

NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS

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Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs,

as usual, interesting offers for doctoral candidates and postdocs await you this month.

The next **PhD Lunch** will focus on "Doing your doctorate in times of generative AI". We meet on **4 February** at **11.30 am** in the **Mensula** to talk over lunch about what experiences you have had with generative AI in the context of your doctorate, what challenges you see and what you would like support with. We are looking forward to seeing you there, no registration required.

If you are new to Paderborn University and want to connect, join us for one of our **peer coaching** programmes. The next programme to start is **"Starting Your PhD"** on 11 March. [Registration is now open](#). Furthermore, we are excited to announce that Dr Philippa Cook will be joining us for a 2-day workshop on **'How to get into Germany's non-academic job market'** in June. Save the date or [register now!](#)

There lots of other exciting **interdisciplinary courses and events** for you in February as well, offered by the University Didactics, the Writing Centre, Staff Development and the Language Centre.

And last but not least, there are currently three **funding calls** that may be of interest to the doctoral candidates among you. We have linked them at the end of the newsletter.

Kind regards from the Jenny Aloni Centre for Early Career Researchers

Alexandra & Henriette

CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Date	Title
04.02.2025	PhD Lunch (Doing your doctorate in times of generative AI) [DE/EN]
04.02.2025	Experience German (B2/C1): Create contributions for podcasts, blogs and co.
04.02.2025	AI talk with Prof Dr Bardo Herzig
06.02.2025	Writing an exposé
06.02.2025	Doctinnov': A virtual day to discover entrepreneurship [EN]
06.02.2025	DAAD Information Session: PRIME (Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience) [EN]
10.02.2025	Legal framework for the use of ChatGPT and Co.
12.02.2025	WissZeitVG - compact

If you see a course here that would be of interest to you but is not offered in English, please let us know!

13.02.2025	Start your doctoral project
13.02.2025	Kick-start your apprenticeship
17.02.2025	Comparison of quantitative survey methods - Which one is best for my research project?
17.02.2025	Intensive German Language Week - complete Level A2.2 and go for B1
18.02.2025	Career planning - Shaping your own future
18.02.2025	AI talk with Prof Dr Marc Beutner
20.02.2025	Leadership Module 1 - Effective communication
21.02.2025	Stress-free PLANNING of conferences - practical knowledge for a successful project start!
24.02.2025	Mindful communication - dealing constructively with challenging dialogue situations
24.02.2025	Designing exams: Setting and marking exams
24.02.2025	German intensive course B1/B2 - Speaking time

→ [To the complete qualification programme](#)

CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
03.02.2025	<p>Doctoral scholarships from UPB</p> <p>The university management invites applications for doctoral <i>and postgraduate scholarships</i> to support excellent early career researchers at Paderborn University, as well as a scholarship for a thesis in the field of <i>gender research</i>. The award guidelines and further information can be found on the website of the Commission for Research and Young Academics.</p>	Doctoral candidates
15.02.2025	<p>"Insight!": Peer mentoring programme for female students interested in doing a doctorate</p> <p>The peer mentoring programme offers prospective female graduates the opportunity to discuss the prospect of a doctorate with other female students at an early stage. This exchange is accompanied by a doctoral student who provides tips and strategies for decision-making and for the path into academia. The first possible steps towards a doctorate are discussed together. In addition to the small group meetings, the programme offers various events and workshops (e.g. on funding, application strategies and finding a topic).</p>	Female students interested in a doctorate
31.03.2025	<p>German Study Prize (for dissertations)</p> <p>Are you convinced that your dissertation will have an impact on society? Are you able to clearly explain the social significance of your dissertation project in a short text? Have you completed your dissertation with magna or summa cum laude in 2024? Then apply for the German Academic Award. Prize money of up to €25,000 awaits you.</p> <p>→ If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Unit will be happy to advise you, unless stated otherwise. Further funding calls can be found in the FIT newsletter.</p>	Doctoral candidates

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Questions or suggestions? Feel free to contact us!
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