

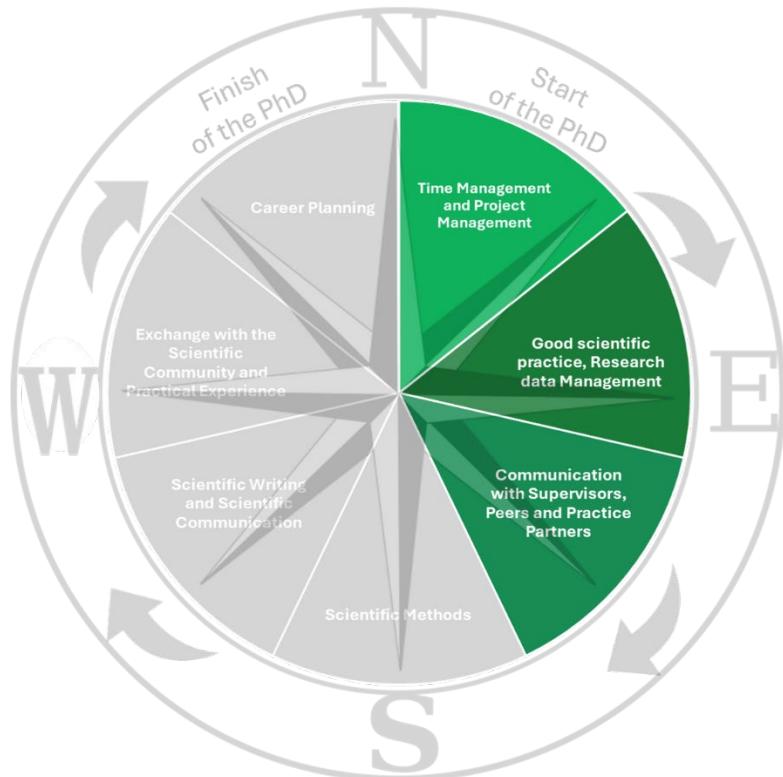
# Orientation Week – Navigate your PhD-Project

March 2 - March 6, 2026 (D/E)

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If you plan your PhD-Journey or just need some new inspiration for your research-adventures, the new programme of the PhD Compass is open for all: prospective PhD candidates \*, PhD-students\* and PostDocs.

\*If you plan to do your PhD with the new “Brandenburg Graduate School for Applied Sciences”, the offered courses may be obligatory for you. Please navigate your course programme with the illustrated PhD Compass or ask your advisor for academic career development.



There are a limited number of spots in the workshops, so it is a good idea to sign up quickly. The idea behind the Orientation Week is to give PhD students a comprehensive set of essential tools over the course of a week. However, depending on your interests, you can also book individual workshops.

We look forward to receiving your registrations by 15.02.2026 at this link:  
<https://eveeno.com/orientationweek2026>

And without further ado, here is the exciting programme for this amazing week that puts the fun in research f(o)undations.

## Monday: Foundation of a good research journey

Title: Good Scientific Practice

Venue: Online

Course language: English

Time: 9 am – 4:30 pm

Good scientific practice is the foundation of reliable research and scientific progress. In this interactive workshop, you will become familiar with core principles of good scientific practice and examine your role and responsibilities as a researcher. Discussion of case studies and exchange with colleagues will offer opportunities to connect abstract norms with your everyday research practice. Throughout the day, we will reflect on research culture, grey zones and individual dilemmas, and on generative AI as a challenge and potential for good scientific practice.

## Tuesday: How to communicate with the whole PhD crew

Title: Setting the course for a successful Doctorate

Venue: Berlin Global Village, Am Sudhaus 2, 12053 Berlin

Course language: English

Time: 9 am – 4:30 pm

Abstract:

The workshop supports doctoral researchers in gaining orientation, clarity, and confidence at an early or critical stage of their PhD. It introduces key phases of the doctorate and common challenges, and invites participants to reflect on their motivation and goals and how these shape their PhD process. Participants take a holistic view of their doctoral journey, identify personal, social, and institutional resources, and reflect on their supervision situation. Practical guidance is offered on building constructive supervisory relationships and complementary support structures. Overall, the workshop helps participants set a clear and realistic course for a successful, sustainable, and self-directed doctorate.

## Wednesday: How to navigate the wide sea of data

Title: Research data management

Venue: Online

Course language: German

Time: tba

Discover how to organise your research data efficiently, securely, and sustainably during the introductory day on research data management. Learn about standards, tools, and best practices that can simplify your day-to-day research work and enhance the quality of your results. Our experts provide hands-on insights ranging from planning a professional approach to research data management to data archiving and publication. Take the opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas with colleagues. Start well informed with professional and secure research data management.

## Thursday: How to navigate myself and a doctorate?

Title: Time and Self-Management

Venue: Online Course

Course language: German

Time: 9 am to 17 pm

The doctoral phase requires a high degree of independent work and perseverance. Losing track, getting bogged down, not finding enough time for the project, progressing too slowly or feeling overwhelmed are classic difficulties. There are many reasons for this. Classic examples include the balancing act between working on your dissertation and other academic tasks or your day job, working independently, procrastination, the complexity of the project, or dwindling motivation. The workshop will help you to plan your dissertation well, work productively, and tailor it to your individual needs.

## Friday: How the journey continues ...

Coffee Break with Feedback, online 1-2 pm

Annual planning with the question “What do you really need?”