

PHD & POSTDOC NEWSLETTER

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Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs,,

With our "Welcome PhD Lunch," we'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new PhD students at UPB—and we'd also like to invite all other PhD students to share their experiences over lunch! In a relaxed atmosphere, you'll have the opportunity to chat with one another and make new connections. Whether you're just starting out or already well into your PhD: Come join us!

Best wishes from the Paderborn PhD & Postdoc Support Office,
Alexandra & Henriette

CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Date	Title
07.04.2026	<u>Linux Introduction Course</u> [EN] [PC ²]
13.04.2026	<u>Academic Careers in Germany</u> [Staff Development]
13.04.2026	<u>German language course A1.2</u> [Language Centre]
13.04.2026	<u>Deutschkurs für Fortgeschrittene B1.2</u> [Language Centre]
13.04.2026	<u>Deutschkurs für Fortgeschrittene B2</u> [Language Centre]
14.04.2026	<u>„Welcome PhD Lunch“: Meet & Greet the new doctoral candidates</u> [Paderborn PhD & Postdoc Support Office]
14.04.2026	<u>German language course A2.2</u> [Language Centre]
15.04.2026	<u>Writing an Exposé: A Construction kit for your PhD Project</u> [Writing Centre]
15.04.2026	<u>Academic Writing in English II</u> [Language Centre]
16.04.2026	<u>Postdoc Career Day 2026: "Transition Possible – Explore Careers Beyond R&D"</u> [EN]
24.04.2026	<u>Academic Writing Meetups</u> [Language Centre]
17.06.2026	<u>How to get into Germany's non-academic job market!</u> [Staff Development]

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CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
13.04.2026	<u>Max Planck Postdoc Program</u> The third call for applications for the Max Planck Postdoc Programme has been published. Interested early-career researchers can find vacant project-based postdoc positions at https://postdocprogram.mpg.de . Applications for one or more positions are welcome.	Postdocs
15.04.2026	<u>Informal networking sessions for female PhD candidates at the beginning of their doctorate</u> "Suddenly" a PhD student and still with lots of questions on your mind? How do others manage the transition into their PhD? How do they deal with the initial challenges (e.g. the change in role, writing a research proposal or preparing for their first conference)? At these informal networking sessions, female PhD candidates discuss current challenges in small groups and share experiences and ideas for solutions. The groups meet on a self-organised basis over a period of six months. At the kick-off meeting, initial topics are identified and the subsequent meetings are planned.	Doktorandinnen
15.04.2026	<u>BioKreativ – Creative young talent conducts research for the bioeconomy (BMFTR)</u> The key social challenges of our time include securing global food supplies, sustainable raw material and energy supplies, and protecting the climate and the environment. With its National Bioeconomy Strategy, the German government is promoting the transformation to a more resource-efficient, circular economy in which young scientists are to develop innovative, sustainable bioeconomic applications for science and industry. If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Department will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs
29.04.2026	<u>Social-ecological junior research groups for sustainable and resilient urban-rural regions (BMFTR)</u> As part of FONA and the Future Strategy for Research and Innovation, the BMFTR provides funding for up to five years to young scientists who wish to qualify in the field of social sustainability research and the management of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research groups on urban-rural regions. If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Department will be happy to advise you.	Postdocs
29.04.2026	<u>Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary junior research groups in socio-ecological research (BMFTR)</u> Within the framework programme "Research for Sustainable Development" (FONA3), the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space intends to support young scientists who wish to qualify in the field of social sustainability research or the management of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research groups. If you are interested in submitting an application, the Research Department will be happy to advise you. ➔ <i>Further calls can be found in the FIT newsletter.</i>	Postdocs

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Questions or suggestions? Feel free to contact us!
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