

## Our Mission

To foster integrative, collaborative thinking and to professionally support early career development in an innovative biomedical research and life science environment.

## Who we are

The BPC Graduate Programme is a 3-year interdisciplinary and structured programme established by institutes and research labs located at the [Biochemical-Pharmacological Center \(BPC\)](#) at the [Philipps University of Marburg](#), Germany.

Participating units are:

- Institute of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine
- Institute of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy
- Institute of Physiological Chemistry, Faculty of Medicine
- Translational Inflammation Research Division & Core Facility for Single Cell Multiomics, Faculty of Medicine
- Institute of Translational Proteomics, Faculty of Medicine

## Who can join

All doctoral candidates employed by the above-mentioned institutes and not enrolled in any other supportive graduate programme are expected to participate in the BPC Graduate Programme.

## How it works

The BPC Graduate Programme offers a 3-year structured framework supporting doctoral candidates and young scientists from the different BPC research groups in their scientific and personal career development.

Key components of the programme are:

### TAC Meetings (obligatory)

Each doctoral candidate is supported by his or her personal "Thesis Advisory Committee" (TAC). A TAC consists of three members: The graduate student's supervisor and two additional members from other institutes of the University of Marburg, or from institutes/research centers outside Marburg. TAC meetings take place once per year. The TAC monitors the graduate student's progress and provides guidance towards achievement of individual scientific and professional goals.

### PhD Day (obligatory)

The PhD day is a BPC event organized by the BPC doctoral students. On this occasion, the BPC graduates and BPC research group leaders present their latest research activities by poster or oral presentation. In addition, the board of doctoral students, supported by the BPC Graduate Programme Coordinator, invites an internationally recognized scientist for a talk or lecture.

### Tea Sessions (obligatory)

Tea sessions seek to foster networking and individual exchange between graduates. These informal sessions are organized by the graduate program participants and take place once a month. In each tea session, two doctoral candidates give a presentation about their project and discuss it with the other doctoral candidates. The outcomes have to be documented in written form.

### BPC Talks (obligatory)

Every three months, a BPC research group leader gives a lecture on state-of-art-research methods, including discussion.

### BPC Seminars (obligatory)

The BPC member institutes and research labs organize a joint seminar series that takes place four times per year. In this seminar series, individual BPC researchers or external guests present research results.



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### Excursions (facultative, up to twice per year)

The Federal State of Hessen's public and private biomedical-pharmaceutical research landscape forms a unique regional cluster. Members of the BPC graduate program will be given the opportunity to attend on-site excursions to companies or relevant authorities in the biomedical field.

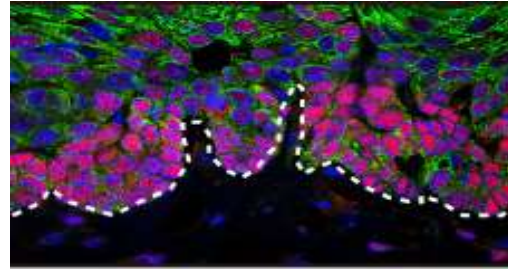


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### Gender equality & family-friendliness

Within our graduate programme, various measures to achieve equal opportunities for all people in science, and to promote diversity and family-friendliness at the workplace have been implemented. This includes family-friendly seminar hours as well as awareness for specific encouragement of women in science.



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### Other supportive graduate structures at Marburg University

The BPC strives for close cooperation with other structured graduate programmes at Marburg university, e.g. [DFG-sponsored training groups](#). Graduate students are furthermore strongly recommended to participate in the Marburg University Research Academy ([MARA](#)). MARA offers a comprehensive range of courses covering personal skill development, networking as well as funding opportunities.



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