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All doctoral candidates and their supervisors at TU Dresden as well as all postdocs at TU Dresden and at HZDR can apply for **membership** at the GA. **Registration** is possible at www.tu-dresden.de/ga/membership.

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Graduate Academy PhD Starter Kit



PhD Starter Kit

You are at the **beginning of your PhD** and you are asking yourself:

- How do I manage to use my time for my doctorate, but also for my later career in science or business, sensibly and efficiently?
- How can I conduct my research according to good scientific practice?
- How can I build a productive and professional relationship with my supervisor?
- How do I get started with writing?

The PhD Starter Kit offers you the opportunity to acquire **key competencies** for your PhD in five compact modules.

They are offered in German in the summer semester and in English in the winter semester.

All modules can also be offered on-demand. Contact us if you have any requirements.

You can **register** for each of the modules separately or for the PhD Starter Kit program as a whole. After you have attended the three key modules you will receive a **certificate** of participation.

Registration: https://tu-dresden.de/ga/qualifizierung

Workshop modules at a glance

Module 1 - Time Management in the PhD Process

This workshop offers you the opportunity to acquire practical tools and techniques for the time management of your PhD Process.

Module 2 - Good Scientific Practice

This workshop offers an introduction to basic rules and values underlying the responsible conduct of research and good scientific practice. Furthermore, it focusses on the question of how to foster a constructive supervision relationship.

Module 3 – The Supervision Relationship

A constructive supervision relationship is crucial for your PhD progress. This workshop addresses the question of how you can contribute to building a positive relationship with your supervisor(s). You will discuss typical challenges, underlying rules and mutual expectations of the involved stakeholders. Furthermore, the prevention of potential conflicts within the supervision relationship will be addressed.

Module 4 - Getting Started with Writing

Doing a PhD always means also to embark on an extensive writing project. Aim of this workshop is to show you how you can make use of writing techniques right from the beginning of your PhD: For finding and narrowing down your topic, for structuring and developing an outline or for writing a first draft.

Module 5 - Career planning

With a successfully completed doctorate, numerous career paths in science and business are open to you. It is important to know the rules of the game and the requirements of both "worlds" in order to set the right course early on. In this module, you will receive hints and tips on what is important in each case and how to plan strategically so that you can achieve your individual career goal.