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Bonn Graduate Center's Newsletter for Doctoral Researchers

Editorial

Summer | 2022

Liebe Promovierende,

melden Sie sich jetzt zum nächsten Job Talk „Startup als Karrierechance - Gründen an der Uni Bonn“ am 12. Juli 2022 an! In diesem Online-Job Talk wird Dr. Christian Wahl, Mit-Gründer von Midel Photonics, von seinen Erfahrungen als Gründer berichten. Zudem stellt Sandra Speer, Leiterin des Transfer Centers enaCom, die Coaching- und Unterstützungsangebote für Gründungsprojekte vor.

Verpassen Sie keine Veranstaltung der Reihe „Job Talks für Promovierende und Promovierte: Eine Stunde - Ein Job - Eine Perspektive“ und melden sich für den Infoverteiler an. Die Job Talks sind eine Veranstaltungsreihe der Personalentwicklung und Karriere, des Alumni Netzwerks und des BGZ.

Herzliche Grüße
Ihr Bonner Graduiertenzentrum

Dear doctoral students,

Register now for the next Job Talk "Startup als Karrierechance - Gründen an der Uni Bonn" on July 12, 2022 in German!

Don’t miss any upcoming Job Talks? Then sign up for our mailing list for "Job Talks by Doctoral Degree Holders: One Hour - One Job - One Perspective.“

Kind regards
from your Bonn Graduate Center

News from the Bonn Graduate Center

We would like to give you a brief update on developments and news from the Bonn Graduate Center team.

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Same smile, new challenge! We are delighted to have retained our former student assistant Carina Teichrib in a new position! After completing her studies, Carina is now responsible for the doctoral statistics in our team.

More warm welcomes to our excellent support team! We are very happy to have the support of our new student assistants Elisabeth Kösters, Sylvia Brückner and Anneke Nolte. Together with Pavel Barikin, they are the team behind all the workshop confirmations, registrations and your certificates of attendance.

Time to say goodbye! We sadly have to say goodbye to our cherished student assistant of two years Gianna Gaspardo! The best of luck for your new challenges, Gianna!

New coaching dates! Are you a doctoral student at the University of Bonn and in a challenging phase of your doctoral project? Do you need help and suggestions to overcome it? Benefit from our individual coaching sessions. Three time slots are available each month. The coaching sessions are offered in both German and English free of charge. More information and registration for the next coaching dates:

- July 25 with Prof. Dr. Martin Zierold
- August 23 with Dr. Majana Beckmann
- September 19 with Prof. Dr. Martin Zierold
- October 31 with Dr. Taiya Mikisch

Travel plans? Have a look at our funding lines supporting the active participation in an international conference abroad as well as our other grants for doctoral students and further funding for postdocs.

Any questions? Get in touch with us at 0228 73-60141 or graduiertenzentrum@uni-bonn.de. We are happy to help!

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July 2022	R	RM	BO
Marketing in eigener Sache - ein Workshop für Promovierende beim Berufseinstieg Online | 12. und 13. Juli | DE			✓
Gute Laborpraxis Online | 12. und 13. Juli | DE	✓		
Managing Scientific Projects Online | July 12 and 13 | EN	✓	✓	
Proposal Writing: How to Create Promising Grant Applications Online | July 14 | EN	✓	✓	
Aktivierende Methoden der Gruppenarbeit Präsenz | 14. Juli | DE	✓		
An Introduction to Good Scientific Practice Online | July 15 | EN	✓	✓	
Einführung in das deutsche Wissenschaftssystem für Wissenschaftsmanager*innen Präsenz | 19. Juli | DE		✓	
Scientific Posters: Design and Pitching Online | July 19-22 | EN	✓		
Your Idea's journey: Design Thinking Online | July 21 | EN			✓
Überzeugen im Vorstellungsgespräch Online | 21. und 22. Juli | DE		✓	✓
Publication of Scientific Work Online | July 22 | EN	✓		
Die ersten 100 Tage im neuen Job: Ein guter Start Online | 25. und 26. Juli | DE		✓	✓
Introduction to Statistics In-person | July 26-28 | EN	✓		✓
Conflict Management In & Outside Academia: From Squabbles to a Culture of Conflict Online | July 27 | EN	✓	✓	✓

September 2022	R	RM	BO
Ideen aus dem Nichts – Ideen-Mining als Methode zur Generierung ungewöhnlicher Innovationen Präsenz | 1. September | DE			✓
Academic Writing across Disciplines Online | September 1, 2 and 5 | EN	✓	✓	
Job Application and Interviewing Strategies for Natural Science Careers Online | September 5, 6, 8 and 9 | EN	✓		✓
Job Search and Application for a Career Beyond Academia Online | September 5, 8 and 14 | EN			✓
Grundlagen des Arbeitsrechts und der Vergütung der wissenschaftlichen Mitarbeiter*innen Online | 6. September | DE	✓	✓	
Science Communication Online | September 7 | EN	✓	✓	
Auf den Punkt gebracht: Grundlagen des Drittmittelmanagements Online | 7. September | DE	✓	✓	

Debatte und Argumentieren – Schlagfertigkeit kann man lernen! Online | 7. und 8. September | DE	
Identifying Your Competencies and Exploring Your Career Options In-person | September 8 and 9 | EN	
Finanzen und Controlling im Wissenschaftsmanagement Online | 8. und 9. September | DE	
Veranstaltungen planen mit Tools des Projektmanagements Online | 12. September | DE	
Grundlagen Betriebswirtschaft in Finanzen und Controlling Online | 13. und 14. September | DE	
Leadership Skills für den außerakademischen Arbeitsmarkt Online | 13. und 14. September | DE	
Diversity – Shaping a Successful Team Culture Online | September 14 and 15 | EN	
Social Media and Social Networks in Science Communication Online | September 15 and 16 | EN	
Preparing Funding Applications Online | September 15 and 16 | EN	
Online Lehre mit Zoom und eCampus Online | 16. September | DE	
Science Communication – Media Training to Pitch Your Research to a Broad Audience Online | September 19 and 20 | EN	
Thesis Defence Training Online | September 21 and 22 | EN	
Advanced Statistics Online | September 22 | EN	
Job Interviews and Salaries for a Career Beyond Academia Online | September 26, 28 and 30 | EN	
Karriereplanung und strategisches Netzwerken Online | 27. und 28. September | DE	
Qualitätsmanagement an Hochschulen Online | 29. und 30. September | DE	
Clear, Engaging and Persuasive Academic Writing to Stand Out Online | September 29 and 30| EN	

Registration and more info at www.promotion-plus.uni-bonn.de

Training on Demand

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

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

Lernen, wann immer es Ihnen zeitlich passt – Jetzt für unsere E-Trainings anmelden

Mit unseren 45 – 120-minütigen E-Trainings können Sie sich bequem von zuhause aus neues Wissen aneignen. Verschiedenste Themen wie Agile Skills, Kommunikation oder Methoden stehen Ihnen als E-Learning zur Verfügung. Die E-Trainings bestehen aus kurzen Lerneinheiten wie Lernfragen, Übungsaufgaben und interaktiven Lernelementen. Wir bieten Ihnen sowohl englisch- als auch deutschsprachige E-Trainings von Pinktum an.

Diversity at the University of Bonn

The nationwide Diversity Day were celebrated in Bonn from May 30 to June 1, 2022, with various actions focusing on research, support and families.

For the tenth time, the Diversity Days were celebrated nationwide – the University of Bonn dedicated a three-day program to the topic. The Diversity Days were organized by the Vice Rectorate for Equal Opportunity and Diversity in cooperation with the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Unit and the Office of Family Services.

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- On May 30, researchers from the University presented their diversity-related projects in a poster exhibition.
- On May 31, various support units and departments of the university showcased their offerings and support at the Fair of Opportunities.
- June 1 was dedicated to the motto "Diversity and Family" and rounded off the event with a panel discussion on changing family models.

Learn more about the diversity days at chancengerechtigkeit.uni-bonn.de

We talked to Anna Hollstegge, Head of the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Unit about the relevance of diversity in Bonn:

Why is diversity important for the University of Bonn?

The University of Bonn has committed itself to the principle of "Equal Opportunities and the Promotion of Diversity" and sees equal opportunities as a cross-sectional task. The diversity of people with their different potentials, characters, experiences, constitutions, life paths and life plans challenges the University of Bonn as a learning organization. The opportunity, also with in regard to further development as a university of excellence, is to seize existing potential and develop it further in order to promote innovation and future viability.

What is the biggest challenge at the University of Bonn?

In order to enable equal opportunities, it is important to promote educational equality and excellence and to further develop structural framework conditions accordingly. A prerequisite – and at the same time a major challenge – is to create study and working conditions that are family-friendly, non-discriminatory and consistently oriented towards equality. By forming networks for participation, individual diversity, recognition and appreciation, we receive great support and a lot of know-how. In this way, different knowledge and skills can be brought into a mutually reinforcing relationship. The focus of our work is therefore initially the interaction

and the development of common strengths, which lead to sustainable, stable and at the same time visible networks.

What does diversity mean in everyday life?

In everyday life, this always means that we all learn with and from each other, not least through a "change of perspective". This has to be practiced.

Therefore, together with our partners, we focus on education and raising awareness, for instance through workshops. It is also important to make the existing offers better known and more visible. We invite everyone to visit our diversity portal chancengerechtigkeit.uni-bonn.de. There you can also express ideas and criticism.

We are always looking for role models to inspire and support young students. There are many programs here, such as the service learning seminar "MitSprache", which qualifies language mediators and brings them together with people with a migrant background.

A current offer that we have set up is aimed at students who have experienced discrimination at the university. At the suggestion of the autonomous BIPoC department of the AStA, we offer external advice.

Thank you very much for the interview and the valuable insights!

Interested to learn more?

Have a look at some of our upcoming workshops with a focus on aspects of diversity. Register now!

Was hat meine Promotion mit meiner Herkunft zu tun? Persönliche und soziale Einflüsse verstehen und positiv nutzen

Online-Workshop | 6. und 9. September 2022, 15:00 - 18:00 Uhr | Deutsch

Der soziale Hintergrund und die eigene Herkunft spielen im deutschen Hochschulsystem eine wichtige Rolle und haben Einfluss auf die Entscheidungen auf unserem Bildungsweg sowie unserer Karriereentwicklung. Gemeinsam sollen die Teilnehmenden in diesem Workshop reflektieren, wie die persönliche Herkunft die eigene Promotion beeinflusst – sowohl im positiven Sinne als vielleicht auch als Stolperstein.

Diversity – Shaping a Successful Team Culture

Online Workshop | September 14 and 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | English

Often viewed as a stumbling block rather than an asset of creativity, flexibility and a rich resource, you will learn about diversity's complexities, challenges and great potential in everyday-life of academic cooperation and leadership. This workshop invites you to develop your own authentic way of diversity-conscious cooperation & leadership, and provides you with knowledge, self-awareness, practical skills and competences.

Diversität an der Universität Bonn

Den deutschlandweiten Diversity Day haben wir in Bonn dieses Jahr sogar an drei Tagen gefeiert: Vom 30. Mai bis 1. Juni gab es zahlreiche Aktionen rund um Forschung, Unterstützung und Familien.

Zum zehnten Mal wurden die Diversity Days bundesweit gefeiert – die Universität Bonn widmete dem Thema ein dreitägiges Programm. Ausgerichtet wurden die Diversity Days vom Prorektorat Chancengerechtigkeit und Diversität in Kooperation mit der Stabsstelle Chancengerechtigkeit und Diversität sowie dem Familienbüro.

- Am 30. Mai fand eine Posterausstellung von Forschungsprojekten mit Diversitätsbezug statt.
- Am 31. Mai konnte die Fair of Opportunities im Arkadenhof des Hauptgebäudes besucht werden. Hier informierten sich Interessierte an Ständen verschiedener Beratungsstellen und Abteilungen der Universität mit Diversitätsbezug.
- Der 1. Juni widmete sich dem Motto „Vielfalt und Familie“ und rundete die Veranstaltung mit einer Podiumsdiskussion über den Wandel von Familienmodellen ab.

Mehr über die Diversity Days unter chancengerechtigkeit.uni-bonn.de

Wir haben mit Anna Hollstegge, Leiterin der Stabstelle Chancengerechtigkeit und Diversität, gesprochen:

Warum ist Diversity für die Universität Bonn wichtig?

Die Uni Bonn hat sich dem Leitbild „Chancengerechtigkeit und die Förderung von Vielfalt“ verpflichtet und versteht Chancengerechtigkeit als Querschnittsaufgabe. Die Vielfalt der Menschen mit ihren unterschiedlichen Potenzialen, Charakteren, Erfahrungen, Konstitutionen, Lebenswegen und -entwürfen fordert die Universität Bonn als lernende Organisation. Die sich daraus ergebende Chance, auch im Hinblick auf die weitere Entwicklung als Exzellenzuniversität, besteht darin, bereits vorhandene Potenziale aufzugreifen und diese weiterzuentwickeln, um Innovation und Zukunftsfähigkeit zu fördern.

Was ist die größte Herausforderung an der Universität Bonn?

Um Chancengerechtigkeit zu ermöglichen, gilt es, Bildungsgerechtigkeit sowie Exzellenz zu befördern und strukturelle Rahmenbedingungen entsprechend

weiterzuentwickeln. Voraussetzung – und zugleich eine große Herausforderung – ist die Gestaltung durchgängig gleichstellungsorientierter, familienfreundlicher und diskriminierungsfreier Studien- und Arbeitsbedingungen. Durch die Bildung von Netzwerken für Teilhabe, individuelle Vielfalt, Anerkennung und Wertschätzung erhalten wir dafür große Unterstützung und viel Know-how. Dadurch können unterschiedliche Kenntnisse und Kompetenzen in eine sich gegenseitig verstärkende Beziehung zueinander gebracht werden. Im Mittelpunkt unserer Arbeit stehen daher zunächst das Zusammenwirken und die Ausbildung gemeinsamer Stärken, die zu tragfähigen, stabilen und gleichzeitig sichtbaren Netzwerken führen.

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Was bedeutet Diversity im Alltag?

Im Alltag bedeutet das immer wieder, dass wir alle mit- und voneinander lernen, nicht zuletzt durch einen Perspektivwechsel. Dieser muss geübt werden.

Daher setzen wir mit unseren Partner*innen auf Aufklärung und Sensibilisierung, unter anderem durch Workshops. Wichtig ist auch, die vorhandenen Angebote bekannter und sichtbarer zu machen. Wir laden alle herzlich ein, auf unserem Diversity-Portal chancengerechtigkeit.uni-bonn.de vorbeizuschauen. Dort kann man auch Ideen und Kritik äußern.

Wir sind immer auf der Suche nach Vorbildern und "Role Models" um junge Studierende zu inspirieren und zu unterstützen. Hier gibt es viele Programme, wie beispielsweise das Service Learning Seminar „MitSprache", das Sprachmittler*innen qualifiziert und diese mit Personen mit Zuwanderungsgeschichte zusammenbringt.

Ein aktuelles Angebot, das wir neu eingerichtet haben, richtet sich an Studierende, die an der Uni Diskriminierungserfahrungen gemacht haben. Hier bieten wir, auf Anregung des autonomen BIPoC-Referats des AStA, eine externe Beratung an.

Vielen Dank für das Interview!

The Women in Science Podcast Team: Dr. Katarzyna Placek, Theja Sajeevan Aleksandra Shiian, and Nora Balzer. © Women in Science

Women in Science – the New Podcast on the Block!

The Women in Science (WS) Committee at the Life and Medical Sciences Institute (LIMES) of the University of Bonn has recently launched its own podcast!

In each episode, the LIMES-WIS Podcast team talks to interesting females, males and non-binary people from the scientific community about their career paths, success, and struggles to achieve them. They also talk about family choices and inspirations to help researchers find their own career paths. The podcast mainly addresses the females' and other minority groups' situation in the academic system.

Guests so far were: Junior Group Leader Dr. Katarzyna Placek, who shared with us her path to obtaining a Marie-Sklodowska Curie Fellowship; Prof. Alena Khmelinskaia, who told listeners her ways to secure a junior professorship position; Dr. Tal Pecht who spreads her passion for the Femmunity project and teaches us how to initiate your own study; Nora Balzer who talks about her experience in both: wet lab and bioinformatics and the importance of science communication and finally Dr. Anastasia Solomatina who explains how to successfully pursue a PhD on two continents! There are many more exciting interviews to come, so stay tuned!

Listen to the Women in Science Podcast

Check out the Women in Science website

Find WIS on Twitter @limes_wis

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Present your research project, business plan or social initiative within 3 minutes at the Falling Walls Lab in Düsseldorf. The application deadline is August 12.

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More information: hhu.de/falling-walls-lab

Start-Up Summer School

Wer sein Wissen zu Innovation, Gründung und Start-Up vertiefen möchte, wird bei der 5-tägigen Start-Up Summer School fit für das eigene Business. Sie findet vom 8.-12.8.2022 in den Räumen des Transfer Centers (Brühler Str. 7, Bonn) statt. Dabei bekommen Sie alle Infos über Start-Ups und die wichtigsten Tools, um eigene Geschäftskonzepte zu entwickeln. Mit unserem Methodenkoffer sind Sie gut gerüstet für die ersten Schritte in Richtung eines eigenen Start-Ups. Besondere Vorkenntnisse oder eine eigene Gründungsidee sind nicht notwendig.

Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung hier: uni-bonn.de/de/forschung-lehre/transfercenter-enacom/veranstaltungen/startup-summer-school-2022

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Open Science Coffee Lecture Series

This summer semester, ULB and HRZ are offering the Open Science Coffee Lecture series for the second time. On the last Wednesday of each month, short impulses are given on various topics related to Open Science. More info on the online series at: https://www.open-access.uni-bonn.de/de/events/open-science-coffee-lectures

Humboldt^{n} -School in Bonn „Klimawandel - Risiken und Anpassungen“ für Doktorand*innen aller Fächer

Bis zum 17. Juli anmelden für die erste interdisziplinäre Summer School der Nachhaltigkeitsinitiative der 16 Universitäten Nordrhein-Westfalens Humboldt. Die Summer School findet 19. und 20. September in Bonn statt. Die Teilnahme ist kostenlos. Jetzt anmelden!

Podcast „PhD Unplugged“

Two alumni from Bonn, Luisa and Lara Solms, started a podcast on topics related to doctoral studies. Two episodes on Insecurities and Self-Compassion are available at phdunplugged.com.

Transfer Center enaCom offers protoyping grants

The grants (up to € 50,000) support innovative research results to be further developed for commercialization. Deadline for applications is October 15, 2022.

Forum Wissenschaftskommunikation in Hannover

The conference is the largest event on science communication in Germany and is organized annually by *Wissenschaft im Dialog (WiD)*. This year’s forum is planned as an in-person event from October 4th-6th in Hannover with a focus on "Shaping transformation – Science communication for a changing society".

Industry Guest Lectures – NLC.Health

Regardless of their relevance or genius, 95% of all healthtech inventions never reach the market, while bringing them to the patient could significantly improve many lives around the world. Learn how you can change that during the guest lecture by Christian Böhm, Venture Partner, on July 13, at 4 p.m.

Knowledge and Technology Transfer at the Medical Faculty

Do you want to bring your research or invention to the patient? Send a brief email to wissenschaft.transfer@ukbonn.de and the team get back to you with their support.

MS Wissenschaft – The Floating Science Center

Take a closer look at science itself on board the exhibition ship during the Science Year 2022 - Participate! How does science work? How do scientists approach their research questions? What methods do they use? As diverse as science and approaches are, so is this year's exhibition. The MS Wissenschaft is in Bonn from July 20 to 24, 2022.

Meet our Argelander Grantees who researched how the pandemic affected our daily lives

Introducing our Grantees Ruth Eggel M.A. M.A.; Valeska Flor, PhD and Victoria Huszka M.A. with their research project "Urban Cultures during and after the Pandemic. Transformations of Everyday Spaces and Practices in Bonn" which was supported by an Argelander Grant.

How would you describe the aim of your project to someone from a different subject area?

The project aimed to discover how our everyday lives have changed due to the Corona crisis. We were particularly interested in understanding how people were "doing" things differently in mundane situations.

What did you find particularly interesting about this research question?

In spring 2020, we sensed a sudden change in the way politicians and journalists talked about respiratory viruses, and how people on the streets reacted to the news of a novel and deadly disease, that was about to decimate the population of the world. Also, based on my medical and philosophical background, I had the impression that prior scientific and social norms and beliefs have changed their meaning. I felt somehow threatened by this new situation, although I was not able to fully understand it.

Which aspects or activities of your research did the Argelander Grant make possible?

The overall project was only possible through the funding of the Argelander Grant, as the main costs were the personnel costs of our student employees, Jana Brass, Michaela Ressing and Jasmin Sina, who were responsible for ethnographic fieldwork and data collection.

What are the most significant results or insights you gained?

The comprehensive changes in our everyday lives resulting from the corona pandemic revealed great social potential: We observed

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various creative strategies for dealing with crisis situations. At the same time, we have also noticed increasing fragmentation, individualization and exhaustion due to ongoing changes and high moral responsibility among our research participants.

How do these support the understanding or containment of the current or possible future pandemics? What is the societal relevance of your findings?

Processes of individualization and moralization have been a long-term development in society and further intensified during the pandemic. The possibility of solidarity at different levels must be developed so that social change resulting from

a pandemic does not lead to a "cultural implosion". With these cultural consequences (both positive and negative) in mind, adapted measures could be proposed and developed for future crisis events.

Ruth Eggel, Jana Brass, Victoria Huszka, Michaela Ressing, Jasmin Sina, Valeska Flor. © privat

Did the pandemic have any impact on your research question? Did you have to adapt your research focus along the way?

It is evident from the title of our research project that the ongoing pandemic had a significant impact on our project. The title "after the pandemic" shows the uncertainty we faced when submitting our application in April 2020. This "after" has not yet arrived, both during the project and now. Therefore, we had to adapt month by month to the current situation and respective regulations. Methodologically it was necessary to continuously adjust our approaches, following corona guidelines and combining different on-site and digital field methods. In terms of content, we ultimately focused on the different phases of the pandemic and analyzed the ups and downs, including the emotional negotiation of change.

What is your current/next project about? Will it build upon the results from your current project?

Generally, the research project reflects our research interests: (climate) protest research, urban and digital anthropology, research of community building and social engagement. Valeska Flor is continuing her PostDoc-Project on climate conscious citizens with the title "How to train climate active citizens. A Study of climate action/leadership ideas and programs ". Ruth Dorothea Eggel is writing her doctoral thesis titled "Embodying Gaming " on how digital gaming comes to matter at gaming events. Victoria Huszka is finishing her doctoral thesis on the everyday cultural negotiation of post-industrial regions in socio-economic transformation.

In addition, our three master's students had the opportunity to research a current topic of high social relevance, transfer this into their master's thesis and gain experience in scientific project work.

What has the Argelander Grant meant for your scientific career?

The quick funding enabled us to follow a current topic of social relevance and conduct this research project on a contemporary phenomenon with vast social and cultural implications. Furthermore, the grant has allowed us to expand our expertise in project management, which has been intensive in times of scientific uncertainty and profitable for our careers.

Thank you very much for the interview and good luck with your next projects!

5 ½ questions…

… to Inder M Chauhan, doctoral student in Geodesy and Geoinformation.

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

We can properly identify a single plant/crop in a huge field at different growth stages over time using advanced sensors and techniques. This aids in the development of robust crop growth monitoring models and the identification of key plant parameters for sustainable agriculture.

What do you especially like about the University of Bonn?

The University of Bonn is one of Germany's largest universities, and it provides all students with opportunities for overall growth in addition to their studies. Excellent academics, mentors, coworkers, seminars, language classes, multicultural activities, sports, tours, conferences, and career growth, to name a few.... (Also, attending lectures in main building gives the feel of Hogwarts… :D)

Do you have a tip on how to overcome the lack of motivation during difficult phases of the dissertation?

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In my opinion, just keep yourself busy, plan the tasks on calendar and stick to it… Accomplishment of one task will give you motivation and direction for the next one! Talk to people around you if you need help (Don't hesitate).

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

My advice to the new doctoral researchers would be to have more scientific connections, participation in many workshops and conferences, keep yourself busy, learn more and have fun!

Marthe-Siobhán Hecke the the doctoral student introduced in our last issue, wanted to know: What was the coolest place to ever travel to for a conference? Or the coolest conference ever?

The coolest place to go for a conference is where we can have beach fun in summers after the busy day! 😉

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: graduiertenzentrum@uni-bonn.de

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