

The International Experience as Part of Mentoring

Experiences from TUM Graduate School

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Doctorate @ TUM

The TUM doctoral model

Facts and Figures

(statistics 2021)

8900

Current members



1115

Graduations in 2021



29%

International doctoral candidates



1652

Intake in 2021



39%

Female doctoral candidates



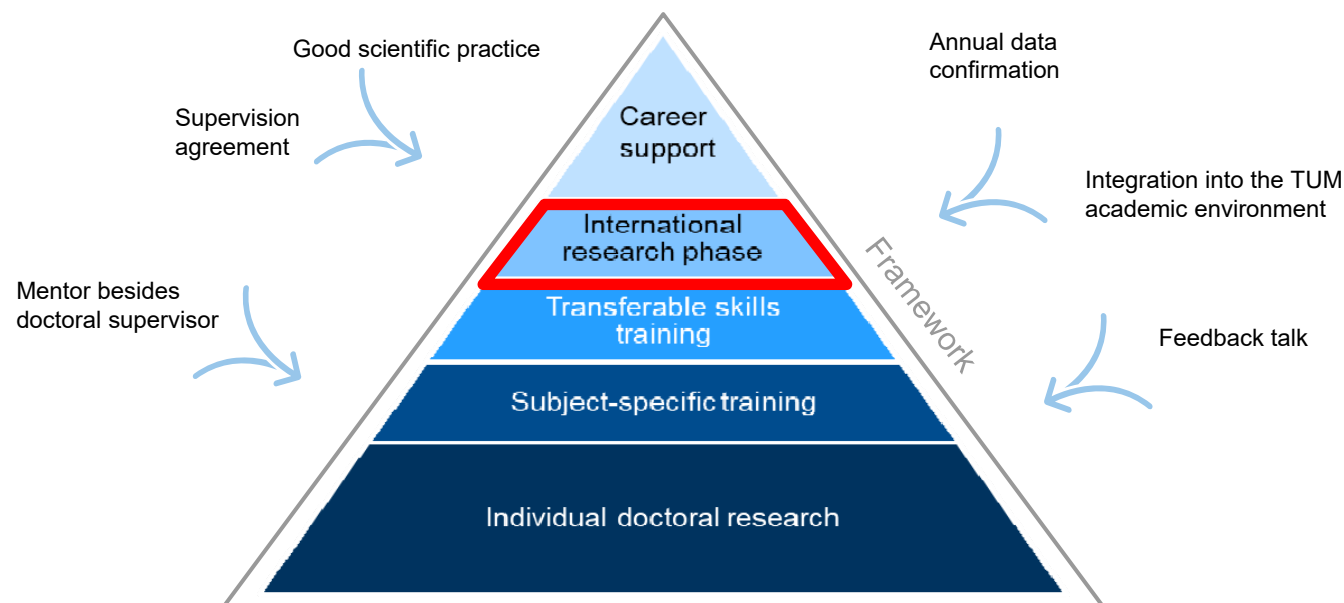
China,
Austria, Italy,
India, Iran

Top 5 international countries of origin



The TUM doctoral model

The TUM doctoral model ensures **independent research** while fostering **interdisciplinary networking**. It offers structure and flexibility, enabling each member to design the doctorate based on his*her individual needs.



Internationalization

Holistic approach @ TUM-GS

TUM-GS program and services – internationalization as cross cutting topic



Facets of Internationalization

Important: inbound – on-site – outbound!

Partnership Programs: Joint Activities

Recruitment | Welcoming

Partnership Programs: Joint Supervision

Scientific Training | Transferable Skills Training

Individual international Research Phase

Special Funding for Int'l Projects



Scientific Training & Publication







- Available at the research groups, departments and schools
- Training at the intersection of engineering, natural sciences, health sciences, and social sciences
- Scientific courses and training at international partner institutions
- Good Scientific Practice
- Proofreading service for peer-reviewed international publications

Transferable Skills Training

TUM-GS provides **more than 80 courses** per semester, **50-60%** of those **are in English**.

Top selection of courses with an international focus:

- Presenting your research in international conference talks and poster sessions
- Communicating in intercultural teams and difficult situations
- Global Mindset
- Improving Your Intercultural Collaboration Skills
 - Acting successfully in an international academic environment

Doctorate-oriented Program	Career-oriented Program
Personality & Self-Management 	Science & Research 
Communication & Methodological Competence 	Entrepreneurship & Startups 
Leadership & Responsibility 	Business & Industry 

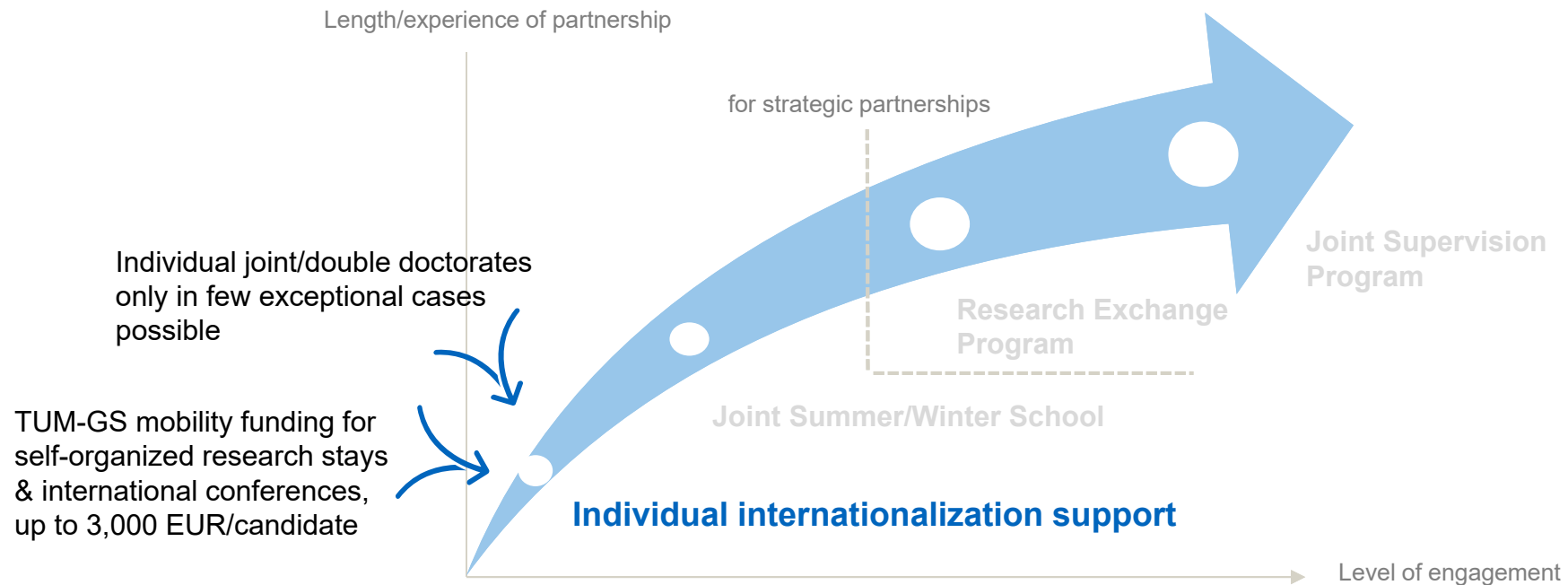
Individual international research phase

The TUM-GS supports early international & intercultural collaboration in research and the creation of personal networks of our doctoral candidates. We offer individual mobility funding of up to 3,000 € per candidates for research stays.

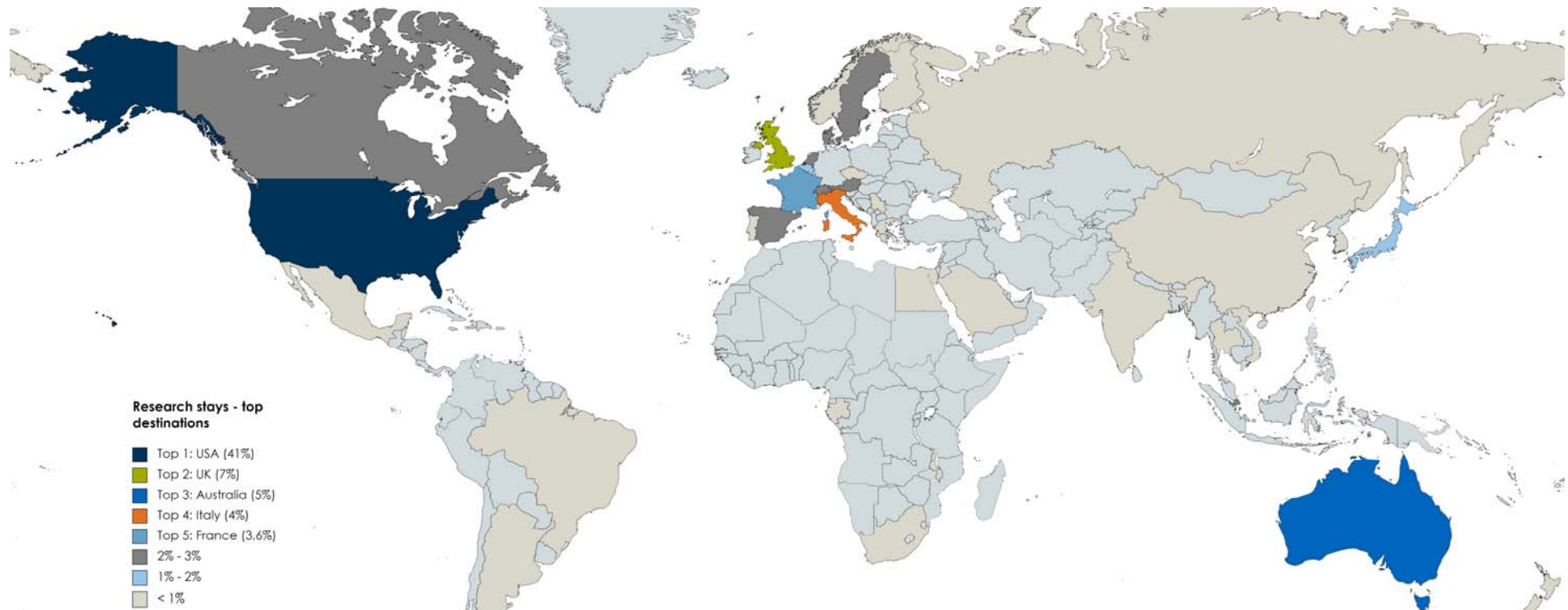


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TUM-GS internationalization schemes



Research stays – top destinations



Joint/double degree

- Joint/double degree (“cotutelle de thèse”) in [few exceptional individual cases](#) possible
- Requires lengthy and complicated legal negotiation for each single case
- Usually only feasible with continental European universities with similar/compatible doctoral degrees
- Usually [within the framework of EU-MSCA projects](#) to meet program requirements
- [Not an instrument for sustainable, long-term university partnerships](#)

To enable and support international research collaboration, as well as to foster international and intercultural experience, [TUM-GS introduced several international exchange and joint supervision programs.](#)

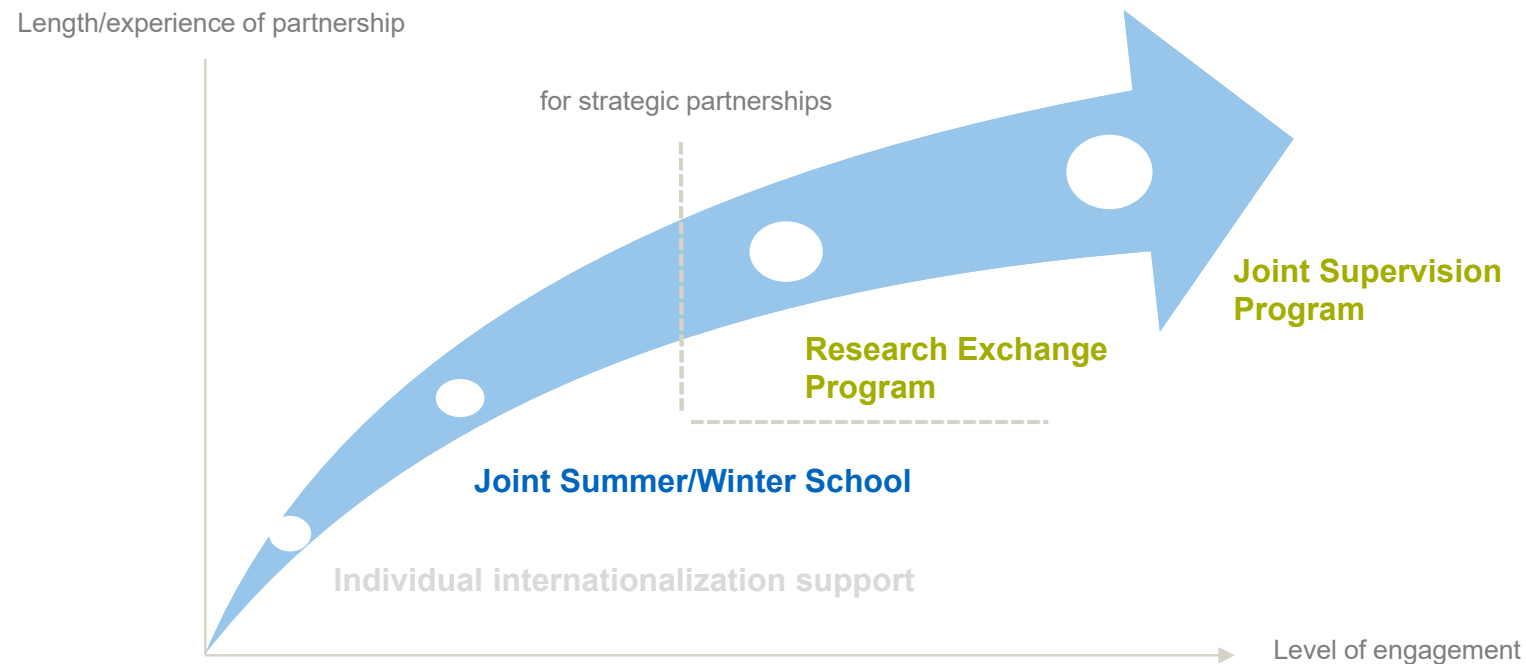
Strategic international collaborations

To support international collaboration and joint doctoral training, as well as to foster intercultural experience, TUM-GS offers a wide range of international activities with TUM's key global strategic partners, from single events to joint supervision programs.



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TUM-GS internationalization schemes



TUM & TUM-GS strategic partners

- EuroTech Alliance
- International locations and strategic initiatives
- Flagship partners
- TUM-GS International Exchange Partners





#1 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](#) partners
- Interdisciplinary topic at the cutting edge of science and society
- Up to [10,000 EUR](#) funding from each partner

For 2022/23:

- Green Hydrogen – Powering the Future (@DTU)
- Economics & Management of Innovation and Technological Change (@DTU)
- Learning Environments in Chemistry (@Technion)



#2 EuroTech Universities Alliance

Joint doctoral supervision program

- Supervisor at TUM and co-supervisor(s) at partner(s) for the entire doctoral research project
- Usually pre-existing research collaboration between research groups
- At least 6 months research stay at partner(s)
- Additional travel support and research allowance
- Joint doctoral examination at home university
- Only home university awards its own single doctoral degree
- For TUM candidates: special TUM doctoral diploma possible, mentioning international co-supervision



#3 TUM – ICL Global Fellows Program

- Annual 5-day Summer School in June/July
- Focus on professional skills training & collaboration activities under an interdisciplinary academic theme
- Since 2021: trilateral Summer School with 3rd partner NTU Singapore
- Doctoral candidates from all disciplines, ~40 participants in total (1/3 from each partner)
- Fully funded by each partner for its candidates (travel to location, accommodation on site, participation fee)
- Research placement @ partner for 3-4 weeks possible after the summer school with additional program funding

#4 TUM – ICL Joint Academy of Doctoral Studies (JADS)

The JADS is a bilateral, interdisciplinary doctoral program consisting of up to [six joint projects](#), each of which will be worked on by [doctoral candidates](#) and their co-supervisors from TUM and Imperial.

- Annual call in a different research area
- [One fully funded doctoral candidate](#) per project (by home university)
- Research stay of [12 months at the partner](#) university
- [Complementary joint doctoral training and activities](#)
- [Joint thesis examination committee](#) and program diploma but only the home university awards its own [single degree](#)



#5 TUM – UQ Exchange Program

TUM-University of Queensland Research Exchange

- Research exchange as **non-award doctoral candidates** for stays of **3-6 months at partner**
- Usually 3-5 placements per year
- **Tuition fee waiver** and full access to research facilities
- Open to doctoral candidates from all disciplines
- Have the approval from the home supervisor
- Have found a supervisor at the host university
- Fixed application deadlines and mobility period possible
- Excellent English language proficiency
- Additional **travel support and research allowance**
- **Joint Graduate School program certificate** possible





#6 TUM.Africa Talent

- Joint initiative of the TUM Global & Alumni Office and TUM-GS
- Brings together doctoral candidates from [KNUST](#) and other [sub-Saharan African universities](#) with professors, senior researchers and doctoral candidates at TUM
- Funding for [six candidates for a research stay at TUM for 3-4 months](#)
- TUM doctoral candidates at host chair as “[buddies](#)”; all participants form a cohort
- Combination of individual research projects and [group-oriented networking activities](#)
- Transferable skills training and lecture series with focus on the program theme “[Sustainable Global Leadership](#)”

Internationalization

(or globalization, or how ever you want to call it)

- is a core part of mentoring & training
- has inbound, on-site, and outbound components

Thank you!