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Support for Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs at MARA

MARburg University Research Academy
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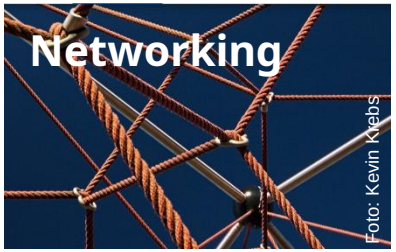
MArburg University Research Academy (MARA) offers a wide range of support to early career researchers from the beginning of their doctorate to establishing their careers in an academic or non-academic field.



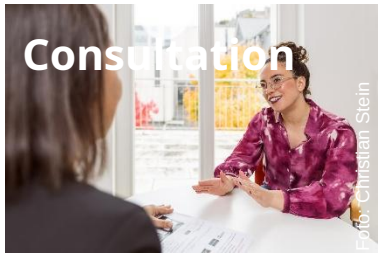
- Academic writing
- Academic communication
- Leadership and management
- Career planning and international issues
- Third-party funding and knowledge transfer



- Travel assistance
- Conference organization
- Completion scholarships
- Equal opportunity



- Academic groups, e.g. working groups of doctoral candidates
- PhD/Postdoc meeting
- Scientists' Day
- Young Faculty Network
- Welcome Walk



- Individual consultation by MARA employees
- Coaching for advanced doctoral candidates and postdocs

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Workshop Program

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Visit our Calendar of Events

Extracurricular training

Format
Online & in-person

Language
German & English

Attendance fee
25 EUR / course day
Half-day courses free of charge

PhD/Postdoc Meeting 2026 "Time to Talk. Time to Connect. Time to Reflect." In-person event	17.11.2026	15:00–19:00	English/ German
EMF – Informational Event for the Certificate Program "Designing and Managing Research Projects" (EMF) Onlineevent Registration until November 18, 2026	19.11.2026	12:00–13:00	English
Writing Lab – Writing Scientific Publications in the Life and Natural Sciences Online event Registration until November 4, 2026	19.11.2026 20.11.2026	9:00–16:00 9:00–16:00	English
Projektmanagement mit Lean Six Sigma In-person event Registration until November 9,	24.11.2026 25.11.2026	9:00–17:00 9:00–17:00	German

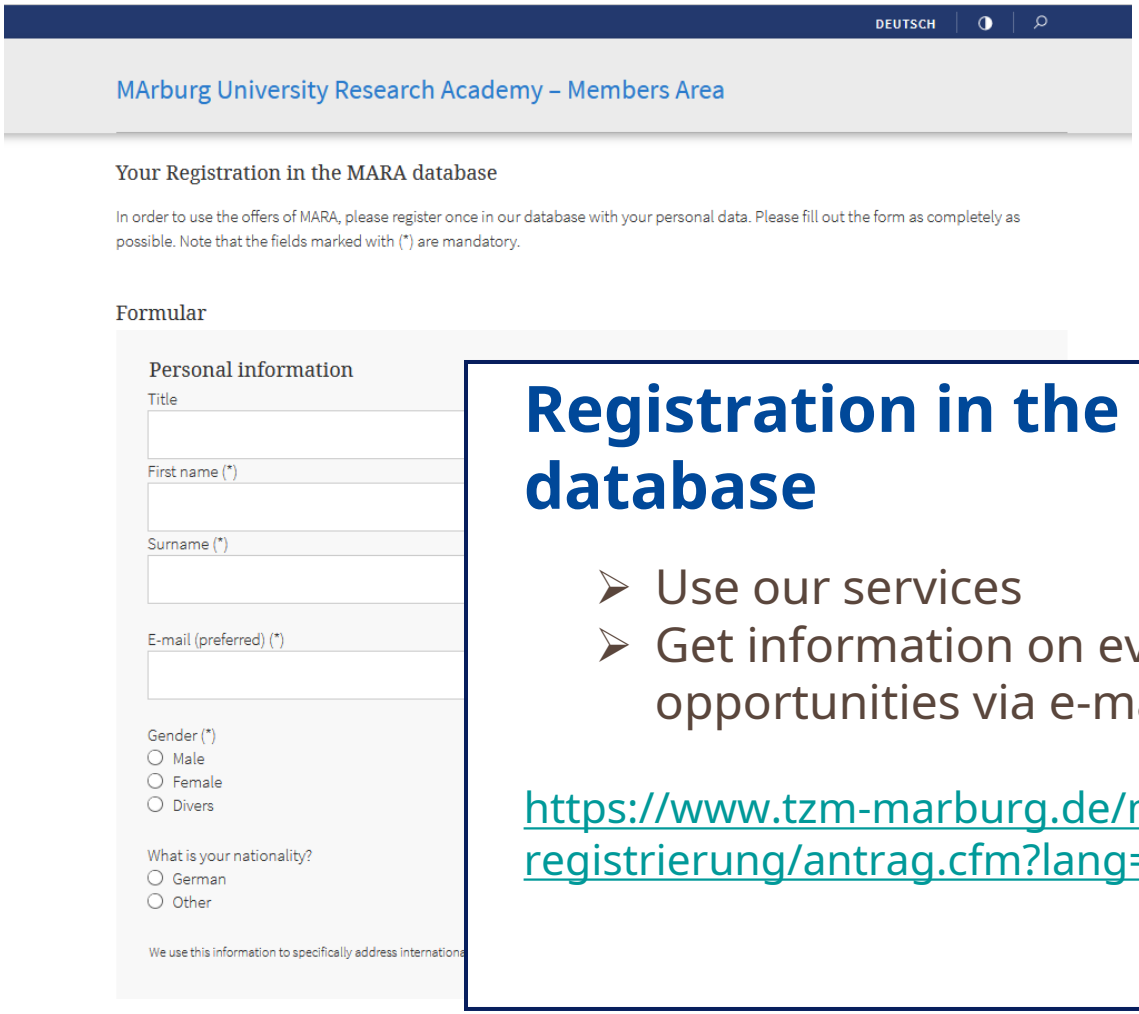
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MARA Database

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For Workshops until December 2026

Registration in the MARA database

- Use our services
- Get information on events and funding opportunities via e-mail distribution list

https://www.tzm-marburg.de/mara-registrierung/antrag.cfm?lang=en

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New: Campus Events

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https://veranstaltungen.uni-marburg.de/en

List of all events

Login

Username/Email

Username/Email

Password

Password

Log in

Lost password?

oder

Access through your institution

Find events here

Search

Search

Detail Search

find events

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Welcome Walk



11/02/2026

Attendance:	Presence event
Event location:	Meeting point: Mensa Erlenring (Lahntal)
Category:	Excursion
Target groups:	Prospective doctoral students, Doctoral candidates, Postdocs, Junior research group leaders
Event language:	German and English



Program for Doctoral Candidates

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Non-academic career **Academic career**

Completion of doctorate

Support during doctorate

Preparation for doctoral studies

Contact Dr. Karin Awe karin.awe@uni-marburg.de



Program for Doctoral Candidates – Writing Lab

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Academic writing workshops tailored to the Humanities and Social Sciences & Life and Natural Sciences

➢ Writing module

- Writing your dissertation step by step
- Half-day workshops
- English academic writing
- Online writing retreat
- Exposé

➢ Publishing module

- Publication process
- Open access
- Writing English-language publications

➢ Individual writing consultation (University Library)



Program for Doctoral Candidates – Open Science

Open Science means more than just free access to publications: It stands for openness, transparency and reproducibility throughout the entire research process.

- Introduction to Research Data Management
- Statistical Data Analysis with R and Python
- Publishing Open Access
- Digital Humanities

https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/mara/program/programs-certificates/open-science

www.uni-marburg.de/de/forschung/kontakt/eresearch/open-science



Workshops for international doctoral candidates and postdocs

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- Proportion of English-language events: > 40 %
- Events specifically designed for doctoral candidates and postdocs from abroad:
  - How to Get into the Non-Academic German Job Market! – A Workshop for International Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs (June 11 and 12, 2026)
  - Finding Your Way at Philipps-Universität Marburg! – How to Settle in, Feel at Home and Thrive at Work (December 3 and 4, 2026)



Program for Postdocs

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EMF
Entwicklung und Management von Forschungsprojekten

Certificate program EMF

Acquisition of competences for the acquisition and implementation of third-party funded projects



Science Communication

Bringing topics from your research to the public or a broader scientific community



Career Development for Postdocs

Support on the way to a professorship and in the decision-making process

Other events

Further competences and career goals

Contact Dr. Christine Berger christine.berger@uni-marburg.de

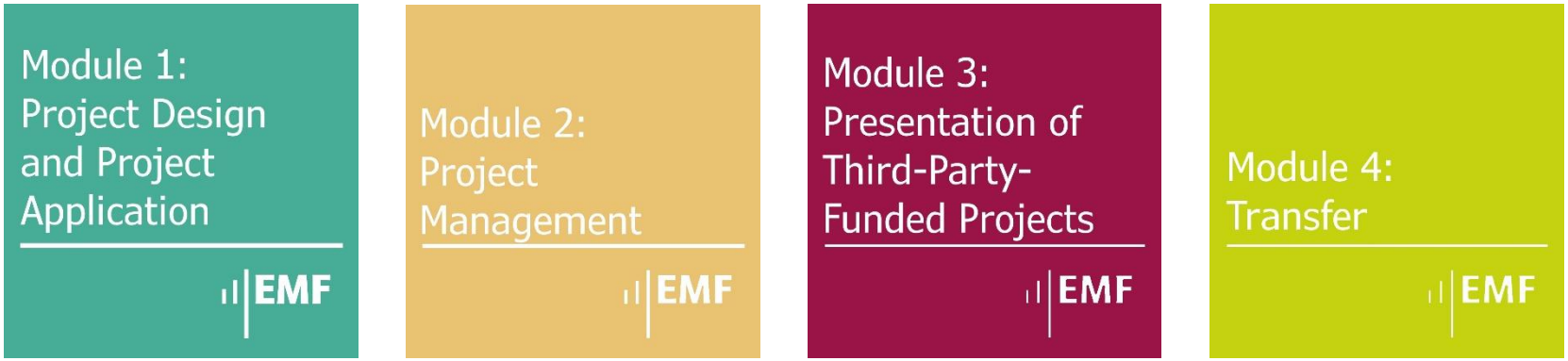
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EMF
Entwicklung und Management von Forschungsprojekten

Designing and Managing Research Projects

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Certificate program on the acquisition of competences for the development, application and management of third-party-funded projects



Joint project with Universität Kassel

For doctoral candidates & postdocs (planning of application for funding)
Costs Registration fee 200 EUR + ~ 350 EUR for workshops
Highlight Reviewers Session & Acquisition of certificate

https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/mara/emf

Info events in November

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Program
Science Communication

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Workshops

- The Basics of Science Communication
- Presenting Science to a (non-)Academic Audience
- Media and Interview Training
- Social Media
- Podcasting

Coaching



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Career Development for Postdocs

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The program supports on the path to a professorship

Decision-making phase

- Strategic career planning
- Staff selection and leadership
- Financing and funding

Career goal professorship

- Supervision of doctoral candidates
- Vocation training
- Establishment and management of a professorship

Joint project with Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

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Program for Postdocs: Further offers

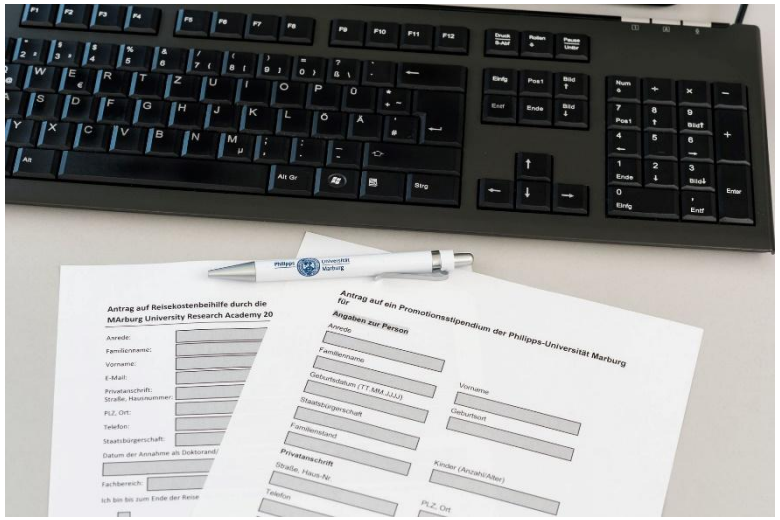
Workshops on current topics

Leadership and Management
Academic Fixed-Term Contract Act, Committee Work

Career Planning and International Issues
Strategic Career Planning
Hidden Job Market
Parenting & Academia
Career in Science Management and Administration

Funding Opportunities

- Travel Assistance
- Conference Organization
- Completion scholarships
- Equal Opportunity
- Student Assistant-Fund



Contact Dr. Jan-Paul Klünder
https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/mara/funding



Travel Assistance for Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs

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- Travel expenses/overnight stays/misc. costs
- **No** meal expenses/literature/travel to Germany
- For dissertation/research relevant travel

International travel

Travel to conferences (only for contributors)
Travel for academic collaboration with scientists
Field research (archive, library, monuments, etc.)

Domestic travel

Travel to national conferences (only if applicant is presenting)
Travel to international conferences (only if applicant is contributing)
Field research (archive, library, monuments, etc.)

- **Amount:** Per actual costs, up to 2,000 EUR, 1,500 EUR/trip
- **Timing:** Call for applications usually twice a year



Conference Organization

- For **organizing conferences** (conference-related costs)
- **No** meal costs, printing costs for publications and internal fees

- Up to **1,500 EUR** + 250 EUR childcare, per actual costs and available funds

- **Requirements:** For the purpose of funding Marburg doctoral candidates and postdocs, public events

- Applications all year, at least **3 months** prior to conference



Completion scholarships

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- Annually for all disciplines
- For particularly qualified academics who are completing their dissertations at the Philipps University of Marburg
- EUR 1,650 + EUR 100 material allowance, EUR 400 child allowance (1st child, additional children EUR 100 each)
- For **max.** 6 months
- Requirement: completion within the funding period, enrollment at a department at Philipps University and performance criteria



Equal Opportunity

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- **Full scholarships** for completion of habilitations (postdocs) for **6 months**
- **Outstanding female junior scholars**

  Postdocs = 2,500 EUR + child allow.
- **Requirements:** Exceptional acad. quality, involvement in UMR, beginning in the current year
- **Applications possible all year round**



Student Assistant-Fund

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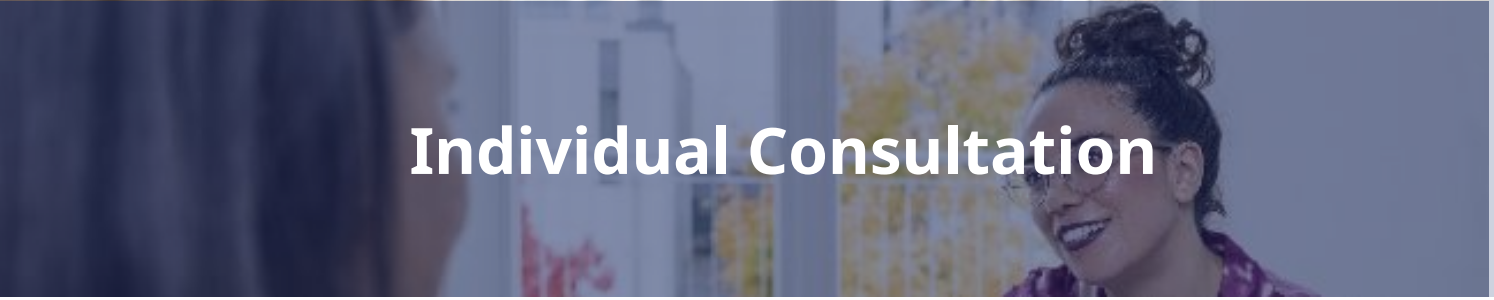
- Philipps University doctoral and postdoctoral students with family responsibilities are eligible to apply **to finance a student assistant**.
- The support of a student assistant is funded at **40 hours per month for a maximum term of 6 months**.
- **Requirements**: doctoral candidates and postdocs with time-limited employment contracts and no own personnel funds + family obligations.
- Application deadline expected to be **late November 2026**



Consultation Services

- Individual consultation
- Coaching
- Peer consultation

Contact
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Individual Consultation

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Personal one-on-one consultation on various subjects:

- Doctorate, yes or no?
- Financing your doctorate/postdoc phase
- MARA funding
- Career paths
- Skill acquisition
- Challenges and conflicts

Contact

Doctoral candidates (GSW)	Dr. Ines Braune
Doctoral candidates (LNW)	Dr. Karin Awe
Postdocs	Dr. Christine Berger, Dr. Ines Braune
MARA funding	Dr. Jan-Paul Klünder

www.uni-marburg.de/en/mara/consultation-services/individual-consultation



Coaching

Coaching for advanced doctoral students and postdocs at Marburg University, preferably in combination with attendance at a MARA workshop, particularly on the following topics:

- Career planning
- Review of third-party funding applications
- Scientific communication and
- Conference communication

MARA will cover possible costs.

Contact: Dr. Christine Berger
www.uni-marburg.de/en/mara/consultation-services/coaching

Networking

- Scientists‘ Day
- PhD and Postdoc Meeting
- Welcome Walk



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Scientists‘ Day

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Annual information and networking day for early career researcher

- **2021**: Good Scientific Practice
- **2022**: Communicating Academic Content
- **2023**: Internationalization of career planning
- **2024**: Let AI do your research?!
- **2025**: Creativity and Innovation: Thinking Forward!
- **2026**: **Time & Timing in Academic Career Planning**
  *** 16.06.2026*** 3 pm, Alte Aula (Lahntor 3)

Organized by:
Vice President for Equal Opportunities and Career Development, Prof. Dr. Sabine Pankuweit, Department of Early Stage Researchers and MARA
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PhD and Postdoc Meeting

Annual university-wide information and networking day for early career researcher

- **2022**: Communicating Academic Content
- **2023**: Internationalization of career planning
- **2024**: Use Artificial Intelligence!?
- **2025**: Creativity and Innovation: „Future Skills“
- **2026**: **Time to Talk. Time to Connect. Time to Reflect.”**

November, 17 2026

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PhD and Postdoc Meeting

Annual university-wide information and networking day for early career researcher

Promovierenden- und Postdoctreffen 2026 – Time to Talk. Time to Connect. Time to Reflect.



17.11.2026

Veranstaltungsformat:	Präsenzveranstaltung
Veranstaltungsort:	Universitätsbibliothek Vortragsraum
Kategorien:	Veranstaltung, Preisverleihung
Zielgruppen:	Promotionsinteressierte, Promovierende, Postdocs
Veranstaltungssprache:	Deutsch und Englisch

Zeit ist in der Wissenschaft mehr als eine Ressource: Sie prägt Karriereentscheidungen, Arbeitsbedingungen und persönliche Spielräume. Wann ist der richtige Zeitpunkt für den nächsten Karriereschritt? Wofür bleibt im wissenschaftlichen Alltag Zeit – und wofür nicht? Und welche...

> Mehr Informationen und anmelden | Merken

https://veranstaltungen.uni-marburg.de/en/event/promovierenden-und-postdoctreffen-2026

Welcome Walk

New or curious?
Get to know new people and tips …
walking in the Lahntal and on the Lahnberge.

November 2, 2 pm–4 pm, Lahntal



> German and English
> four times a year, 2 hours
> Important information
> Networking

https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/mara/networking/welcome-walk

Legal Issues

Doctoral candidates Regardless of whether you are doing your doctorate with a scholarship, on a state or third-party-funded position, or part-time at Philipps-Universität Marburg, you are entitled to take advantage of the MARA services.

- Required is the registration as a doctoral candidate in MARVIN and the approval of your self-registration by your department.

Postdocs If you are doing postdoctoral research at Philipps-Universität Marburg, then you are automatically a member of MARA.

- You count as a postdoc if you finished your disputation and have an employment contract at Philipps-Universität Marburg.

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Legal Issues

1. Self-registration with MARVIN

(Registration or enrollment as doctoral candidate)

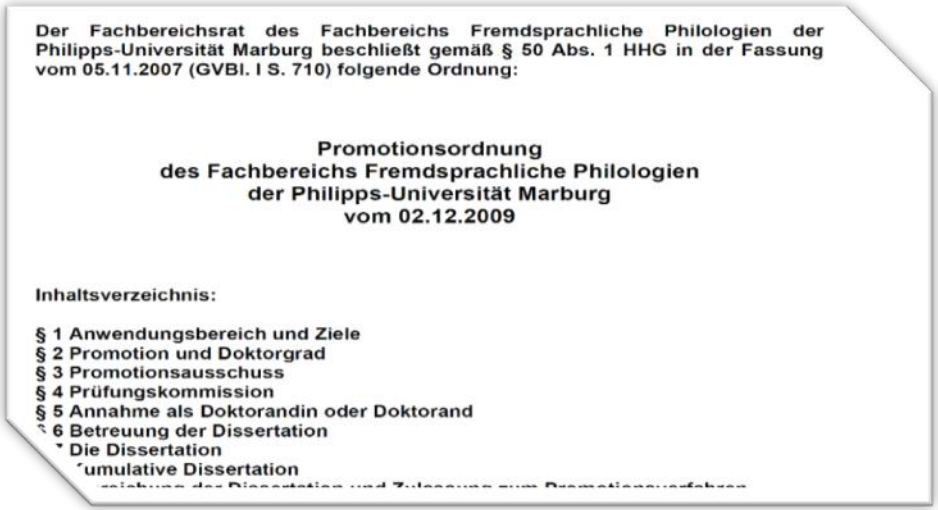
2. Acceptance as a doctoral student at the department
3. Department confirms registration with MARVIN

You are doing your doctorate at a department! You have rights!

-Promotionsordnung
Doctoral Degree Regulations

-Promotionsausschuss
Doctoral Degree Committee

-Betreuungsvereinbarung
Mentoring Agreement



Der Fachbereichsrat des Fachbereichs Fremdsprachliche Philologien der Philipps-Universität Marburg beschließt gemäß § 50 Abs. 1 HHG in der Fassung vom 05.11.2007 (GVBl. I S. 710) folgende Ordnung:

Promotionsordnung
des Fachbereichs Fremdsprachliche Philologien
der Philipps-Universität Marburg
vom 02.12.2009

Inhaltsverzeichnis:

§ 1 Anwendungsbereich und Ziele
§ 2 Promotion und Doktorgrad
§ 3 Promotionsausschuss
§ 4 Prüfungskommission
§ 5 Annahme als Doktorandin oder Doktorand
§ 6 Betreuung der Dissertation
Die Dissertation
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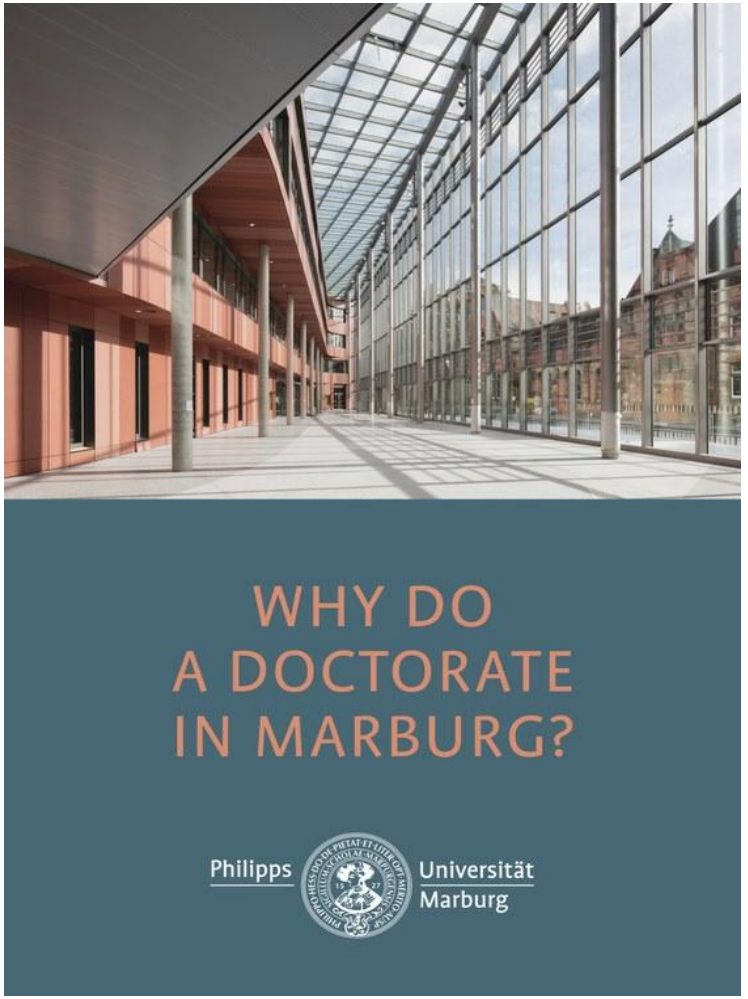
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- Creative Space
- Representation of Doctoral Candidates
- Further Contact Points

Brochure

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Brochure:
"Why do a Doctorate in Marburg?"



Creative Space – Part of the XSpaces-initiative

The XSpaces are innovative, creative and interconnected workspaces.
They support new forms of academic collaboration.



www.uni-marburg.de/xspaces

Creative Space
Developing creative ideas and shaping innovative collaboration

Life Science Incubator
Prototyping in the life sciences and medicine, and developing start-up ventures

Makerspace
Developing models and prototypes for transfer projects and start-up ventures

Open Lab
Currently being redesigned

Game Lab
Gaming, VR and AR technologies

3D Lab
3D scanning and printing

Film Space
Film, video and media production

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What is the Creative Space about?

Creative centre for conferences, workshops, project development, network meetings, etc.

Attractive rooms with technical and analogue equipment offer every opportunity for creative collaboration.

Conceptual support through Design Thinking, Lego® Serious Play®, creative project development, advice on event formats

Interdisciplinary meeting place with its own formats such as GameNight.

Never miss an event? Subscribe to the Game Night mailing list:
https://www.lists.uni-marburg.de/lists/sympa/subscribe/gamenight

Goals:

- Strengthening the early independence and the individual academic profile of early stage researchers
- Promotion of interdisciplinary cooperation and networking

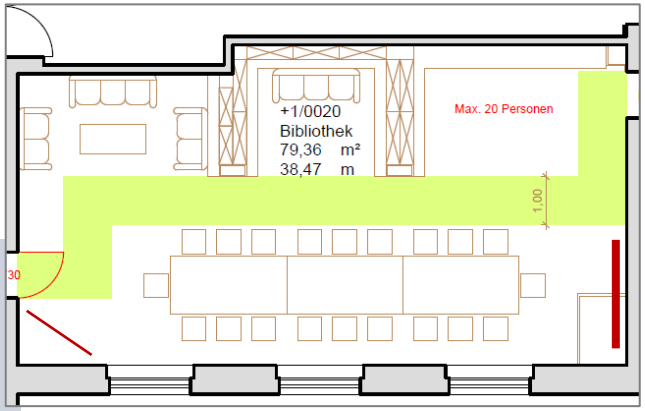
Creative Space – Room for ideas



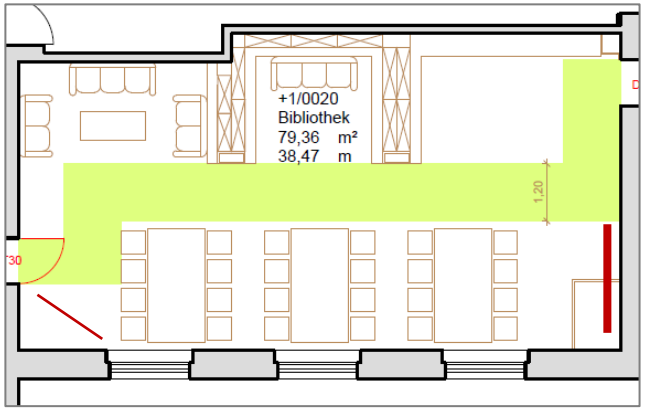


A place for brainstorming. A space for network meetings, dialogue and project development. A place to get something off the ground together. An event space.

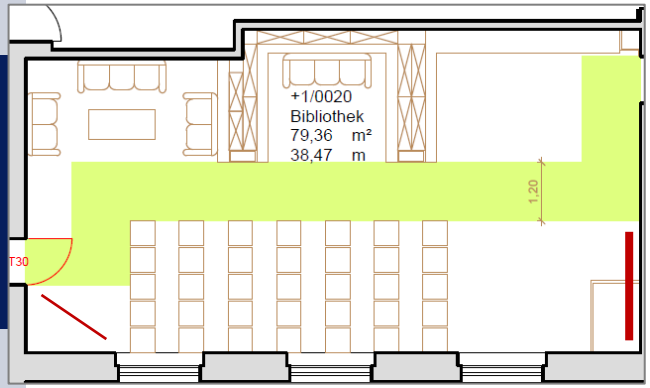
Creative Space – „Club Behring“



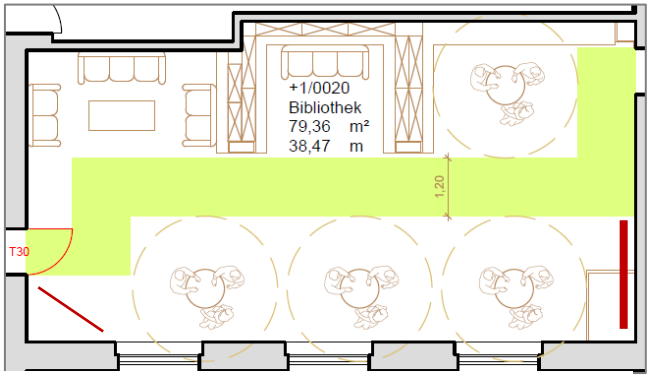
Setting 1: Workshop / Meeting (20 Pers.)



Setting 2: Workshop / 3 „working stations“ (21 Pers.)



Setting 3: Lecture / Row Seating (35 Pers.)



Setting 4: Reception with high tables (50 Pers.)

Equipment:

- 98‘‘ monitor for presentations
- 86‘‘ Clevertouch monitor for collaborative editing of documents, as a whiteboard, for hybrid working, video conferencing
- 3 movable work walls as presentation walls, pin boards, memo boards etc.
- Moderation case
- Video conferencing system with camera and table microphones
- Second webcam with integrated microphone and 2 headsets for hosting online events
- Remote control/presenter for presentations
- USB-C adapter, mini display port adapter
- Coffee/tea station

Creative Space

Website: https://www.uni-marburg.de/creative-space

Kontakt: creative-space@uni-marburg.de

Booking calendar: https://buchung-xspaces.uni-marburg.de/en-US/

Follow us on Instagram
Info, insights, news:

Scan the QR code and follow the Creative Space project:

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Representation of Doctoral Candidates

The elected doctoral candidates' representation of the Philipps-Universität Marburg organizes activities of doctoral candidates at Philipps-Universität Marburg, among others

- Meeting of doctoral candidates
- Regulars‘ table
- Colloquium
- Readers‘ meeting
- Dr. Sport

Email distribution list and **contact**
www.uni-marburg.de/de/forschung/talente/promovieren-in-marburg/wir-promovierenden-unter-uns/promovierendenvertretung

Further Interesting Contacts at Philipps-Universität

- Instruction Development and Teaching in Higher Education (Hochschuldidaktik)
- International Office
- Referat für Wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs
- Equal Opportunities Office
- Language Center
- Human Resource Development (Personalentwicklung)



Next Dates

- November 2, 2026: Welcome Walk, Lahntal
- November 17, 2026: PhD/Postdoc Meeting 2026 – "Time to Talk. Time to Connect. Time to Reflect."
- December 3 & 4, 2026: Finding Your Way at Philipps-Universität Marburg!
- **Visit the Calender of Events**





Thank you for your attention!

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