

# INTERNATIONAL PHD WEEK 2024

SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2024 | TRIER UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

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## Dear students,

We are pleased to invite you to our International PhD Week 2024 - a summer school organized and hosted by the Trier University of Applied Sciences.

The International PhD Week will take place from September 23-27, 2024 in Trier.

Throughout the event, we aim to promote academic exchange, interdisciplinary learning, and cultural exchange. As a participant, you will have the opportunity to engage with leading scholars, researchers, and professionals in various fields, while immersing yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Trier and its surroundings.

Our Summer School addresses emerging research topics and promotes the exchange of ideas at an advanced level. We provide participants with the knowledge and skills to broaden and deepen

their current research, as well as a platform to pursue wide-ranging academic opportunities in the future.

Highlights include:

- Specialized workshops and seminars led by renowned experts in generative AI and digitally enabled green and healthcare technologies
- Networking sessions to connect with peers and experts from diverse backgrounds
- Field trips to engage with policymakers and research stakeholders
- Social events to explore the region's historical landmarks and natural beauty

We are committed to diversity in participation and encourage a variety of topics, methods, and ways of thinking. Our participants come from universities of Applied Sciences around the world, facilitating peer networking on a global scale. This year, we aim to bring together

graduate students and aspiring young scientists from more than 10 countries.

Whether you are looking to enhance your academic skills, expand your professional network, or simply enjoy an unforgettable time exchanging research ideas with other young researchers in Germany, we invite you to join us for this exciting opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming you to Trier and sharing this rewarding experience together.



Sincerely,  
**Prof. Dr. Henrik te Heesen &  
Prof. Dr. Georg Schneider**



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# APPLICATION PROCESS

## Who can apply?

The International PhD Week is open to 20 selected participants in total. PhD students from all partner and collaborating universities are eligible. 2-3 candidates per partner university will be invited to participate.

## How to apply?

You can apply online via our website

[Apply Now](#)

## Applications must include:

- A short CV (PDF, 1-2 pages)
- An abstract outlining your doctoral thesis and motivation for joining the International PhD Week and how it aligns with your academic and personal goals (PDF, max. 1 page)

## Deadline

Applications must be submitted by July 31, 2024.

## Additional information

Participating in the International PhD Week at Trier University of Applied Sciences will include travelling to Trier, Germany for a week.

There are NO fees. The summer school is free of charge for all selected participants. All activities, travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

You will receive a certificate for your participation in the Summer School.



**Got Questions?**  
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# [PRELIMINARY] FORMAT

## Accompanying Virtual Events

### **Wednesday, September 18**

Meet & Greet with various ice-breaker activities, Presentation of Trier University of Applied Sciences

### **Friday, October 4**

International PhD Week in review and brainstorming a digital platform for the International PhD Week

## Monday, September 23

### **Opening Ceremony**

Welcome by Prof. Dr. Henrik te Heesen, Vice President of Trier University of Applied Sciences

### **Main Campus Tour**

#### **PhD Showcase**

Research is a highly social experience. All participants will have the opportunity to present their current research activities, share their ideas and hear others' perspectives.

#### **Keynote**

International collaboration in doctoral education

#### **Trier City Tour**

Discover Trier in a guided interactive mystery game

#### **Welcome Dinner**

German regional specialties at Domstein

## Tuesday, September 24

### **PRAXISforum:**

#### **Workshop Digitalization: Proper Use of Generative AI in Research**

Best Practices and Research Integrity & Ethics

#### **Workshop Sustainability: Sustainable Development Goals in Research and Academic Practice**

Emerging Trends and Recommended Actions

#### **Workshop Health: Immersive Extended Reality in Life Sciences**

Use of virtual reality in therapy scenarios

### **Field trip to Environmental Campus Birkenfeld**

Visit to Innovation Lab IN-NODIG

Learn more about the prototypical and interdisciplinary implementation of digital technologies.

## Wednesday, September 25

### **Field trip to Brussels:**

#### **Visit to European Liaison**

Office of the German Research Organisations  
In focus: Open Science Approach

#### **Visit to European Parliament**

In focus: Open discussion with policy makers and research stakeholders

#### **Visit to Young European Research Universities Network**

In focus: Short-term mobility for long-term internationalization

## Thursday, September 26

### **PRAXISforum:**

#### **Workshop Knowledge Exchange: Bridging the Gap**

Today, publications in scientific journals or at congresses are not the only ways of making your research accessible. Learn more about ways to inform others about your scientific work.

#### **Workshop Internationalization: Resilience & Communication in International Context**

Acquire cross-cultural skills and develop your communication abilities in order to successfully navigate an international environment, enabling you to foster inclusion and diversity in professional and academic context.

#### **Keynote: Applied Sciences as Drivers for innovation**

PhD Partnerships with Industry

#### **Impact Stories**

From PhD to Start Up

## Friday, September 27

### **Start It Up! Escape Game**

Approach the topic of starting a start up in a playful way and learn about the uncertainties that founders have to deal with: How do I deal with scarce financial resources? How do I resolve conflicts within the founding team? And how do I deal with challenges under time pressure?

#### **Wrap-up and Farewell**

Roundtable dialogue with all participants and the Summer School team regarding feedback and future perspectives.

Farewell lunch at Villa Weißhaus



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### **About Graduate International Research Opportunities (GIRO)**

Collaborating with researchers worldwide enhances academic, professional as well as personal skills. The project „Trier University of Applied Sciences: Graduate International Research Opportunities (GIRO)“ aims to expand the capacity of PhD students in all these areas. We intend to implement structural measures that strengthens international doctoral networks and boost the qualification and networking skills of PhD students, researchers as well as practice partners.



### **International PhD Week 2024 Opportunities**

- Qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Career Development
- Navigating the world of academic publishing and peer review
- Presenting scientific ideas and results to an academic audience
- Communication and teamwork within an international environment
- Engaging with policy makers and stakeholders in research



### **Trier University of Applied Sciences**

We are one of the largest Universities of Applied Sciences in southern Germany with approximately 7000 students, around 170 professors and about 700 academic and nonacademic staff.

Located in Germany’s oldest city, Trier University of Applied Sciences offers a wide range of programs and modern facilities. Our strong industry partnerships ensure that students gain practical skills and experience. Join us for a dynamic academic community, excellent research opportunities, and a beautiful campus in the heart of Europe.



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