

TUM Ambassadors

For decades, TUM has been fortunate to host numerous international guest researchers for both short and extended research stays. These collaborators have significantly enhanced our university's international research and academic environment through their scientific knowledge, global experience and active participation in university affairs.

Once a year, the President of TUM honors a select group of these international top-level scientists with the title "TUM Ambassador." This title serves as a tribute to their commitment to the TUM Community worldwide and acknowledges their vital contributions in future-oriented research. The award not only celebrates the expertise and experience that these researchers bring to TUM, but also strengthens the bonds between the university and our alumni network worldwide.

Examples of TUM Ambassadors:

1. **Prof. Jonathan Veinot**, University of Alberta, Canada

Establishment of the Alberta/Technical University of Munich Graduate School for Functional Hybrid Materials (ATUMS), which has resulted in 54 research exchanges and 370 scientific publications: <https://www.community.tum.de/en/jonathan-veinot/>

2. **Dr. Marta Antonelli**, National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), Argentina

Establishment of a transnational project at the Frauenklinik and Poliklinik of Klinikum rechts der Isar along with a close collaboration with TUM-IAS: <https://www.community.tum.de/en/marta-antonelli/>

3. **Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan**, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, India

Strengthened TUM–India collaboration in nanosystems research. Formed the TUM IAS Focus Group "Building Bridges to Promote Gender Inclusivity in Science," which has led to numerous international research exchanges. Co-creator of the workshop "*Women in Science in Developing Countries*" and the digital discussion game "*Play x Discuss: Women in Science*." <https://www.community.tum.de/en/shobhana-narasimhan/>

4. **Prof. Jonathan C. Onyekwelu**, Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), Nigeria

Longstanding promotion of TUM–Nigeria collaboration in sustainable forest management through joint research, academic exchange, and the initiation of an institutional partnership between TUM and FUTA. <https://www.community.tum.de/en/jonathan-onyekwelu/>

Information on all TUM Ambassadors since 2013:
<https://www.community.tum.de/en/tum-community/ambassadors/>

Criteria for Nominations for TUM Ambassador

1. The nominee can be described in the following terms:
 - i. Has an association with TUM in **one** of the following capacities:
 - As a **visiting scientist** (research alumni) at TUM
 - Received a degree from TUM (bachelor, master or doctorate)
 - ii. Works as a researcher in **at least one** of the following capacities (abroad or in Germany*)
 - At a scientific institution/university/government institution
 - In an industrial company or the private sector
 - iii. Is **currently** in a position of leadership such as:
 - A professor at a scientific institution/university
 - Management or researcher at a company or government institution
2. At the time of the nomination, the nominee fulfills the following criteria:
 - Spent **at least 3 months** at TUM (can also be a combination of shorter stays)
 - Is **not currently at TUM** (either as an employee or guest researcher)
3. The nominee has **an above-average commitment to higher education policy and has close contact to TUM**. Evidence of this can include positions in international and strategic science, involvement in global/international TUM university projects or collaborations between TUM and another institution/company/government organization, etc.
4. The nominee stands for **cutting-edge research** and **outstanding scientific achievements**. Evidence of this includes, but is not limited to, highly endowed prizes or grants, special awards or outstanding publications.
5. The nominee demonstrates **excellent communication and leadership skills, values collaboration and excels in building partnerships**.
6. If your nomination is successful and your TUM Ambassador accepts the invitation to the 12th Research Alumni Forum (27-29. November 2026) – your **participation as TUM Host is mandatory** at the Vivat TUM Concert & Awards Ceremony and celebratory dinner reception in the afternoon and evening of November 29th.

* To promote international collaboration, nominations from abroad are highly encouraged.

Nomination Form: TUM Ambassador (English)

Nominated person

Title, first name, last name

Position

Field

E-mail

Link to resume on the web (or as attachment)

Current Institution / Current Company

Name

Type of Institution (university, institute, etc.)

Country

TUM Stays (e.g. TUM-IAS Fellow, Visiting Fellow, Diploma studies, PhD etc.)

Stay from to Program:

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Stay from to Program:

TUM Host or TUM Cooperation Partner

Title, first name, last name

E-mail

Phone

Position

Chair / Department



Suggested By (only if different from TUM host or cooperation partner)

Title, first name, last name

E-mail

Phone

Position

Field

Motivation for the Nomination (500-2000 characters)

Evidence of Above-Average University Political Commitment (e.g. cooperations)

Evidence of Outstanding Scientific Achievements (e.g. awards, etc.)