

An Up-GRADE, please!

GRADE-Goethe Research Academy for Early Career Researchers

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Short Introduction

GRADE is the central graduate academy of Goethe University, founded in 2009 with the aim of improving the education, supervision, and the research conditions for PhD candidates and Postdocs

Open to all PhD candidates and Postdocs of all 16 faculties of GU

- Mission:
- promoting the early autonomy of PhD candidates and Postdocs
 - promoting an inter- and transdisciplinary way of thinking
 - promoting the development of sustainable solutions for global problems
 - supporting PhD candidates and Postdocs in their choice of career options

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Target Group - Students

Information and advice on:

Doing a PhD or not?

Finding a supervisor

Funding

E-Learning Tool:

‘Studying and then earning a doctorate?’



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Target Group – Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs

Workshop Programm (~ 150 p.a.) in the fields of

Academic Tools

Self-Organization and Management Tools

Career Tools

Language Tools

‘Get Prepared for the Future’ Series

Inter-/ Transdisciplinary Tools and Intercultural Awareness



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E-Learning Tool

‘Good Academic Practice During Doctoral Studies’

Career Planning

Get on the Right Track: Career Talks presenting individual careers or companies and non-profit organizations as potential employers

Workshops on application training, staying abroad, grant application etc.

Individual Coaching (tackle challenges of research work and everyday life w/ help of certified coach)

Language Service (proof-reading of 20 manuscript pages in English by native speaker)

Postdoc Peer Groups

Supervision: Ethics in Research



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Internationalization

All information material in English and German

Information Desk /Open Office Hours

Social Events

Cotutelle support

Language classes German and English

Special workshops e.g. ‘Introduction to German Culture and Customs’



PhD and Postdoc Working Groups / “Initiatives“

Self-organized groups exploring research field of their choice

Funding available for staging workshops and inviting guest scholars

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Financial Support

Information on funding opportunities at Open Office Hours, on GRADE website, or in brochure

Short-term funding I: Completion scholarship for international PhD candidates

Short-term funding II: Research assistantships for international PhD candidates

Partial funding (conference travel etc.) through GRADE Center budgets

PhD scholarships in German Studies

Focus program for Postdocs: Support for writing an independent grant proposal



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Target Group - Supervisors

Proposal coaching for Research Training Group applications to DFG

Information on third-party funding opportunities

Institutionalization of research networks at GRADE

Provision of supervision tools

Workshops:

‘Good Doctoral Supervision’ / Supervisors Training



GRADE Award for ‘Best Doctoral Supervision’ at GU



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Association and Participation

- voluntary
- no membership or workshop fees
- sufficient language skills in German or English
- registration form, workshop registration online
- no curriculum, but recommendations
- certificate / confirmation of participation



More Information at

<http://www.grade.uni-frankfurt.de>

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THANK YOU

...and have an enjoyable day!

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