

GENERAL INFORMATION

Infections by bacteria, viruses and parasites are among the strongest contributors to morbidity and mortality and the rapid emergence of antimicrobial resistance makes them one of the major health challenges worldwide.

However, microbes carry out indispensable functions in all the environments they colonize and represent an inexhaustible resource for biotechnological processes. Thus, understanding, controlling, and exploiting the potential of microbes are some of the main goals of the research in life sciences.

The **Interfaculty Graduate School of Infection Biology and Microbiology (IGIM)** was launched in 2011 to establish an innovative and highly attractive educational program for graduate students in medicine, biological and natural sciences.

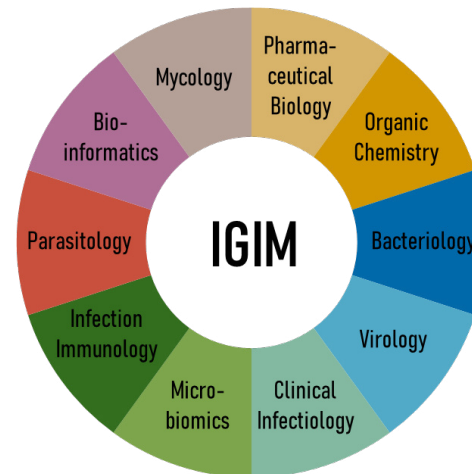
ABOUT THE IGIM

The IGIM program complements your doctoral thesis by offering:

- A comprehensive, multi-disciplinary and structured education
- Qualified mentoring
- Support of early independence
- Measures for the integration of foreign students
- Gender equality in sciences
- Research quality assurance

WHO CAN JOIN?

The IGIM is open to graduate students in the field of infection biology and microbiology who will obtain a doctoral degree at the Faculty of Science (Dr. rer. nat.) or the Faculty of Medicine (Dr. med., Dr. sc. hum., PhD) of the University of Tübingen.



WHAT'S YOUR BENEFIT?

Training, Networking, Events, Supervision, Mentoring.

Successful participants will receive a certificate and a transcript of records of all the activities they have been involved in during the doctorate.

IGIM IS AFFILIATED WITH:

- CMFI** – Cluster of Excellence - Controlling Microbes to Fight Infections
- DZIF** – German Center for Infection Research

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- **Grad-School-Day**
Every term, with presentations by doctoral students and an invited speaker, completed by an informal get-together.
- **Summer-School**
Every second year, with presentations by doctoral students, mentoring and social events. External speakers are invited to give talks about science-related topics and complementary skills.
- **Methods- and Career-Days**
Every year, with the aim to inform students about new methods and techniques as well as career options in- and outside of academia.
- **Excursion**
Visit to either pharmaceutical or biotech companies.

COMPLEMENTARY SKILLS

Complementary skills courses and seminars are mainly organized by the faculties, the Career Center of the University, the Graduate Academy and the Competence Centre for Teaching in Medicine Tübingen.

Participants will receive information about upcoming events via the IGIM mailing list and website.

*Join us, ...
for a better thesis!*



HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

- **Find a PhD position** in one of the IGIM Departments
- **Contact** the IGIM Coordination Office (CO) for further information and to receive all necessary forms for registration at the IGIM and acceptance as a doctoral candidate at the Faculty of Science or Medicine
- Get your **Thesis logbook** which contains information about the IGIM
- Participate in activities and collect the required **credit points**
- Complete your **doctoral degree**
- Receive the **IGIM Certificate**

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TÜBINGEN

Tübingen is situated in the southwest of Germany, on the Neckar River and at the foothills of the Swabian Jura and the Black Forest. In the old centre of Tübingen, a unique ensemble of historic half-timbered houses dating back to the late 15th and the early 16th century attracts many visitors every year. Tübingen also offers a rich array of cultural activities all year around as well as parks, gardens, and forest areas to explore by foot or bicycle. With its scenic geographical setting, lively local culture and vast green spaces, Tübingen offers its residents an excellent quality of life.

THE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1477, the University of Tübingen is an internationally renowned institution for academic studies and research. A broad range of disciplines as well as outstanding research, both in natural and social sciences, contribute to its reputation. The University also organizes and sponsors many cultural and interdisciplinary events in the city. Today 27.700 students – 13% of whom are international students – are enrolled in approximately 60 courses.

The University of Tübingen is one of the 11 German universities of excellence. In 2019, the Cluster of Excellence in the field of microbiology (CMFI – Controlling Microbes to Fight Infections) contributed to maintain this status.



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