

# Position of the TUM Graduate Council regarding the right to hospitality of doctoral representatives in department council

The TUM Graduate Council realizes that the doctoral representatives of the department graduate centers are rarely involved in the decisions on department level, even though they represent the largest fraction of employees. In the decisive committee, the department council, only occasionally doctoral candidates are members as representatives of the academic staff, because, among others, they have structural disadvantages (shorter employment at TUM) in the university elections. In addition, external doctoral candidates (who are not employed by TUM) are currently not represented in the department council, even though they are affected by its decisions. Equivalent to the right to hospitality of the spokesperson of the TUM Graduate Council in the Senat, the following position of the TUM Graduate Council is released:

**The TUM Graduate Council requests the department councils of all departments to grant a permanent right to hospitality in the department council to the elected doctoral representative of the associated graduate center.**

*The points enumerated above were unanimously adopted as official positions by the members of the TUM Graduate Council, i.e. by the elected representatives of the doctoral candidates, at the meeting of 16.10.2017 under the acting chair of Jonas Umlauft and Hanna Schäfer.*