

Apply to TUMJA

What you will need:

- curriculum vitae
- letter of motivation
- essay / video on “Mind the gap”
- transcript of records (for TUM students)
- letter of recommendation (for initiative applications)

This year's call:



Following the **application process**, **selection** will take place **October 10th and 11th, 2025**.

We are looking forward to your application!

Deadline for applications:
August 31, 2025

Find more details about this year's call, dates and deadlines on our website or join the info events:

- July 21, 2025, 6:30 PM, Friedrich von Thiersch Hörsaal
- August 5, 2025, 6:00 PM, Alte Pinakothek
- August 14, 2025, 6:00 PM, online

Our partners



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Passion for science



About us

The TUM: Junge Akademie (TUMJA) is a scholarship program for exceptionally talented and dedicated students with a fascination for science. TUMJA welcomes students from all schools of TUM and its partner universities - AdbK, HFF and HMTM. The scholarship program trains its members to grow into responsible and reflective individuals by applying their intellectual potential. Scholarship holders are provided with an interdisciplinary network of professionals, experienced alumni and external partners for support to broaden their horizon.

ACT >> The Project Phase is the core element of the 20-month TUMJA scholarship program. In interdisciplinary groups, you will define your project goals based on this year's call. The research projects involve creating solutions on the edge of science and society.

LEARN >> Regular Workshops and Seminars provide guidance throughout the whole project phase.

IMPACT >> Each scholarship holder is also a member of one of six TUMJA Taskforces, which work behind the stage to actively shape TUMJA.

CONNECT >> Professors, mentors and experienced tutors support the teams every step of this journey. Voluntary events facilitate networking among all scholarship holders.

"Working with people from different majors and backgrounds is rewarding! The seminar weekends are especially great; we not only learn about research methods but also spend time together, play games, and yap all night :)"

~ Franka,
Team voTUM #class25

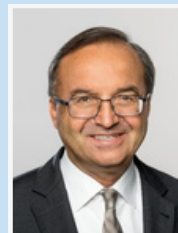
What our scholarship holders value most:



First steps with TUMJA:

- Application process
- Selection days and admission
- KickOff weekend: Meet the other scholarship holders and form research groups
- Define and work on your project with the support and guidance of trainers and tutors

"The world needs teams of talented people who are able to integrate diverse skills, perspectives, backgrounds, and attitudes in order to proactively shape change, analyze and balance conflicting goals, and deal with complexity. The TUM: Junge Akademie is an excellent breeding ground for such teams."



Prof. Dr.-Ing. Gerhard Müller
Chair of Structural Mechanics
Senior Vice President of Study and
Teaching Affairs
Director of TUM: Junge Akademie

Projects of #class2024

As an inspiration, here's an overview of our projects that will finish their scholarship this year:

communicaTUM explores how tone and format shape public perceptions of genetically modified foods in the context of food security. In Germany and Ghana, participants were shown either humorous/inspirational or contemptuous/dramatic stories about genetically modified bananas, via text or video, which resulted in different measurable emotional and attitudinal shifts.

meinung analyses moral stances in text by combining a moral dictionary, which mapped words to moral values, with the BERT language model.

insEYEght intends to make a contribution in order to improve the everyday lives of blind and visually impaired people. Their main focus is set on the safety of this minority group in public spaces.

PRISMatrix compares different perspectives on possible reasons for declining mathematical performance. They want to find out if the identified problems by experts and political institutions align with the reality of affected students and teachers.

windfo seeks to identify the most effective way of presenting information that enables experts and scientists to effectively communicate on social media platforms. They aim to assess the retention and acceptance of information on wind power as a renewable energy source through short video formats.