



Welcome to the third HGS-HIRe Newsletter.

Spring has arrived and we continue this month with “The HIRe Hour”, this time again on a more technical topic. Hope to see many of you at this occasion. Furthermore there is good news on our cooperation with the Stiftung Giersch. For the next three years we can continue to award the Giersch-Excellence-Grants and Giersch Awards for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis. Since more than ten years, the grants are awarded for outstanding work or progress in the thesis project in the past year. The call for nominations and details will be sent around in summer and we will keep you updated on this.

The HGS-HIRe Team

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## Upcoming events



### The HIRe Hour - Working on Linux and remote computers

April 2, 2026, 16:00  
Hannes Mayr (TU Darmstadt)

Many people have their first contact with Linux within their scientific research. Why is Linux so popular in science and what makes it so powerful especially in server environments? This talk aims to give a short general introduction to working with Linux. Afterwards, I will give some insight on how to connect to remote machines and work on them efficiently. Experienced users are welcome to share some of their personal tips and tricks.

► [Details](#) on the event ► [Zoom-Details](#)

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We would like to remind you of the upcoming transferable skills training courses organized by HGS-HIRe. **Registration for all these courses is still open and simply done by sending a brief e-mail to [info@hgs-hire.de](mailto:info@hgs-hire.de)** referring to the corresponding course you want to register for.



### HGS-HIRe Soft Skills Course B1

April 13-16, 2026, Castle Buchenau (residential face-to-face)  
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### HGS-HIRe Soft Skills Course B3

May 5-7, 2026, Castle Buchenau (residential face-to-face)  
► [Details](#)



### HGS-HIRe Soft Skills Course B2

June 8-11, 2026, Castle Buchenau (residential face-to-face)  
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### HGS-HIRe Soft Skills Course B3

July 21-23, 2026 (online)  
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## Program Feature

Every month we will feature one of our many program elements in HGS-HIRe to inform or remind you on the variety of ways how you - as a HGS-HIRe participant - can strengthen your doctoral project and advance your skill set.

### HGS-HIRe Abroad

Within the HGS-HIRe Abroad program participants can file a research proposal for a research stay abroad for a period of one to three months. This is a great possibility to broaden your research network with international partners. To get some ideas how fellow doctoral students benefited from the HGS-HIRe Abroad program take a look at a small collection of ► [experience reports](#).



The research stay must be a natural part of the thesis project and can only be conducted at institutions that are already collaborating with the home institution / local working group of the applicant. Furthermore, only one HGS-HIRe Abroad grant can be approved per participants in HGS-HIRe.

A limited number of HGS-HIRe Abroad grants is awarded in a competitive process several times per year.

If you are interested to apply for one of the HGS-HIRe Abroad grants please electronically submit a short research plan (2-4 pages) together with supporting letters by your local supervisor and foreign host supervisor together with a rough cost estimate by e-mail to [info\[at\]hgs-hire.de](mailto:info[at]hgs-hire.de).

The deadlines for applications this year are  
March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, 2026.

Grant coverage includes a per diem appropriate for the host country (according to DAAD rules) plus travel costs. The maximum grant coverage is:

- 2000 Euros for a research stay of one month
- 3000 Euros for a research stay of two months
- 4000 Euros for a research stay of three months

If you have any questions please let us know.

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## General Information

### HGS-HIRe Market Place



Here you can find constantly updated information on external training events etc. we received to forward to you. Please check the HGS-HIRe Market Place regularly.

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