

Going Abroad: Funding Opportunities of TUM-GS

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Individual Mobility Funding

TUM-GS individual mobility funding

The TUM Graduate School offers financial support to its members **to cover part of the expenses of their international activities during their doctorate**. The financial support will be granted within the legal framework of the Bavarian Travel Expense Act.



TUM-GS Internationalization Support

Standard TUM-GS mobility funding scheme for doctoral candidates with

- ✓ TUM employment contract
- ✓ scholarship holders
- ✓ self-funded candidates

Available after the Kick-off seminar and feedback talk in the second half of the doctoral project

Reimbursement of actual travel expenses based on the Bavarian Travel Expense Act

1,600 EUR mobility budget per eligible doctoral candidate for the entire duration of the doctoral project

- can be applied for multiple times up to the overall funding limit
- can be combined with funding from the TUM chair/research group

Additional **1,400 EUR** mobility budget for research stays > 4 weeks

Internationalization support: activities

- **Research stays** at scientific, academic, research institutions or at companies (R&D)
- Presentation of the candidate's own research findings at **international conferences, symposia**
- Participation in international subject-specific **summer/winter schools, workshops**
- Invitation of international **visiting researchers** for joint research on the candidate's own research project at TUM
- Invitation of **international examiners** for the candidate's oral examination at TUM

Internationalization Grant

Special funding scheme for TUM doctoral candidates with external employment (e.g., industry, non-university research institutions) under the condition that the **external employment is entirely independent of their doctoral research**

- **Nomination by the Graduate Centers** based on scientific excellence and excellence of the activity applied
- Application at Graduate Center, *please check the application dates*
- **Reimbursement of actual travel expenses** based on the Bavarian Travel Expense Act
- **1,600€ mobility budget** per eligible doctoral candidate for the entire duration of the doctoral project
 - can be applied for multiple times up to overall funding limit
 - cannot be combined with other mobility funding options (e.g. from industry)

Family Mobility Allowance

Support of **additional expenses caused by accompanying partner, underage child/children, or caregivers.**

- For **international research stays of at least 3 months**
- Maximum funding period of **6 months**
- Allowance of **400 EUR/month** (for accompanying partner/parent and/or underage child)
- Additional 200 EUR/month for each additional underage child



Diversity Supplement Travel Grant

Supports short term research stays & conference presentations abroad by doctoral candidates with **family obligations and/or special health/other needs**.

Up to **500 EUR**/trip for the travel expenses actually incurred:

- travel expenses of **family members** (e.g. underage child) who **absolutely must travel with the candidate**
- additional costs when traveling **due to physical disabilities or special needs**

TUM-GS Mobility Programs

TUM-GS program funding

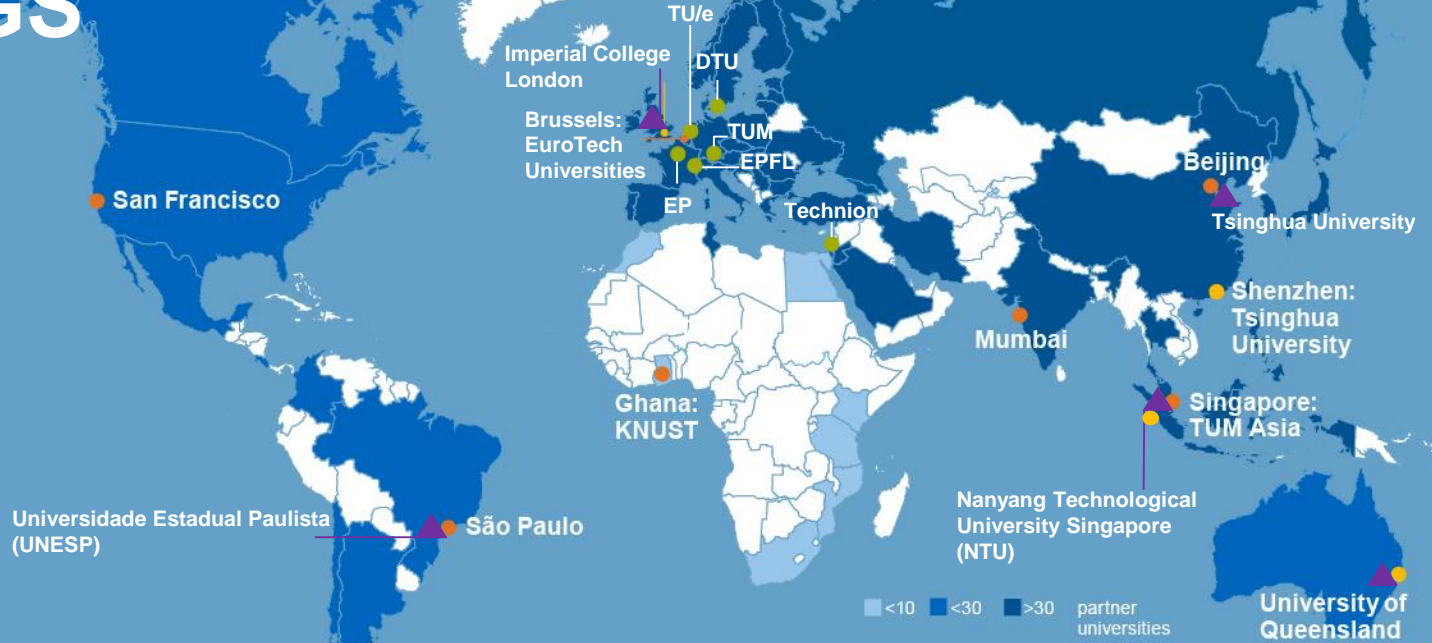
To foster **international and intercultural collaboration and networking** with researchers from **strategic TUM partner universities**, the TUM Graduate School offers various international programs and initiatives with international partner universities around the globe.



Picture: Andreas Heddergott/TUM

Internationalization @ TUM-GS

- EuroTech Alliance
- ▲ TUM-GS International Exchange Partners
- Flagship partners
- TUM Liaison Offices



TUM- UNESP Research Exchange

- Research exchange at UNESP, Sao Paulo at hosting research group for **stays of 3-6 months**
- Open to doctoral candidates from all disciplines
- 5 placements per year
- **Two application deadlines** per year:
 - 1st May for a August start date
 - 1st December for a March start date
- **Exchange@UNESP Grant** of one-time 1,000€ travel support, research allowance of 1,200€ in total for exchange period at UNESP



TUM- UNESP Research Exchange- eligibility

- approval/support from your TUM supervisor
- a [supervisor at UNESP](#)
- regular member of the TUM Graduate School (no guest/visiting doctoral candidates)
- you [have attended the TUM Graduate School Kick-Off Seminar](#) (at the time of the anticipated exchange start date the latest)
- you have [passed the interim evaluation/feedback talk](#) at the time of anticipated exchange start date



TUM- University of Queensland Joint Doctoral Supervision

- Supervisor at TUM and co-supervisor at UQ for the entire doctoral research project
- 12 months research stay with co-supervisor
- **Research@UQ Grant** of 1,000€ travel support, 400€/month research allowance, 2,000€ one-time overhead budget for TUM research group
- Joint doctoral examination
- TUM doctoral degree awarded with special TUM doctoral diploma for co-supervised doctoral project



EuroTech Universities Alliance

Doctoral Summer/Winter Schools

- Self-organized Summer/Winter School by doctoral candidates for their peers
- Organization committee from at least 3 EuroTech partner universities
- Interdisciplinary topic at the cutting edge of science and society
- Financial support for TUM hosted summer/winter school with up to 10,000€

Joint Supervision Program

- Supervisor at TUM and co-supervisor at partner university for the entire doctoral research project
- 6 months of research stay with co-supervisor
- Research@EuroTech Grant of 500€ travel support, 400€/month research allowance, 2,000€ one-time overhead budget for TUM research group
- Joint doctoral examination
- TUM doctoral degree awarded with special TUM doctoral diploma for co-supervised doctoral project

Global Fellows Program

- Annual 5 days Summer School in June/July
- Focus on professional skills training & collaboration activities under an interdisciplinary academic theme
- Since 2021 trilateral Summer School with TUM, Imperial College London, and NTU Singapore
- Research placement @ partner for 3-4 weeks possible after the summer school with additional funding



Global Fellows Program 2025

- Next summer school: 28 July – 1 August 2025 @TUM
- Interdisciplinary academic theme: **Converging Multidisciplinary Solutions for Climate-responsive Societies**
- Call for Applications will be open **beginning of March until mid-April 2025**
- Open to TUM doctoral candidates from all disciplines
- No participation fee
- Research placement @ Imperial or NTU for 3-4 weeks possible after the summer school with additional funding



Q&A

More Information

TUM Graduate School wiki

Detailed information:

- Eligibility and application steps,
- how to apply for reimbursement
for TUM staff, scholarship holders,
self-funded candidates,
- How to combine reimbursement from research groups,
- FAQ on what can be reimbursed.



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Next Infosessions

Going Abroad: Learn More from our TUM Liaison Officers from Brazil and India

Monday, 18 November | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Going Abroad: Destination USA

Tuesday, 19 November | 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Going Abroad: The Chinese-Speaking Region, including Singapore

Wednesday, 27 November | 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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