



Newsletter des Bonner Graduierten- zentrums für Promovierende

Bonn Graduate Center's Newsletter for Doctoral Researchers

Dear doctoral students,

We hope you had a good start to the new winter semester!

Together with the International Office, we would like to warmly welcome all new and other interested doctoral students to the University of Bonn on November 29, 2023. Get to know other doctoral students and ask your questions about our support structures. Various institutions will be available to answer your questions and concerns in an information fair. We look forward to having a chat with you over glühwein (mulled wine) and cookies. Please save the date and learn more at uni-bonn.de/welcomeevent

Thanks and kind regards
from your Bonn Graduate Center

Editorial

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The Bonn Graduate Center Team looks forward to welcoming you to our upcoming events!

Liebe Promovierende,

wir hoffen, Sie sind gut in das neue Wintersemester gestartet!

Gemeinsam mit dem International Office möchten wir gerne alle neuen und interessierten Promovierenden am 29. November 2023 an der Uni Bonn begrüßen. Lernen Sie andere Promovierende kennen und kommen Sie mit den Servicestellen der Universität Bonn ins Gespräch. Wir freuen uns darauf, Sie bei einem Glühwein und Plätzchen kennenzulernen. Save-the-date unter uni-bonn.de/welcomeevent

Herzliche Grüße
Ihr Bonner Graduiertenzentrum

Thank you for your Feedback and Congratulations to our Lucky Winners!


Many thanks to all who participated in the survey about the improvement of our events in our last newsletter. The winners of the raffle have been drawn.

We would like to congratulate the three winners of the raffle, who were personally informed and have received their respective prizes worth 50€ each:

- gift certificate for the Woki cinema | Irina Honin
- gift certificate for The Art of Books in the Südstadt | Annika Mozer
- gift certificate for Tuscolo, one of Bonn's best pizza restaurants | Sanjana Rajasekar



Doctoral student Annika Mozer personally collected her prize in the Argelander Competence Center. She is preparing for her thesis defence and is planning to use her gift certificate to buy a travel guide for the trip she is planning after her doctorate. We wish her the best of luck! © BGZ



Learning on Demand

Register for our E-Trainings now and learn at your convenience.

Are you looking for a flexible and interactive way of learning? Discover our wide range of interactive and video-based E-Trainings.

Courses on topics such as leadership, communication, new work, mental health, time and project management are available to all doctoral students at the

University of Bonn on the TwentyOne Skills and PINKTUM platforms.



Patrik Kutzer is happy to answer your questions on our E-Training offer: 0228 73-60221 bgz@verwaltung.uni-bonn.de

TwentyOne Skills provides you with flexible training in key competency areas such as science communication, agile skills, design thinking, time management, and mental health for the academic field. The PINKTUM platform includes online courses on topics such as agile skills, leadership, communication and health which are designed especially for the non-academic sector.



Register now at uni-bonn.de/doctorateplus



“Better safe than sorry”- Lecture Series

The online lecture series on compliance topics for early-career researchers is back this winter!

The lecture series “Better safe than sorry - How early-career researchers overcome risks and avoid pitfalls when submitting applications and performing research” provides you with the necessary information to successfully navigate the legal, ethical and formal requirements of research and brings you in contact experts at the University of Bonn.

- Are You Really Sure? Good Research Practice and an Introduction to Research Ethics and Its Principles | November 8, 2023 | EN
- Science Influencer? How to Communicate Your Research with Social Media | November 21, 2023 | EN
- Zollrisiken im Blick? Dual-Use, Warenexport und Warenimport | 6. Dezember 2023 | DE
- All Data Set? An Introduction to Research Data Management | December 12, 2023 | EN
- Navigating Research Collaborations and Entrepreneurship: Legal Insights and Transfer Strategies | January 25, 2024 | EN
- Keine Grauzone! Machtmissbrauch in der Wissenschaft und der Umgang mit sexualisierter Diskriminierung und Gewalt | 31. Januar 2024 | DE
- Nachhaltigkeit in der Forschung – Was bedeutet sie? Wie können wir sie erreichen? | 7. Februar 2024 | DE
- Sauber veröffentlicht! Vorgaben und Fallstricke beim Publizieren, Urheberrecht und Open Access | 27. Februar 2024 | DE
- Pitfalls to Avoid?! Experienced Reviewers Share Their Secrets of Successful Grant Applications | March 19, 2024 | EN

„Better safe than sorry” – Die Online-Vortragsreihe zu Compliance- Themen für Nachwuchswissenschaftler*innen ist zurück!

Die Vortragsreihe „Better safe than sorry - Wie Nachwuchsforscher in Antragstellung und Forschung Risiken meistern und Fallstricke vermeiden" vermittelt die notwendigen Informationen, um sich erfolgreich durch die rechtlichen, ethischen und formalen Anforderungen in Ihrer Forschung zu bewegen und bringt Sie in Kontakt mit Expert*innen der Universität Bonn.



**Registration and more information on
the lecture series at**

uni-bonn.de/compliance

Funding Opportunities



EXIST Women starts at Uni Bonn

A new [funding line](#) offers one year of intensive support for female researchers interested in founding a company. They receive specific qualifications, individual coaching, exchange with mentors and access to an exclusive network. Deadline is **October 15, 2023**.



Fullbright Stipendien

[Fullbright Germany](#) fördert vier- bis sechsmonatige Forschungsprojekte von deutschen Nachwuchswissenschaftler*innen an einer US-Hochschule oder Forschungsinstitution. Bewerbungsschluss ist der **1.11.2023**.



Auf jetzt! Der Ideenwettbewerb vom Transfer Center enaCom

Der [Ideenwettbewerb](#) der Uni Bonn bietet eine großartige Möglichkeit, Ideen Wirklichkeit werden zu lassen. Die besten Ideen haben die Chance auf Preise von bis zu 1.000 Euro. Bewerbungsschluss ist der **5.11.2023**.



Forschungsstipendien der Gerda-Henkel-Stiftung

[Die Gerda-Henkel-Stiftung](#) unterstützt promovierte/habilitierte Wissenschaftler*innen aus den historischen Wissenschaften bei der Durchführung eines einzeln zu bearbeitenden Forschungsvorhabens. Bewerbungsschluss ist der **22.11.2023**.



Erasmus+ Short Term Mobility

Doctoral students who want to conduct research stay of 5 to 30 days duration at an Erasmus+ partner institution in Europe can apply for funding within the [Erasmus+ Short Term Mobility Scheme](#). Applications can be submitted between **December and February 2024**.

Grants for Doctoral Students Offered by the University of Bonn

Do you need financial support for your participation in an international conference? Are you planning a workshop in Bonn and want to invite international researchers? Do you want to fly in your international second supervisor for your thesis defense? Then our funding lines are just right for you.



Dr. Robert Radu is happy to answer your questions on our funding lines: funding@verwaltung.uni-bonn.de

- ➔ [Participation in International Conferences](#)
- ➔ [Funding for Doctoral Workshops in Bonn](#)
- ➔ [Invitation of International Second Supervisors](#)
- ➔ [Participation in Academic Online Events](#)

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed quarterly. The next deadlines are October 15 and January 15.



Find all funding lines and more information at uni-bonn.de/argelander-program



Neue Fördersätze der Begabtenförderungswerke

Angesichts gestiegener Lebenshaltungskosten können Promovierende sich über eine Anhebung der Fördersätze der Begabtenförderungswerke auf monatlich **1.450 Euro** freuen. Auch die Regelförderdauer wurde von zwei auf drei Jahre angehoben.



Events and Opportunities



Series on Science-Based Policy Advice

- [A Glimpse Behind the Scenes](#)
October 19, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. | online
- [Relevant Stakeholders and Their Needs](#)
November 2, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. | online
- [Visibility and Networking](#)
November 9, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. | online
- [Between Evidence and Opinion: Challenges and Perspectives of Science-Based Policy Advice](#)
November 24, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. | In-person workshop

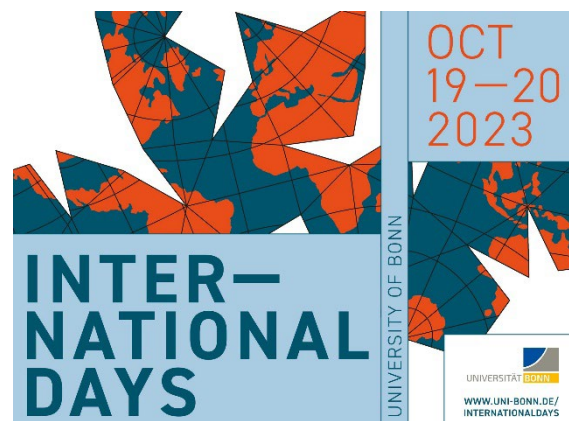
Workshops: Research to Innovation - Science to Start-up

Transfer Center enaCom supports you in turning ideas from research into practice, developing innovations or starting a project that has a positive impact on our society. In our extensive workshop program, you can get a glimpse of the start-up world, learn innovation management tools, or network with other interested people and meet founders or investors. Of course, everybody is welcome at our regular start-up get-together every 2nd Wednesday of a month at Digitalhub. Learn more about the extensive support offers at <http://www.uni-bonn.de/de/enacom/events>

In a nutshell: ... how AI is changing the University of Bonn

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is currently the talk of the town and the most discussed topic in the field of technology. But what is "AI" and what role will it presumably play in the higher education sector and at the University of Bonn? Together with Dr. Christian M. Stracke and Dr. Jan Kleinmanns from the University IT and Data Center (HRZ) we will engage in an exchange on tipping points, opportunities and risks of AI for the higher education sector. You are welcome to bring in your own questions during the open discussion on...

- [25. Oktober 2023, 10.15 auf Deutsch](#)
- [24. November 2023, 12.15 in English](#)



International Days in Bonn

On October 19th and 20th, a long list of international projects and initiatives launched by the University of Bonn will showcase themselves, especially those with partners in Africa and Latin America. Current challenges and future opportunities in international cooperation will be discussed, and students and researchers will be given the chance to obtain information during the Global Fair. Cultural highlights and an illustrious roster of international guests promise to shed new light on a wide range of topics. Program details at www.uni-bonn.de/internationaldays



Your Skills and Training Opportunities in the Summer Term 2023

The [Doctorate plus skills and training program](#) in three career tracks allows you to broaden your academic and transferable competencies and prepare for your envisaged career path:

- **Research Track:** Workshops in this track prepare for an academic career at a university or a research institution.
- **Research Management Track:** The training offered in this track qualifies for a career at the interface of science and administration.
- **Business and Organizations Track:** The skills



Eileen Bradley is happy to answer your questions on Doctorate plus and coaching: bgz@verwaltung.uni-bonn.de

and competencies you can acquire in this track equip you for a career beyond academia, e.g. in industry, NGOs or your own start-up.

Language	DE	Deutsch
	EN	English
Track		Research
		Research Management
		Business and Organizations

Registration and more info at uni-bonn.de/doctorateplus

October 2023	R	RM	BO
From Research to Startup: Turning Ideas into Impact In-person October 12, 2023 EN			
SciComm FOCUS Wissenschaft einfach erklären: Komplexität reduzieren ohne zu trivialisieren Online 19. Oktober 2023 DE			
Promovieren?! Ja oder Nein? Online 20. Oktober 2023 DE			
Wissenschaftliches Arbeiten in der eigenen Lehrveranstaltung effektiv anleiten Präsenz 24. Oktober 2023 DE			
Dealing with Research Ethics - A Practical Introduction In-person October 25, 2023 EN			
Lehre in der Studieneingangsphase gestalten Präsenz 26. Oktober 2023 DE			
Perspektive: Führungskraft?! Einstieg in Führungspositionen außerhalb der Wissenschaft Online 26. und 27. Oktober 2023 DE			
Souverän vortragen und präsentieren – von der Tagung bis zum Kolloquium Präsenz 26. und 27. Oktober 2023 DE			
Academic Writing Online October 27, November 17 and December 1 and 15, 2023 EN			

November 2023	R	RM	BO
Promotionsfinanzierung Online 2. November 2023 DE			
Power Games and Micro-Political Competence in Academia Online November 3, 2023 EN			
Prüfen und Bewerten - Grundlagen – Zusatztermin Online 6. November 2023 DE			
Studierende beraten - Grundlagen – Zusatztermin Online 7. November 2023 DE			
Navigating Your Way around Research Funding In-person November 8, 2023 EN			
Prüfen und Bewerten - Grundlagen Online 8. November 2023 DE			
Studierende beraten - Grundlagen Online 9. November 2023 DE			
Souveränität im wissenschaftlichen Alltag: Achtsamkeit als Werkzeug im Umgang mit dem Imposter-Syndrom Präsenz 9. November 2023 DE			
Feedback und Evaluation - Grundlagen Online 10. November 2023 DE			
At the Crossroads of Open Science Online November 14, 2023 EN			
Getting serious with LEGO® - From Bricks to Breakthroughs In-person November 14, 2023 EN			
Introduction to Programming with Python In-person November 14 and 15, 2023 EN			



Feedback und Evaluation - Grundlagen – Zusatztermin Online 14. November 2023 DE	
Prüfen und Bewerten - Aufbau Online 15. November 2023 DE	
Responsible Research and Innovation In-person November 15 and 22, 2023 EN	
Communicate and Negotiate Successfully in Business - Strategies and Techniques for Best Results Online November 16 and 17, 2023 EN	
SciComm FOCUS Wissenschaft einfach erklären: Wissenschaftsferne Gruppen erreichen Online 16. November 2023 DE	
Studierende beraten - Aufbau Online 16. November 2023 DE	
Planning Your Career as a Master Student or a Doctoral Researcher Online November 16, 2023 EN	
Karriereoption: Wissenschaftsmanagement? Arbeitsfelder, Kompetenzprofile, Karrierestrategien Online 17. November 2023 DE	
SciComm FOCUS We Gotta Talk! An Introduction to Podcasting in Science Communication In-person November 17 and 20, 2023 EN	
Feedback und Evaluation - Aufbau Online 17. November 2023 DE	
Self and Time Management in Science Online November 20 and 21, 2023 EN	
Moderation in der Lehre Präsenz 20. November 2023 DE	
Veröffentlichung wissenschaftlicher Arbeiten Präsenz 21. November 2023 DE	
Formative Prüfungen und Studienleistungen gestalten Online 21. November 2023 DE	
Presenting Science Online November 22 and December 6, 2023 EN	
ChatGPT und Co. vs. schriftliche Prüfungsformate? Online 22. November 2023 DE	
SciComm FOCUS Digitale Wissenschaftskommunikation - Erfolgreich mit sozialen Medien kommunizieren Online 23. und 24. November 2023 DE	
Wie erstelle ich ein Promotionsexposé? Online 23. November 2023 DE	
Resilienz-Training zur Karriereunterstützung von Wissenschaftlerinnen: Eigene Potentiale erkennen und fördern Präsenz 23. und 24. November 2023 DE	
Einführung in die Digital Humanities Online 28. November 2023 DE	
Evaluation von Lehre - Ergebnisse von Lehrevaluationen in die Gestaltung von Lehre einbeziehen Präsenz 28. November 2023 DE	

Self-Care and Life-Balance for Doctoral Researchers Online November 30, 2023 EN	
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December 2023	R	RM	BO
Statistics with R - an Introduction Online December 5 and 6, 2023 EN			
Linux Introduction Course In-person December 5 and 6, 2023 EN			
My Visibility as a Scientific Expert on LinkedIn and ResearchGate Online December 6, 2023 EN			
How to Design Scientific Figures Online December 7 and 8, 2023 EN			
Grundlagen Betriebswirtschaft in Finanzen und Controlling für Promovierende Online 7. und 8. Dezember 2023 DE			
SciComm FOCUS Wissenschaft einfach erklären: Mit Wissenschaftsskeptiker*innen reden Online 7. Dezember 2023 DE			
Urheberrecht und Open Educational Resources in der Lehre Online 7. Dezember 2023 DE			
How to Appear Self Confident and Present: Best Practice Techniques for Scientists In-person December 12, 2023 EN			
How to Be More Employable in the Private Sector Online December 12, 13 and 14, 2023 EN			
Time Management, Motivation and Writing Strategies In-person December 14, 2023 EN			
OER finden und nutzen: Offen lizenzierte Lehr-/Lernmaterialien von ORCA.nrw in die eigene Lehrveranstaltung integrieren In-person December 14, 2023 DE			
Publishing Journal Articles: Strategies for Success Online December 15, 2023 EN			
Preparing Funding Applications Online December 20 and 21, 2023 EN			
Discovering the Business Potential of Your Research Project In-person December 20, 2023 EN			

Find more workshops in January, February and March 2024 at uni-bonn.de/doctorateplus

New Record by Aida Montenegro

Aida Montenegro from Colombia earned her Doctorate plus Certificate with a record number of workshops. She is currently working on her thesis in Sociology at the University of Bonn.

Congratulations Aida! You earned your Doctorate plus certificate on July 12, 2023. With your 52 workshops, you are by far our record holder! Instead of the required 50 units of work (à 45 minutes of course time each), you successfully earned 400 units.

What motivated you to take so many and varied workshops?

Traveling to Germany for academic purposes became my dream since I was in secondary school. After many years of saving money and preparing myself for my first trip to Europe, I managed to attend different courses on pedagogy in Germany. With this first cultural experience, I realized that studying in Germany was demanding and that I had to look for ways to learn more. For this reason, I looked for many courses and academic options at the University of Bonn. Here I attended German language courses, the workshops at the Bonn Graduate Center (in German, BGZ) and many lectures (by the way, autonomy and student engagement in lecture-based courses are the topics of my latest publication). I really enjoyed my role as an attendee at the BGZ. Now I regret not living in Bonn, otherwise I would continue participating in courses and workshops.

What was the most fascinating workshop you took in the program?

I particularly enjoyed the workshop from Dr. Reschke on "Introduction to German Academic Culture". We discussed German cultural standards and their impact on academia as well as dealing with critical feedback and unfair attacks during presentations.

What are you currently working on beyond your doctoral thesis?



Aida Montenegro (middle) in conversation with fellow doctoral students at a Careers with a Doctorate Event in 2017 © Uni Bonn / BGZ

I work as a co-researcher for different projects organized by IQ (Qualifizierung durch Qualifikation) at the Immigration and Integration Department. My profile as a woman, migrant, and researcher are very appreciated in each project. I am also a workshop instructor for the Federation of Spanish Parents' Associations within the project: AMITE (Arbeit mit Eltern). I also work at a school where I conduct a pedagogical initiative on teaching Spanish through letters and audios. At the same time, I continue reading and writing about the German education system and school culture.

Are the skills you learned in the Doctorate plus workshops helpful in your current jobs?

Of course. The workshops at the BGZ allowed me to expand my knowledge as an international student, teacher, workshop instructor, and researcher. Due to these complementary but challenging roles, I decided to attend diverse workshops, for example, from statistics to communication skills, both in English and German. Hard and soft skills are needed in the areas in which I work.

"I selected the workshops that allowed me to expand my perspective as an educational researcher. Additionally, I met very interesting people and learned about different PhD topics."

Which workshop would you recommend to every doctoral student?

I strongly recommend the workshop from Dr. Berger on how to design scientific figures. In this workshop I was able to create a visualization of the four dimensions of the theoretical framework on student engagement and later use it in a publication.

Thank you very much for your time and the best of luck for your doctorate!



Online Coaching for Doctoral Students!

Are you a doctoral student at the University of Bonn and in a challenging phase of your doctoral project? Do you need support and suggestions to overcome it?

Benefit from our individual coaching sessions – free of charge. The coaching sessions are offered in both German and English and address doctoral students in all stages of their doctoral studies. Register for one of the next coaching days:

- [October 16, 2023](#)
- [November 27, 2023](#)
- [January 29, 2024](#)



Stellensuche dank ULB Campuslizenz leicht gemacht

Kennen Sie den WILA Arbeitsmarkt? Der Wissenschaftsladen Bonn e.V. listet in seinem monatlich neu erscheinenden E-Paper hunderte aktuelle und qualifizierte Stellen speziell für Akademiker*innen auf. Darüber hinaus bekommen Sie branchenspezifische Hintergründe, Bewerbungstipps und mehr.

Für das E-Paper hat die ULB eine Campuslizenz erworben, die Angehörige der Uni Bonn aus dem Uni Bonn-Netz nutzen können: <https://wila-arbeitsmarkt.de/magazin/234942/>



Communicating Science

New publication guidelines to increase visibility and impact for research

It is in the interests of researchers themselves and the University of Bonn that authors and their affiliation to the University should be linked clearly and unambiguously in academic publications, as this is the only way to guarantee that achievements can be duly recognized, e.g. when rewarding research with monetary prizes, or when considering a researcher's personal track record. To this end, the University of Bonn has composed Guidelines for Indicating Affiliation in a Standardized Manner in Academic Publications: <https://confluence.team.uni-bonn.de/x/v4OnCQ>

Neue Richtlinien der Universität Bonn für die standardisierte Angabe der Affiliation in wissenschaftlichen Publikationen

Es liegt im Interesse der Forschenden sowie der Universität Bonn, dass eine eindeutige Verknüpfung von Veröffentlichungen, ihren Autor*innen und der Universität besteht, denn nur so kann eine Anerkennung der erbrachten Leistung, u.a. bei der finanziellen Auszeichnung von Forschung oder in der persönlichen Forschungsbilanz garantiert werden. Hierzu hat die Universität neue Richtlinien zur standardisierten Angabe der Affiliation in wissenschaftlichen Publikationen erlassen: <https://confluence.team.uni-bonn.de/x/v4OnCQ>



Bonner Promovierte erhalten Auszeichnungen für Wissenschaftskommunikation

Die Klaus Tschira Stiftung ehrt mit den KlarText Awards 2023 sieben Promovierte, die allgemein verständlich und anschaulich erklären konnten, was sie in ihrer Doktorarbeit gemacht haben. Unter den Preisträger*innen finden sich mit Dr. Jan Hansen (Biologie) und Dr. Jan Andreas Ruland für die beste Infografik (Chemie) auch zwei ehemalige Bonner Promovierende. Mehr unter uni-bonn.de/de/neues/169-2023



Unterstützung bei Konflikten in der Wissenschaftskommunikation

Der Bundesverband Hochschulkommunikation und Wissenschaft im Dialog haben eine Anlaufstelle geschaffen, die 365 Tage im Jahr (zwischen 7 und 22 Uhr) Unterstützung und Beratung bei Konflikten und Angriffen in der Wissenschaftskommunikation bietet. Mehr dazu unter www.scicomm-support.de

- i** The Argelander Program offers comprehensive qualification for successful science communication in three different levels of competence: **SciComm BASICS** providing initial insights and basic knowledge. **SciComm FOCUS** workshops deepen your knowledge in specific areas of science communication. **SciComm ADVANCED** offers 1:1 coaching. More at www.uni-bonn.de/sciencecommunication

No Worries Non-Native English Speakers

Recent study highlights the manifold costs of being a non-native English speaker in science. What support do we offer?

The [study](#) conducted by Tatsuya Amano et al. indicates that non-native English speakers have a considerable disadvantage in academia – especially in early-career stages. Non-Native speakers need more time and effort to read, understand and write English publications. They may also sometimes be hesitant to present or network e.g. at international conferences. Make use of the support available to you at the University of Bonn, such as the [editing services for English publications offered by the International Office](#) and the courses offered by the Bonn Graduate Center available at www.uni-bonn.de/doctorateplus.de, for example

- [English Refresher: B1/B2](#) | February 24 to March 2, 2024 | online
- [Academic Writing across Disciplines](#) | March 9 and 16, 2024 | online
- [Presenting at International Conferences](#) | March 6 and 7 | in-person



Eine aktuelle Studie zeigt die verschiedenen Nachteile auf, denen man als Nicht-Englisch-Muttersprachler*in in der Wissenschaft begegnet. Welche Unterstützung bieten wir an?

Die von [Tatsuya Amano et al. durchgeführte Studie](#) zeigt, dass Nicht-Muttersprachler*innen in der Wissenschaft einen erheblichen Nachteil haben - vor allem in frühen Karrierestufen. Nicht-Muttersprachler*innen benötigen mehr Zeit und Mühe, um englische Veröffentlichungen zu lesen, zu verstehen und zu verfassen. Manchmal zögern sie auch, Vorträge zu halten oder Netzwerke aufzubauen, z. B. auf internationalen Konferenzen. Nutzen Sie die Unterstützung, die Ihnen an der Universität Bonn zur Verfügung steht, wie z.B. den Lektoratsdienst für englische Publikationen des International Office und das Kursangebot des Bonn Graduate Center unter www.uni-bonn.de/doctorateplus.de.

Bonndata: Research Data Management for Researchers from Bonn

The publication of research data brings many challenges. With bonndata, a repository for publishing research data, best practices in research data management and Open Science can soon be met even more easily. It also brings a number of advantages: easy registration via Uni-ID, no costs and much more. The HRZ offers a sandbox version to those who want to test bonndata. If you have any questions, please contact forschungsdaten@uni-bonn.de

Strengthening your personal IT Security in Research

Join the Online-Exchange on IT Security in Research held in English on October 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Law enforcement and intelligence agencies have increasingly issued warnings about researchers and academics being targeted by cyber threats. This event should give you a better understanding about cyber threats and what you can personally do to safeguard your data. [Info & Registration.](#)

5 ½ questions...

... to Ling Gu, doctoral student in Biology.

Could you describe your research topic to someone from another discipline?

I am studying the relationship between roots and microbes, which will further enhance the strategy to breed stress-resilient cultivars for future crops.

Where is your favorite place to work on your dissertation? Where are you most effective?

Simply the laboratory. I can think carefully about problems and work efficiently in the office. When I encounter confusion, I can discuss scientific issues with my friendly colleagues at any time. I can also have lunch and coffee with them, which gives me immediate positive energy to continue working.

Do you have a recommendation for a good lunch break?

I strongly recommend the Chinese restaurant Kolaila in Bonn.

What advice would you give new doctoral students at the University of Bonn?



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Make a good study plan and learn to make a balance between work and life. Make full use of the education resources of the University of Bonn to

extend your academic knowledge and skills.

[Nicolas Huppenbauer](#), the doctoral student introduced in our last issue, wanted to know: *What do you*

particularly appreciate about exchanging ideas with other doctoral researchers?

Exchanging research ideas with other doctoral researchers can help us develop rough ideas into concrete hypotheses and promote the progress of research projects. I can also learn to think critically about scientific issues from multiple perspectives.

Which three questions would you like to ask the next doctoral student portrayed in our series?

Read our next issue and find out!

You are welcome to suggest a colleague or yourself for the next portrait. Just send an email to: bgz@uni-bonn.de

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