

FGF Doctoral Program – Class of 2026:

How to successfully design, craft and publish entrepreneurship, family business and innovation research

Brief Description

This program introduces doctoral students to academic research, writing, and publishing in the fields of entrepreneurship, innovation, and family business. While it is ideally suited for first- and second-year doctoral candidates, students at later stages of their doctoral journey will also benefit from learning alongside a diverse group of professors and researchers, and from engaging in meaningful discussions within a supportive, trust-based environment.

The program follows a blended learning format, combining online sessions with on-site workshops. Participants will not only gain valuable academic knowledge but also build a strong network with fellow doctoral students from across the DACH region. In addition, they will have the opportunity to present their own research and receive constructive feedback to advance their dissertation projects.

Although the program's primary focus is on entrepreneurship and innovation, it is also open to doctoral students from related disciplines such as Information Systems (IS), Management, Marketing, Organizational Behavior (OB), and Organizational Psychology. Candidates whose research intersects with innovation, transformation, or entrepreneurship are especially encouraged to apply.

The program language is English.

Program Instructors

The program is organized by the FGF. The 2026 teaching faculty includes, among others:

- Prof. Dr. Jörn Block
- Prof. Dr. Christoph Stöckmann
- Prof. Dr. Diemo Urbig

The instructors have published in the leading entrepreneurship (e.g., JBV, ETP, SEJ, SBE), innovation (e.g., ResPol, JPIM), family business (e.g., FBR, JFBS) and (international) management (e.g., ASQ and JOM).

Schedule & Location

The online phase of the program will take place in June and July 2026. It will cover a range of topics, including, but not limited to, an introduction to the research and publishing process, topic choice and making a contribution, research design, empirical analysis, and academic writing. The program will conclude with a two-day on-site workshop, during which participants will have the opportunity to present their own research. Further details will be provided in due course.

Program Fee

The regular program fee is €600. A reduced fee of €500 applies to participants who are FGF members or whose doctoral supervisor is an FGF member. The fee covers tuition and teaching materials. Lunch and dinner during the two-day on-site workshop are not included.

Contact and Registration

To register, please contact the FGF office at info@fgf-ev.de. The registration deadline is March 31, 2026.