

Overview of the workshop programme

The start-up phase of the doctorate

Identifying opportunities and challenges – setting the compass

Universität Ulm, International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine Ulm [IGradU]

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Format: In-person workshop

Target group: PhD candidates

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Doing a doctorate is a complex and long-term project. If you plan correctly, you will be ready for an expedition on the sometimes winding paths through the world of research.

An important prerequisite for a successful doctorate is a systematic approach. In addition to defining personal goals, this includes setting up a good supervisory environment, determining a suitable doctoral topic and an initial conception of the work stages. This way, the classic stumbling blocks won't throw you off track and you can ensure lasting motivation.

In the workshop, the participants will clarify the central requirements of their doctoral situation and recognise in which areas there is still catching up to do. The focus is on the following points:

- >> The basics of the start-up phase:
Developing constructive objectives
- >> Doctoral research as a process:
Demands and stumbling blocks
- >> Impetus for the years that follow:
The right PhD topic
- >> Maintaining a relationship:
Dealing with your doctoral supervisor
- >> Contacts in academia:
The thesis committee and further supervisors
- >> My skills profile:
What additional qualifications do I need – for now and later?
- >> The start-up phase:
My next steps

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