense and exhausting. At the conference Merrit presented her research to an audience of experts in the field. This gave her the opportunity to discuss her new research method and receive valuable feedback and constructive criticism. Merrit points out that many of the discussions she attended were surprisingly focused on economic concerns rather than purely scientific questions. However, she also attended an inspiring talk by Terry Pirovolakis who spoke about how his family battled with a case of a hyper-rare gene disease and how they connected researchers worldwide to develop a potential gene therapy treatment. Looking back on her conference experience and application process with MINGZ, Merrit concludes:

“The application procedure was well described on the website and whenever questions arose, the MIN Graduate School provided very helpful and friendly support. [...] The conference itself was highly valuable for my scientific development.”

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

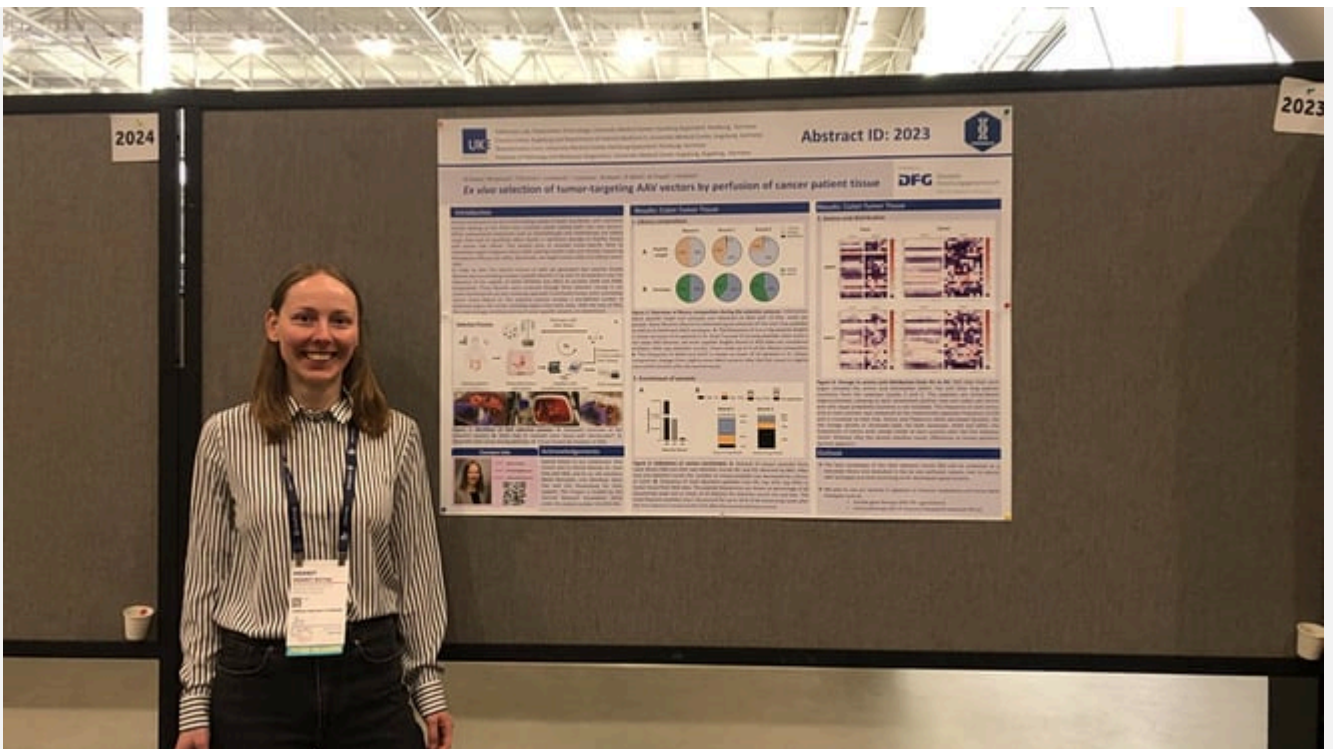


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Hamburg Research Academy current workshop portfolio

- [Writing Outside the Box: Techniques, Formats & Practice](#)
24. June, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., online, 08. July, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., online
- [Einführung ins Wikiversum \(in German\)](#)
02. Juli, 13:00 - 15:00 Uhr, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7
- [Pitch Perfect Presenting Your Best Self](#)
03. July 2026, 09 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., TUHH, Am Schwarzenberg-Campus 2 (B)
- [Schreibwerkstatt für Promovierende \(in German\)](#)
08. & 09. Juli, 9:30 - 16:30 Uhr, online
- [Three Minute Thesis Contest & Sommerfest 2026](#)
28. August, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Stockmeyerstr. 43, Halle 424
- [Effective Academic Writing: Tools and Strategies](#)
07. & 08. September, 9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m. / 4:30 p.m., Gorch-Fock-Wall 7
- [Academic Writing in Natural and Life Sciences](#)
10. & 11. September, 9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m. / 4:30 p.m., Gorch-Fock-Wall 7
- [Career Options: Sinn statt Status? Das Berufsfeld Stiftungen \(in German\)](#)
15. September, 14:00 - 15:30 Uhr, online
- [Applying Successfully for Jobs in Academia](#)
16. & 17. September, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., online

WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING EVENTS

Stellenwerk Job Fair

16. & 17. June, Von-Melle-Park, near Audimax

Would you like to know how to make a successful transition from completing your doctorate to starting a full-time job? The Stellenwerk job fair is aimed towards (international) students and doctoral researchers and provides practical advice, interesting insights, and support services to help you plan your career. There will be plenty of opportunity to forge new contacts and to get in touch with the job market.

[Further Information](#)

KI im Dialog: Ethische Perspektiven auf das KI-gestützte Lehren und Lernen (in German only)

17. June, 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., online

Dieser Workshop richtet sich an Lehrende der Universität Hamburg und konzentriert sich auf Künstliche Intelligenz (KI) in der Hochschulbildung, wobei insbesondere ethische Aspekte betont werden. Diskutiert werden die Chancen und Herausforderungen im Kontext hochschulpolitischer Ziele sowie möglicher Kompetenz-, Kontroll-, und Sozialverluste durch KI.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Grundlagen der Beratung (in German only)

24. Juni & 25. Juni, 9:00 - 13:00 Uhr, Mittelweg 177

In diesem Workshop können Beschäftigte der Universität Hamburg Ihre Kompetenzen als Berater:innen erweitern. Dabei lernen Sie verschiedene Beratungsansätze kennen und setzen sich mit Ihrer Rolle sowie mit Kommunikationsstrategien auseinander.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Call for applications: Three Minute Thesis Competition

The Hamburg Research Academy will host the annual Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) as part of its summer celebration on 25. August. To ensure the event once more offers a wide range of research topics and exciting presentations, the HRA is still open for applications until 28. June by doctoral researchers who would like to present their dissertation on stage within three minutes. The event will be held in English, however, presentations may also be given in German.

[Further information and application by 28. June](#)

English Language Course: Academic Writing Workshop

07. August & 04. September, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., online

The UHH language center offers special courses for doctoral researchers and academic staff. This academic writing workshop is specifically designed for doctoral researchers writing their dissertation or otherwise publishing in english and focuses on revising scientific texts that the participants are currently working on.

[Further information and registration](#)

JOB OFFERS & FELLOWSHIPS

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](#)

Funding for research projects by female MIN researchers

As part of the federal “Professorinnen Programm 2030”, female doctoral researchers, postdocs and junior professors of the MIN Faculty are invited to apply for funding to support their research projects and experiments. Those currently employed at and conducting research at the MIN Faculty of the University of Hamburg (UHH) are eligible for funding. The funding of up to €10,000 can be used for scientific equipment or laboratory materials, measurement time on large-scale instruments, and for student or research assistants. The application deadline is 15. July for projects completed in 2026. A call for projects to be completed in 2027 will follow.

[Further information and application by 15. July](#)

In-person and blended EUGLOH activities open to doctoral researchers (and other students)

- [Problem Solving Using Open-Source Languages; R and Python](#): The University of Novi Sad invites doctoral researchers and students at all levels to apply for this blended activity with an in-person part taking place in Novi Sad, Serbia on **23. & 24. October 2026** and an online part on **14. September to 20. October 2026**. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **1. July 2026**.
- [Food Culture](#): The University of Novi Sad invites doctoral researchers and students at all levels to apply for this blended activity with an in-person part taking place in Novi Sad, Serbia on **7. to 9. October 2026** and an online part on **21. & 22. September 2026**. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **1. July 2026**.
- [Edible, medicinal and poisonous mushrooms](#): The University of Novi Sad invites doctoral researchers and students at all levels to apply for this blended activity with an in-person part taking place in Novi Sad, Serbia on **3. & 4. October 2026** and an online part on **5. to 26. September 2026**. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **1. July 2026**.
- EUGLOH Knowledge Transfer Forum: The UiT invites people of different academical backgrounds to a two day event on knowledge transfer. It takes place in Porto, Portugal on **24. & 25. November 2026**. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **17. July 2026**.
- [Engineering Sustainability for Global Health - online course by UiT Narvik](#): The UiT invites to an online course on sustainability, taking place online from **5. October to 6. November 2026**. Apply via the EUGLOH website by **1. August 2026**.

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