



Profile

The MArburg University Research Academy (MARA) provides a common framework for offerings geared to the promotion of junior scholars from the beginning of their doctoral work until they have established themselves in or outside of academia. Our program for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral scholars provides tailor-made support for the respective target group.

Our offerings range from continuing education courses, through financial assistance and consulting, to opportunities for interdisciplinary networking. The training opportunities MARA provides are designed to support junior scholars at Philipps-Universität Marburg from Germany and abroad in developing their skills in research, academic writing, academic communication, and leadership and management as well as in regard to career planning and international issues, and third-party funding and the transfer between academia and business.

We are constantly adjusting our program to fit the needs of our members and therefore kindly welcome your suggestions.

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About us

Courses

Workshops

The main focus of the MARburg University Research Academy (MARA) program is extracurricular training and continuing education for junior scholars at Philipps-Universität Marburg.

In cooperation with the University of Kassel, MARA offers the certifying program *Designing and Managing Research Projects (Entwicklung und Management von Forschungsprojekten – EMF)*. Its goal is to convey the knowledge necessary in the areas of project development, application, and management to successfully apply for third-party funding.

In the joint program *Career Development* offered by MARA and the Giessen Graduate Centre for Social Sciences, Business, Economics and Law, we support post-doctoral scholars in deciding on their career paths and on their way to a professorship.

In our continuing education program *Communicating Academic Content*, junior scholars learn how to communicate their research in a meaningful way beyond the expert community.

To promote and advance writing skills in the German and English languages, MARA offers different educational formats as part of its *Writing Lab*.

MARA takes the special needs of international junior scholars into account by providing corresponding offers in both the English and German languages.

Funding

Doctoral Scholarships

Philipps-Universität Marburg awards three doctoral scholarships annually to junior scholars with especially high qualifications for dissertation projects of exceptional academic quality. The university invites applications for scholarships in the humanities and social sciences and the life and natural sciences on an alternating basis.

Travel Assistance

Twice a year, MARA awards travel assistance to doctoral candidates who are members of MARA. Applications can be submitted for both trips abroad and domestic travel that are related to the candidate's dissertation and for which no other funding is available.

Conference Funding

Members of MARA can receive limited financial support for organizing meetings, conferences, colloquia, lecture series, and similar events. Applications can be submitted anytime throughout the year.

Equal Opportunity Scholarships

As part of Philipps-Universität Marburg's equal opportunity policy, MARA has established scholarship programs for the promotion of equal opportunity in academia. Once a year, female scholars with especially high qualifications are awarded scholarships for the completion of their dissertation projects or habilitations and female postdocs are granted bridging scholarships.

Advisory Services and Networking

Individual Writing Consultation

Our writing consultation service gives doctoral candidates the opportunity to discuss their individual questions and issues relating to the writing process in a confidential meeting with a writing consultant.

Coaching

Postdoctoral members of MARA are offered one-on-one consultation to address the individual challenges involved in the following areas: career planning, assessment of applications for third-party funding, communication of academic content, and presentations and conference communication.

Academic Groups

MARA offers its members opportunities to engage in university-wide networking. For this purpose, MARA encourages its members to come together on a voluntary basis and form self-organized working groups, postdoc groups, and scientific divisions.

MARA DAY

MARA DAY offers all doctoral candidates and postdocs an opportunity to inform themselves about the program for junior scholars at Philipps-Universität and engage in interdisciplinary networking.

Board of Directors

Doctoral and postdoctoral members of MARA have the opportunity to address the concerns of junior scholars at Philipps-Universität through their representatives on the MARA Board of Directors.