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FOR PROSPECTIVE DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS, DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS, POSTDOCS, W1-PROFESSORS, AND ACADEMIC SUPERVISORS
HAMBURG RESEARCH ACADEMY

FOSTERING RESEARCHERS FOR TOMORROW
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THE HAMBURG RESEARCH ACADEMY IS A CROSS-UNIVERSITY INSTITUTION FOR DOCTORAL AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS IN HAMBURG.

SERVICES

We offer a wide range of services to support, train, and connect researchers from all disciplines during the crucial first years of their career.

MISSION FOR HAMBURG

With the combined resources of our nine member institutions, we offer doctoral and early career researchers in Hamburg outstanding career support and training opportunities and enhance the city’s position as a center of academic excellence.

STRONGER TOGETHER

The Hamburg Research Academy was founded as a joint initiative by Universität Hamburg and the Hamburg Senate. It is the first and only collaborative project in Germany that involves nine higher education institutions working together to support doctoral and early career researchers.
BEHIND THE SCENES AND ON STAGE

THE HAMBURG RESEARCH ACADEMY ADVOCATES FOR DOCTORAL AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS, BOTH PRACTICALLY AND STRATEGICALLY.

DRIVING COMMUNICATION

Through conferences, panel discussions and committee meetings, the entities that form the Hamburg Research Academy – the cross-university Board of Directors, HRA Council, Quality Circle, Doctoral Council, Postdoc Council, and the head office – spark important debates on higher education policy.

IMPROVING CONDITIONS

We work closely with our member institutions to improve conditions for doctoral and early career researchers in Hamburg. The following topics are at the center of our efforts: good supervision, quality assurance in doctoral education, career stages for postdocs, good scientific practice, and healthy working conditions.

BUILDING NETWORKS

We maintain close partnerships with the graduate and service centers of our member institutions. Beyond Hamburg, we are active in national and international networks, allowing us to contribute to current developments in the support structures for doctoral and early career researchers.
INFORMATION & SUPPORT

WE OFFER INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION ON CROSS-DISCIPLINARY ASPECTS OF THE DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL PHASES. OUR SERVICES INCLUDE PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENTS AS WELL AS ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS.
WE OFFER ADVICE ON:
career options within and outside academia | funding | international mobility | networking opportunities | good scientific practice | conflicts and anxieties

Appointments are available at: www.hra-hamburg.de/advising
ADVISING

OUR TEAM OFFERS INDIVIDUAL ADVISING SESSIONS AND PUTS YOU IN TOUCH WITH OTHER CONTACTS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS IN HAMBURG.

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HRA spotlight

HRA SPOTLIGHT

WE ORGANIZE REGULAR TWO HOUR INFORMATION SESSIONS ON TOPICS CENTRAL TO THE DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL CAREER PHASES.

Working with experts from international academia, we explore specific topics and answer your individual questions. The events are held on site or online.
TRAINING

Our training services support doctoral and early career researchers in developing important transferable skills. We organize workshops, information sessions, and career programs to match specific target groups with the right support opportunities.
THE COURSE PORTAL ON OUR WEBSITE LISTS ALL CURRENT EVENTS

Services offered by the HRA:
workshops, information sessions, networking events

Services offered by the HRA member institutions:
events that are open to doctoral and early career researchers from other member institutions

Access the course portal here: www.hra-hamburg.de/course-portal
**KEY TOPICS**

WE HAVE DEVELOPED OUR PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY TO SUPPLEMENT THE SERVICES AVAILABLE AT OUR MEMBER INSTITUTIONS. THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO US:

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR ACADEMIA**

We offer a comprehensive program of workshops to strengthen transferable skills for academics. Key areas include academic writing and publishing, time management, and oral defense training.

**ACADEMIC CAREER SYSTEM**

Succeed in German academia: We organize events and a career program to help scholars understand the various stages of an academic career in Germany up to the professorship level. We also touch upon university micropolitics and the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG).
RESEARCH COMMUNICATION

How to convey your research subject comprehensively, harness the power of storytelling and social media, or put together your own video presentation? Our project, which was initiated by the Claussen Simon Foundation, offers a platform for everything related to research communication.

GOOD SCIENTIFIC PRACTICE

Together with the Ombuds Office of Universität Hamburg, we offer advice, information, and training in the field of good scientific practice. We are also an active member of various international networks and working groups.

GOOD SUPERVISION

Making it work for both sides: We offer tailored services to help doctoral researchers and supervisors develop good working relationships. Additionally, we promote dialog and international exchange on best practices in the field.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Are you new to Hamburg or are you considering a research stay abroad? We provide initial orientation in the German academic system and support your international career planning.

HEALTHY WORKING CONDITIONS

We prepare you to handle tasks, stress, and writer’s block confidently to help you balance your research, teaching, and personal life.

PLANNING A CAREER OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

We provide information to doctoral and postdoctoral researchers about the requirements and opportunities of a career outside academia. Through our career fairs and programs, we put them in touch with potential employers.
NETWORKING

WE FOSTER COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION ACROSS INSTITUTIONS AND DISCIPLINES THROUGH INTERACTIVE NETWORKING EVENTS IN HAMBURG, COMPLEMENTED BY ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY OUR DOCTORAL COUNCIL AND POSTDOC COUNCIL.
EVENTS

THE HAMBURG RESEARCH ACADEMY RUNS AS A LIVELY PLATFORM THAT OFFERS A VARIETY OF EVENTS TO FOSTER DIALOG BEYOND DISCIPLINES.

SHARE EXPERIENCES

We create platforms that encourage doctoral and postdoctoral researchers to exchange their views on shared experiences and challenges, including our HRA Promovierendentag or our monthly Hamburg city walks, for example.

DISCUSS AND DEBATE

Our interactive panel discussions (e.g. HRA Salon) feature speakers from a wide range of backgrounds, such as research and higher education management, early career support, and politics and business.

BUILD YOUR NETWORK

A good network will be extremely helpful as you proceed in your career, whether inside or outside of academia. We put potential employers in touch with doctoral and early career researchers at our career events, such as HRA Karrieresprung.
A PANEL DISCUSSION AT THE HRA SALON
DOCTORAL COUNCIL AND POSTDOC COUNCIL

Two elected councils represent early career researchers at the Hamburg Research Academy.

The speakers of the two councils advocate for the interests of their status groups and represent them on the Hamburg Research Academy committees. They also contribute their own ideas to foster cross-university exchange, such as the Three Minute Thesis Competition, various panel discussions, regular meetings and peer-to-peer advice sessions.

All doctoral and postdoctoral researchers of our nine member institutions may vote and stand for election. Elections are held annually.

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PROGRAM SUMMER SEMESTER 2022
IN THE SUMMER SEMESTER, THERE WILL BE BOTH FACE-TO-FACE AND DIGITAL EVENTS. AND OUR NEW FOCUS TOPIC EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF NETWORK(ING).

Summer semester highlights

Read on for a selection of events in the semester program of the Hamburg Research Academy and our member institutions. All doctoral and early career researchers at the HRA member institutions are invited to take advantage of these opportunities free of charge.

Full program online

The course portal on our website lists the semester program in full. It also provides details about course contents and participation requirements.
Below selected highlights; for full program, see the website!

COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PRACTICE

8 Apr 2022, 9 am–5 pm, online workshop for doctoral researchers and postdocs, instructor: Dr. Natalie Roxburgh, EN

This workshop will introduce to academic structures and practices in an international context, exploring differences regarding conferences and email etiquette in order to practice turns of phrase that will help to facilitate informal communication.

HOW TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN RESEARCH AND GET FUNDED

11/12 Apr 2022, 9 am–3 pm (online workshop) and 13/14 Apr 2022 (individual online coaching sessions) for advanced doctoral researchers and postdocs, instructor: Dr. Thomas Koch, EN

The workshop helps to assess the current position, to clarify career aspirations as well as longer-term research goals and to develop a road map for achieving them in the individual setting. It also provides essential guidance on exploiting research funding opportunities effectively at the postdoctoral stage.
HRA SPOTLIGHT – WAS HAT MEINE HERKUNFT MIT MEINER PROMOTION ZU TUN?

12 Apr 2022, 4–6 pm, online information session for doctoral researchers, instructor: Dr. Ann-Kristin Kolwes, DE

In diesem HRA spotlight reflektieren die Teilnehmenden, wie soziale Herkunft, familiäre Erwartungen und die persönliche Sozialisation die Promotion beeinflussen – sowohl im positiven Sinne als auch vielleicht als Stolperstein.

SCIENCE-SLAM WORKSHOP

12/13 Apr 2022, 9:30 am–1:30 pm, online or face-to-face workshop for all HRA target groups, instructor: Dr. Julia Offe, DE


HRA SPOTLIGHT – INFORMATIONEN UND ERSTE SCHRITTE FÜR PROMOTIONINTERESSIERTE

25 Apr 2022, 3–5 pm, online information session for prospective doctoral researchers, instructors: Peter Blank, Saskia Pfeiffer, DE

Das HRA spotlight skizziert verschiedene Wege in die Promotion, Möglichkeiten der Finanzierung, gibt Tipps zur Themenfindung und Betreuenden Suche, informiert über Fragen der Zulassung und Einschreibung und ermöglicht individuelle Rückfragen.

FOKUS: WISSENSCHAFTSKOMMUNIKATION

28 Apr 2022, 2–8 pm, event for all HRA target groups, DE


WRITING OUTSIDE THE BOX. TECHNIQUE, INSPIRATION & PRACTICE

2/9/16 May 2022, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, face-to-face and online workshop for all HRA target groups, instructor: Anna Ross, EN

Writing for a non-scientific audience has you breaking out into sweat? Don’t worry, you are not alone. The good news: while talent plays a role as it does in any skill, so does technique and practice. Engaging writing is a skill that you can learn.
**Self-management, Stress Coping and Self-Motivation for PhD Researchers**

9 May 2022, 9 am–4 pm and 10 May 2022, 9 am–1 pm, online workshop for doctoral researchers, instructor: Antje Rach, EN

A doctorate is a marathon. Many setbacks must be overcome, enthusiasm and disillusionment are close together. This workshop helps to scrutinize your goals, motivators and working methods.

**HRA Promovierendenntag 2022 — Fokus: Netzwerken(n)**

19 May 2022, 1–6 pm, event for prospective and current doctoral researchers, DE

„Netzwerken(n)“ — der Promovierendenstag 2022 findet im Rahmen unseres Themenjahres statt. In vielfältigen Kurzformaten laden wir zu Impulsen, Diskussionen und Reflexion aus verschiedenen Perspektiven und natürlich zum aktiven Netzwerken ein.

**HRA Spotlight — Good Scientific Practice**

23 June 2022, 10 am–12 pm, online information session + 1 h online modules for doctoral researchers, instructor: Dr. ès sc. habil. Alexander Schiller, EN

This blended learning course provides an opportunity to build and enhance the understanding, skills and confidence in good scientific practice by covering topics like dealing with data, the publishing process, responsible supervision, academic cooperation and conflicts of interest.

**From Idea to Proposal**

7 Jul 2022, 9:30 am–3:30 pm, online workshop for advanced doctoral researchers and postdocs, instructor: Dr. Tracey Stead, EN

Don’t let funding calls pass you by because you haven’t had time to put the ideas in your head down in to a coherent proposal. In this interactive session you will spend some time starting to work up your ideas in to a tangible proposal to put forward for funding.

**Networking for People Who Don’t Really Like Networking**

12 Sep 2022, 9 am–4:30 pm, workshop for advanced doctoral researchers and postdocs, instructor: Dr. Sylvia Löhken, EN

Have you ever thought, I don’t like networking, but I have to do it anyway? Then come to this workshop to get two things: Better networking. And more fun doing it.

**Kontakte aufbauen und pflegen. Ein Workshop für Frauen in der Wissenschaft**

13 Sep 2022, 9 am–4:30 pm, workshop for female postdocs, junior research group leaders and W1-professors, instructor: Dr. Sylvia Löhken, DE

Sie wissen, dass Ihre Kontakte Ihre Karriere gestalten. Dieser Workshop liefert alltagstaugliche Impulse dafür, wie Sie Ihre Kontakte gestalten.
CLOSE THE GAP: WISSENSCHAFT UND FAMILIE IN CORONA-ZEITEN

Equal Opportunity Unit
Universität Hamburg

5/7 Apr 2022, 9 am–12:30 pm, Gelassen in Meetings punkten; 12/19 May 2022, 9 am–12:30 pm, Empowerment durch gestärkte Kommunikation – Einführung; 28 Jun/5 Jul 2022, 9 am–12:30 pm, Empowerment durch gestärkte Kommunikation – Vertiefung: Grenzen setzen und in Kontakt bleiben, online workshops for academics, DE


DER MASTER-ABSLUSS NAHT – WORKSHOPANGEBOTE FÜR PROMOTIONSINTERESSIERTE

Career Center Universität Hamburg

11 Apr 2022 and 20 May 2022, 9:30 am–3:30 pm, Themenfindung und Exposé; 4 May 2022, 5–8 pm, Promovieren für Erstakademiker:innen (in Kooperation mit Arbeiterkind); 4 Jul 2022, 10 am–2 pm,
Exposé-Werkstatt; 29 Aug–1 Sep 2022, 10 am–3:30 pm, Sommerworkshop für Frauen: Promotion?! Karriere?! Leben?! , workshops for prospective doctoral researchers, DE

Nächster Schritt Promotion? Möchte ich weiter wissenschaftlich arbeiten? Welche Vorstellung habe ich vom Promovieren als Tätigkeit? Und was bedeutet das alles eigentlich für mich und mein Leben?

MASTERING THE UNEXPECTED IN TALKS, MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

Graduate Academy TUHH
28/29 Apr 2022, 9 am–5 pm, workshop for doctoral researchers and postdocs, instructor: Ric Oquita, EN

This two-day workshop uses improvisation and free-speaking exercises as concrete tools to prepare speakers for unexpected situations that occur during presentations, meetings and discussions. Practical techniques help participants to step out of their comfort zone and to develop their authority, focus anxiety, prepare for blackouts and become more self-reliant.

TALKING ABOUT CAREERS (TaC) — EIN SUBJEKTIVER BLICK HINTER DIE KULISSEN

Career Center Universität Hamburg
28 Apr 2022, 6–8 pm, Arbeitsfeld Diversity Management; 23 Jun 2022, 6–8 pm, Arbeiten im Bereich Kommunikations- und Öffentlichkeitsarbeit; 22 Sep 2022, 6–8 pm, Wo wird gearbeitet (werden)? Forschung zum zukünftigen Arbeitsmarkt, events open to all, DE

In persönlicher und überschaubarer Atmosphäre möchten wir Ihnen wichtige und spannende Themen rund um den Berufseinstieg bieten. Unsere Gäste geben authentische Einblicke in interessante Fragestellungen, eigene Erfahrungen, ihren Berufsalltag und Unternehmenskulturen und stehen Ihnen persönlich Rede und Antwort.

KARRIERE BOOSTER — IN FOUR STEPS FROM THE COMPETENCY PROFILE TO THE INTERVIEW

HR Development Universität Hamburg
8/15/21 Sep 2022, 12–1 pm (EN) and 4/11/18 May & 1 Jun 2022, 12–1 pm (DE), online information sessions for doctoral researchers and postdocs, instructor: Meike Schoon, EN/DE

Knowing your own core competencies and interests and being able to name them concisely are elementary for successful applications. Our food for thought sessions on the topics „The competency profile as the basis for successful applications“, „Job search on the hidden job market“, „The perfect application“ and „Typical job interview questions“ will prepare you for the next steps in your career.
ROCK YOUR TALK: ENHANCING STYLE AND DYNAMICS IN PRESENTATIONS

Graduate Academy TUHH

13 May 2022, 9 am–5 pm, workshop for doctoral researchers and postdocs, instructor: Ric Oquita, EN

This interactive workshop aims to help identify presenter’s strengths and to find effective ways in which to incorporate these into a 3-5 minute talk, with an emphasis on tailoring the talk to diverse audiences, adjusting the dynamics and style of their delivery, and the emphasis and impact of their core message.

SELBSTORGANISATION – ZWECKMÄSSIG UND ZU MIR PASSEND

HR Development Universität Hamburg

24 May 2022, 9 am–2 pm and 5 Jul 2022, 9 am–12 pm, online or face-to-face workshop for doctoral researchers and postdocs, instructor: Joanna Bouchi-Häfner, DE


DOING A DOCTORATE AT A UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES?

Graduate Center at HAW Hamburg

Doing a doctorate at the HAW Hamburg starts with a project involving (at least) two research institutions in an especially exciting area. In line with good scientific practice, the Graduate Center at HAW Hamburg offers structured cooperation and central cooperation agreements as well as a comprehensive range of workshops and individual advice that support prospective and current doctoral researchers and doctoral supervisors.

EXPERT ADVISING SESSIONS

Family Office, Ombuds Office, HR Development Universität Hamburg

Online advising, appointments by arrangement, DE/EN

Experts from Universität Hamburg offer a range of consultation formats to HRA members: advice sessions on good scientific practice (Ombuds Office), advice sessions on doctoral studies and family obligations (Family Office), career coaching (HR Development). See the HRA website to make an appointment.
Graphic Recording of the HRA Karrieresprung
FOCUS TOPIC 2022/23: NETWORK(ING)

Creating and cultivating networks are integral to successful careers, whether in academia or beyond. Yet what does networking mean concretely? Where and when to begin? And how can you benefit in the long run from viable networks?

Following the idea of a HRA focus topic, we approach the topic from different perspectives: practically, theoretically - and sometimes critically. Together with our member institutions, we offer workshops on the topic, create opportunities for discussion and explore with you what is the key to successful networking.

See our website for information about upcoming events and activities, literature on the topic, interviews, and much more.
www.hra-hamburg.de/en/unsere-angebote/themenjahr
MEETING PEOPLE

In the upcoming summer semester, we have two new event series that will give you an opportunity to talk with one another and across disciplines, to share experiences, to start active networking, and to get some helpful tips for planning your career.

**HRA AT THE PARK**

Once a month, the HRA invites you to a „Brown Bag Lunch“ of exchange with experts and academics. Get some concrete tips and hear about others’ experiences with international career development or applying for external funding. Gain some personal inspiration for your own next career steps.

**Start:** Wednesday, 27 April 2022, 1–2 pm, **Topic:** EU funding options  
**Where:** Planten un Blomen

**HRA CITY TOURS (IN ENGLISH)**

Once a month, the HRA provides an opportunity to see Hamburg from a different perspective and to exchange and network with Hamburg researchers. We look forward to meeting you!

**Start:** Tuesday, 5 April 2022, 5–7 pm  
**Where:** Karolinenviertel

See our website for current dates and more information about registering for activities: [www.hra-hamburg.de/unser-angebot](http://www.hra-hamburg.de/unser-angebot)