



Review 2018

In 2018, the Centre for Young Scientists (ZfWN) implemented well-known and proven formats and successfully supported young academics.

Together with the DAAD-funded project InProTUC, the ZfWN offered a varied and demand-oriented workshop programme per semester. A total of 368 people took part in the 33 German and English workshops. Those workshops were thematically wide-ranging and can be summarised in the following categories:

- Academic writing
- Presenting scientific content
- Scientific publishing
- Research projects & acquisition of external funds
- Performance, expression, effect
- Personal Skills
- Intercultural Competences
- Career after the doctorate

These workshops were aimed at doctoral candidates, postgraduates, habilitants and junior professors of all faculties and rated outstandingly by the participants: 98 percent were very satisfied or satisfied with the courses. Three quarters of the participants stated that they had participated in other ZfWN courses previously. This underlines the high quality of the workshops and the level of satisfaction of the participants.

Under the DAAD-funded project [InProTUC - International Promovieren an der TU Chemnitz](#) - a total of 69 research-related trips abroad were financially supported in 2018: including 31 conference participations and 23 research stays for doctoral candidates of Chemnitz University of Technology, as well as twelve research stays for incoming doctoral candidates and three insight visits to Chemnitz University of Technology. The funded persons rated the added value of the stays as very high. Above all, they were very helpful for expertise of the doctoral candidates and their scientific network. Furthermore they are considered important for their further professional career.

The InProTUC project was included in the [MINTernational compass](#) as a best practice by the *Club MINTernational*. *Club MINTernational* is an information service for universities in order to develop own measures and new projects to meet the challenges posed by the internationalisation of MINT subjects.

During a visit to the Centre for Young Scientists at the Rectorate on 24 October 2018, the ZfWN introduced the focal points of its work, presented the main topics and key results of the past years and pointed out perspectives for the future.



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In November 2018, the Centre for Young Scientists once again hosted the annual [Day of Young Scientists](#). More than 80 doctoral candidates accepted this invitation: they attended informative lectures, listened to testimonials or sought direct contact with representatives of the faculties who answered questions about doctoral studies. All speakers of the day agreed on one thing: To successfully complete your doctorate, you have to work on your doctorate with dedication, you have to enjoy scientific work and academic exchange, and be passionate about your topic.

Finally, the Centre for Young Scientists can once again look back at a positive year and has already planned numerous new continuing education events and networking opportunities for young scientists at Chemnitz University of Technology for the coming year 2019.