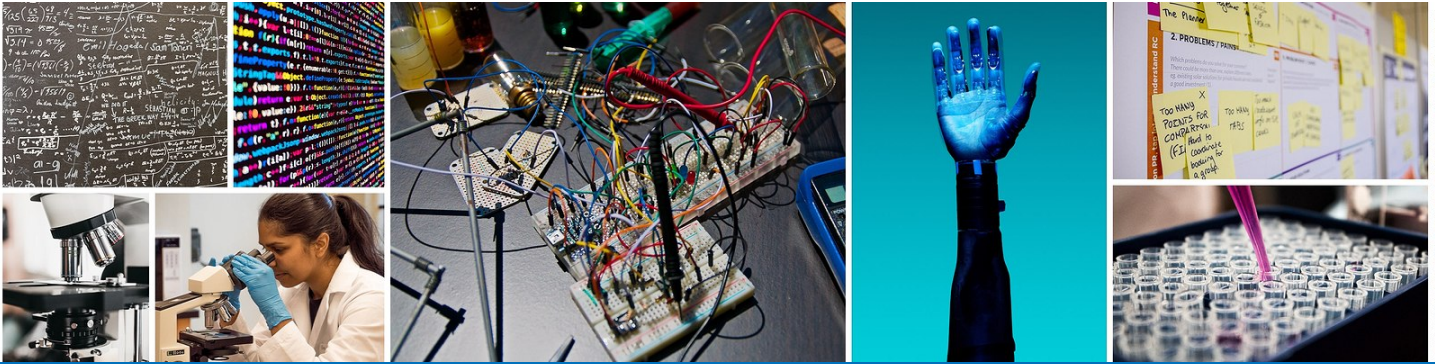




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MINGZ Doc Newsletter

Dear doctoral researcher,

we'd like to welcome all new and new-feeling doctoral candidates to the MIN faculty. Some of you attended our Doctoral Welcome Night on 10. November. Thank you for the large turnout, for the welcoming atmosphere that you took an important part in creating, as well as for your many interesting and inspiring conversations. And in case you missed our Welcome Night, no worries: the next opportunity to connect with your fellow doctoral researchers, and to get to know your peers is just around the corner. Join MINGZ Academic Tutor Kai in his upcoming Walking Tour tonight and on 14. December. And if you are still unsure whether joining our Walking Tours is worth it, you can find a brief report on our Halloween Tour in October below.

Wishing you the very best for your start,

Yours MIN Graduate Center

(and if you are already a pro and long into your thesis, check the last part for application deadlines and forward this to new colleagues - thanks!)

NEWS OF MIN GRADUATE CENTER



Photo: UHH/Kai-Fu Wong

MINGZ Doctoral Welcome Night: a Report

We were delighted to welcome so many of you as new doctoral researchers at the Hamburg MIN Faculty during our Doctoral Welcome Night on 10. November. We had an insightful and fruitful evening, during which we listened to presentations and engaged in talks about pursuing a doctorate at the Hamburg MIN Faculty, the support services and structures available to you, and about essential questions of the doctoral phase, such as how to plan ahead for your future career and how to cope with stress. Most importantly, we'd like to thank you for your many engaging conversations, interesting inputs and for the pleasant atmosphere. Here's to your successful doctoral journey! :)

If you missed the event and have questions about starting your doctoral phase in Hamburg, please do not hesitate to [contact our Academic Tutor, Kai](#). We would also recommend exploring our [doctoral gateway](#) and the [FAQs](#) for further information.

[Learn more about our Doctoral Welcome Nights and other MINGZ events](#)

MINGZ Walking Tour - November 2025

13. November 6:30 p.m. at U St. Pauli (for convenience let's meet in front of the Spielbank Hamburg Casion Reeperbahn)

For the MINGZ WALKING TOUR of November we are launching the christmas season with a classic activity - the christmas market! We will head to Santa Pauli and enjoy the warming dishes and drinks! As always you can join our discord where we keep you posted regarding our Walking Tours and much more (<https://discord.gg/PZ2ec2PztD>).

[Further information and registration via Geventis](#)

MINGZ Walking Tour - December 2025

14. December 14:30 p.m. at Würfel und Zucker

Please indicate your availability at least until the 7. December, so a reservation in time can be made. In case of full reservations, we'll head to another open cafe with board games.

For the next MINGZ WALKING TOUR we are heading to a board game cafe called Würfel und Zucker where we can try out different intriguing board games. This is the perfect place to play a game you always wanted to try out or just to relive some nostalgia with some old classics. As always you can join our discord where we keep you posted regarding our Walking Tours and much more (<https://discord.gg/PZ2ec2PztD>).

[Further information and registration via Geventis](#)



Photo: Binita Khanal

MINGZ October Walking Tour: a Brief Report

Are you still unsure whether participating in our MINGZ Walking Tours is worth it? Or are you interested in joining in and wish to see some impressions from our Walking Tour's current adventures? For last month's Walking Tour, Academic Tutor Kai-Fu Wong led a fun, autumn-themed expedition in the Klövensteet Forest. Find his testimonial below:

"For Octobers Walking Tour we rescheduled our main activity of Halloween-themed mushroom foraging, since the weather wasn't playing along on our initial date. We picked the forest of Klövensteen as our location and besides finding many mushrooms, also edible ones such as the delicious bay boletes, we also enjoyed the environment with its wild animal area as well."

[Further information on our MINGZ Walking Tours](#)

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 funded research stay abroad: 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.

Eda Dönmez conducted a research stay in Scotland that took her to the Universities of Aberdeen and Glasgow.

During her several-week stay in Aberdeen, Eda focused on the practical challenges of analyzing data relevant to her own research on adaptations in Harbour Porpoises and on learning about the tools and applications for data analysis and visualization. She also emphasizes that she greatly enjoyed the exchange with the doctoral students in Aberdeen, who are engaged in various projects related to marine mammals.

Subsequently, Eda continued to Glasgow, where she secured important samples of deep-diving whales for her own research. She spent most of her days in Glasgow preparing and coordinating her samples, but also gained insights into the local registries of whale samples (often provided with the help of engaged citizens who spot and inform about beached whales) and met the researchers and doctoral candidates in her field.

In her free time, she went on exploratory trips into the Scottish nature, visited the North Sea where she was able to spot dolphins, enjoyed free admission to Scottish museums, visited Edinburgh, and spent time at the sunny seal beach near Newburgh.

Overall, Eda reflects on her trip to Scotland: "For me, the research stay was a success as I accomplished the goals set for the research stay, learned important data analysis skills for my PhD and met great (future) collaborators. For students planning a research trip abroad, I would suggest to formulate clear goals and aims and to be realistic and concise in time planning and can only recommend trying out for the MINGZ funding!"

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

WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING EVENTS

Hamburg Research Academy Current Workshop Portfolio

- Interviewtraining für Wissenschaftlerinnen (in German only)
19. November 2025, 09:30 - 13:30 Uhr, Hamburg Research Academy, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7
- Career Orientation: Group Counseling for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers
26. November 2025, 01:00 p.m. - 02:00 p.m., online
- Selbstbewusst den eigenen Weg gehen: Ein Workshop für Frauen* in der Wissenschaft (in German only)
27. November 2025, 09:00 - 16:00 Uhr, Hamburg Research Academy, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7
- Career Options: Consulting (in German only)
27. November 2025, 17:00 - 19:00 Uhr, Hamburg Research Academy, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7
- HRA Spotlight: Starting your Doctoral Journey in Hamburg: Essential Information and Helpful Tips
03. December 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., online
- Entdecke, was in dir steckt! Kompetenzen und Potenziale benennen (in German only)
10. Dezember 2025, 09:00 - 14:00 Uhr, Hamburg Research Academy, Gorch-Fock-Wall 7
- Strategisch und sichtbar Netzwerken (in German only)
11. Dezember 2025, 09:00 - 12:00 Uhr, online
- Karriereorientierung: Gruppenberatung für Promovierende und Postdocs (in German only)
17. Dezember 2025, 13:00 - 14:00, online

Career Coaching by the HR development department of the University of Hamburg

Career coaching offers you the opportunity to develop your individual strengths and goals, regardless of whether you are aiming for a career in academia or in other areas. Our coaches can also help you to develop strategies for balancing work and family life. Don't hesitate to contact the department - they will help you find the right support for you!

[Further information and registration](#)

Aktive Jobsuche: recherchieren - vernetzen - sichtbar werden (in German only)

13. November 2025, 12:00 - 13:00 Uhr, online

Auf dem sogenannten verdeckten Stellenmarkt werden bis zu 70 Prozent aller vakanten Stellen besetzt! Die Kurzveranstaltung zeigt auf, wie Sie dieses enorme Potential anzapfen können. Sie erhalten Anregungen und Tipps für ein mutiges Netzwerken und für die Nutzung von LinkedIn und XING.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Nichtlineare Karrierewege erfolgreich gestalten (in German only)

13.&14. November 2025, 09:00 - 13:00 Uhr, online

In einer Arbeitswelt, die von Unsicherheit und Komplexität geprägt ist, wird Interdisziplinarität zunehmend zur Schlüsselkompetenz. In diesem Workshop schauen wir auf nichtlineare und interdisziplinäre Karrieren als Chance.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Career Field: Science Management

14. November 2025, 09:00 - 10:30 a.m., online

This Food for Thought offers a brief introduction to science management and addresses the questions of what skills are expected and what potential the professional field offers.

[Further information and registration](#)

Changing Course: Insights on Transitioning Away From Academia

18. November 2025, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., online

This talk aims to introduce some helpful strategies in transitioning away from academia and dispel common misconceptions and biases. Among other things, it will focus on the primacy of soft skills over hard skills.

[Further information and registration](#)

Gleichstellung – Karriere – Leben: Wo stehen wir? (in German only)

20. November 2025, 9:00 - 17:30 Uhr, Lichthof der Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Hamburg

Gleichstellung spielt nach wie vor eine zentrale Rolle, wenn wir als gesellschaftliche Akteur:innen die Zukunft des Arbeitsmarkts innovativ gestalten und dafür alle Potenziale, gerade die von Frauen* mit und ohne Migrationsgeschichte, nutzen wollen. Mit dieser Tagung soll der Status quo im Dreiklang Gleichstellung – Karriere – Leben hinterfragt und diskutiert werden, wohin wir uns gemeinsam bewegen wollen.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Wie schreibe ich eine gelungene Bewerbung? (in German only)

20. November 2025, 12:00 - 13:00 Uhr, online

Von A wie Anschreiben bis Z wie Zielgehalt - hier dreht sich alles um die schriftliche Bewerbung. Welche Fehler sollten Sie vermeiden, wie kuratieren Sie Ihren Lebenslauf und wie knüpfen Sie mit Ihren Kompetenzen an der Stellenausschreibung an? Diese und andere Fragen werden beantwortet, und zudem wird es Raum für eigene Fragen geben.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Y.E.S. Workshop: From Research to Innovation

26. & 27. November 2025, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Universität Hamburg Startup Port

Take your career into your own hands in the Young Entrepreneurs in Science Workshop! Develop potential startup ideas together with other doctoral researchers and postdocs of all disciplines, network with real-life 'sciencepreneurs', and learn about career options after your doctoral degree. Young Entrepreneurs in Science is an interactive workshop programme for doctoral researchers, advanced masters students and postdocs to help you ignite your entrepreneurial spirit.

[Registration Deadline is 20. November 2025](#)

Resilienz stärken - kraftvoll bleiben bei anhaltenden Herausforderungen (in German only)

02. Dezember 2025, 09:00 - 12:00 Uhr, online

Mit eigener Widerstandsfähigkeit und Energie können wir vielfältigen Herausforderungen im (Arbeits-)Alltag gut begegnen. Der Zugang dazu sowie der achtsame Umgang mit sich selbst und den eigenen Ressourcen stehen im Fokus dieses Workshops.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Achieving your goals – transforming the inner critic into a mentor (in German only)

02. & 04. Dezember 2025, 09:00 - 13:00 Uhr, Mittelweg 177

Persönliches Wachstum erfordert ein Verständnis unserer eigenen Ziele, Werte und Stärken. Dazu gehört es auch, mit inneren Barrieren und Unsicherheiten umzugehen, um so für Klarheit zu sorgen und eigene Ziele zu gestalten.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

Scientific Career and Parenthood

04. December 2025, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Grindelberg 5

Reconciling an academic career and family responsibilities is often a challenge, all the more so against the backdrop of fixed-term employment contracts and high pressure to be mobile and publish. *Scientific Career and Parenthood* addresses this topic and provides expert insight into legal issues surrounding fixed-term employment contracts (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG) and the effects on parental leave, for example. In the subsequent panel discussion, researchers with family responsibilities at different career stages will share their strategies for balancing career and family life.

[Further information and registration](#)

Grundlagen der Beratung (in German only)

09. December 2025, 09:00 - 13:00 Uhr, Mittelweg 177

In diesem Workshop können Sie Ihre Beratungskompetenzen erweitern. Dabei lernen Sie verschiedene Beratungsansätze kennen und setzen sich mit Ihrer Rolle als Berater:in sowie mit Kommunikationsstrategien auseinander. Der Workshop findet an zwei Halbtagen statt, wobei Sie zwischen den Terminen die Möglichkeit haben, das Gelernte in der Praxis anzuwenden.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

EUGLOH Workshop on Physical Activity, Health and Well-Being in Paris, France

How does physical activity — or the lack of it — impact our well-being and academic life? What can we do to promote healthier lifestyles on our campuses? This two-day in-person workshop at Université Paris-Saclay brings together students and doctoral researchers from all fields and career stages from across the EUGLOH Alliance to explore the links between physical activity, sedentary behavior, and overall health — with a strong focus on practical learning and peer collaboration.

[Application Deadline is 30. November](#)

Academic Writing in English: Individual Coaching for Doctoral Researchers

23. January - 20. February 2026, individual appointment, online

The Language Center offers individual feedback sessions for academic papers. The 45-minute appointments can be booked via the UHH language center website, booking will be opened at 12. December. A maximum of 1,500 words should be submitted at least one week before the appointment to Sonderkurse.sz@uni-hamburg.de. This will form the basis of the feedback session.

[Further information and registration](#)

EUGLOH: Making an Impact. Skills for Career Paths in and Beyond Academia

30.03.2026 - 02.04.2026, University of Hamburg

This EUGLOH program supports doctoral researchers through a focused, one-week intensive training designed to develop key competencies essential for a successful academic career as well as for diverse professional fields beyond academia. It offers the opportunity to unlock your potential as a researcher and future professional. The activities and learning objectives include: train your pitch, engage with diverse stakeholders, enhance your media skills and build your professional profile. If you are interested in participating, please submit a CV and letter of motivation.

[Registration Deadline is 30. November](#)

JOB OFFERS & FELLOWSHIPS

Informationsabend: Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (in German only)

13. November 2025, 18:00, online

[Die Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes](#) lädt Studierende und Absolvent:innen aller Hochschulen bundesweit ein, sich im Rahmen einer digitalen Informationsveranstaltung über die Promotionsförderung der Studienstiftung zu informieren. In dieser geben Geförderte Einblicke in die Promotionsförderung, erläutern den Bewerbungs- und Auswahlprozess und beantworten Ihre Fragen.

[Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

CNV-Scholarships for outstanding female doctoral researchers who are raising children

Female doctoral researchers, as well as female postdoctoral researchers, of all nationalities from the second year of doctoral studies onwards, whose thesis is still in the practical phase and who are conducting research at universities or research institutes in Germany, are eligible to apply for funding of 500€ per month for a funding period of 12 months via the Christiane-Nüsslein-Volhard foundation. Please note that each application also requires two letters of recommendation.

[Application Deadline is 30. November](#)

2025 Call for Joint Proposals: Joint Funding

Indiana University and the University of Hamburg jointly offer funding for collaborative projects with high potential to lead to externally funded research, larger scale collaborations, jointly authored papers and/or common teaching activities at the undergraduate, master's, or doctoral levels. Faculty members from IU and UHH may apply jointly for up to USD 8,000, funding period: January - December, 2026.

[Submissions recommended by 30. November](#)

Hamburg Übersee-Club Scholarships

Every two years, Übersee-Club Hamburg awards scholarships to students, and particularly doctoral researchers, who aim to study abroad. For 2026 the University of Hamburg will divide a total funding amount of 30,000€ amongst up to seven scholarships for international studies of approximately three months in duration. Furthermore, the recipients will become guest members at Hamburg Übersee-Club. Further questions and applications can be submitted via zentrale-stipendienstelle@uni-hamburg.de.

[Application Deadline is 15. December](#)

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