



Retrospection: Doctoral Studies in Germany

- for a very long time: "Individualpromotion"
- since 1990: first attempts to start graduate Schools DFG Graduiertenkollegs
- past two decades: growing number of "structured programs"
 - focussing on specific topics "schools"
 - at least two advisors
 - supervision agreements
 - "curriculum": workshops, teaching, conferences
- today 20% are enrolled in "structured programs"

Münster University Graduate Centres

Aim: Provide help / support for **all** doctoral students

personnel development for young researchers:
Academy and Advice

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Academy: Courses offered at the Graduate Centre

- organizational skills (time/task management)
- managing meetings effectively
- managing conflicts
- English for meetings and negotiations / ... for socialising and networking
- career planning (staying after graduation)
- leadership
- writing proposals
- science writing
- networking exchange culture

Winter 15/16: 45 Workshops

further tasks

- grants and stipends
- special offers for Postdocs
- networking: structured programs, International Office etc. best practice, experiences ...
- developing new models or guidelines
- internationalization

The Graduate Centre

... enhances conditions for doctoral students and postdocs.

... helps doctoral students and postdocs to get their academic tasks done.

... facilitates better career planning.



Further support:

- Career Service (especially: careers outside academia)
- SAFIR (3rd-party funding)
- students advisory service (psychological counseling)
- ZHL (Teaching in Higher Education)
- language learning centre
- "die Brücke"

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