GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GÖTTINGEN

GGNB
Göttingen Graduate Center for Neurosciences, Biophysics, and Molecular Biosciences

Critical situations: Contact persons

If you encounter conflicts or problems related to your work or work environment that you cannot solve yourself, as a first step the most important thing to do is to talk to someone you trust. This may be anyone in your environment in addition to the official persons listed on this page. If you seek advice from any of the below-mentioned persons or offices, everything will be treated **strictly confidentially**!

Good supervision:
All GGNB faculty members and doctoral students are asked to comply with the "GAUSS Rules of good practice for doctoral supervision", which are part of the supervision agreement. However, conflicts may still arise. If you as a doctoral student cannot resolve a conflict between you and your PhD supervisor on your own, you can contact:

- your thesis committee members,
- the speaker of your doctoral program,
- the GGNB Office,
- the student representatives (both of your program and of GGNB in general),
- the spokesperson of GGNB,
- the GAUSS person of trust for doctoral students Prof. Dr. Ina Kersten,
- the Ombudperson and Complaint Management for Teaching and Learning,
- Göttingen University's Central Conflict Management office.

Scientific Misconduct:
For cases of possible scientific misconduct, you can contact Dr. Katharina Beier of the university's Office of Good Scientific Practice for confidential consultation, and/or the respective ombudsperson at your faculty or institution.

Non-scientific misconduct:
Both the University and the UMG have set up their own whistleblower portals where you can report serious rule violations and criminal acts by name or completely anonymously. In the MPG you can contact the Staff Unit Internal Investigations.

Counseling and support services:
You can find an overview here:
https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/document/download/0b17ec5d101864ff7343e9c6111580e0-en.pdf/Handreichung_englisch_final.pdf

Help in crisis situations:
For further individual counselling and psychological guidance, courses e.g. on stress-reduction techniques and also pre-doctorate coaching, feel free to contact the following services:

- *Psychotherapeutische Ambulanz für Studierende* (PAS)
- Psychological counselling service (*Psychosoziale Beratungsstelle*, PSB). Counselling and courses.
- *Psychotherapeutische Sprechstunde für Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter* (PSM). For employees of Göttingen University and Göttingen University Medical Center.
- Employee and Manager Assistance Program (EMAP). For employees of the MPIs.

- Asklepios Fachklinikum Göttingen
- Bündnis gegen Depression in Südniedersachsen: information and overview of regional resources on depression (in German)
- Sorgst Du Dich: overview of regional resources for mental health (in German)

- The GGNB Office staff are always available for you – for contact details see on pp. 13-14!

Further information on resources can be found here: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/630800.html.

Discrimination, harassment, violence:

All forms of discrimination[1] and harassment[2] are strictly prohibited at Göttingen University, and, in fact, in Germany as a whole. If you are affected by or witness such behavior, you can contact confidentially, a.o.:

- The University's equal opportunities officer Dr. Doris Hayn (for cases of gender-based discrimination and sexual harassment and violence): https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/51705.html
- Anti-Discrimination counseling: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/580846.html
- Equal opportunities officers in your faculty or institution:
    - University: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/51702.html
    - University Medical Center: https://www.umg.eu/en/ueber-uns/vorstand/beauftragte/gleichstellungsbeauftragte/
    - DPZ: https://www.dpz.eu/en/about-us/equal-opportunities.html
    - MPI-NAT: https://www.mpinat.mpg.de/645875/gender_equality
    - MPI-DS: https://www.ds.mpg.de/equal
- the Ombudperson and Complaint Management for Teaching and Learning,
- Frauen-Notruf Göttingen (Emergency helpline for women; in several languages)
- The Violence against women support hotline – Support and counselling for women (24/7; free phone number: 116 116)

Further information can be found on these University pages:

- Guide: Dealing with discrimination at the University of Göttingen: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/wegweiser+zum+umgang+mit+diskriminierung/604568.html
- Stop sexual harassment and violence: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/676537.html

The Max Planck Society has a dedicated webpage on conflict management and several counseling and reporting points (see last page).

[1] For general information on discrimination, see: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/604568.html, Guide to the General Equal Treatment Act (pdf)

[2] For general information on sexual harrassment, see: Senate Policy Against Sexual Harassment (pdf), https://eige.europa.eu/gender-based-violence/regulatory-and-legal-framework/legal-definitions-in-the-eu/germany-sexual-harassment

Contacts:

GGNB Program Speakers

Feel free to contact your program speaker in case you need advice – they are always available for you!

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Cells and Organisms: From Genes to Evolution	Lutz Walter		e-mail: walter@dpz.eu phone: 0551-3851-161 web: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/58053.html
Genes in Development, Disease and Evolution	Ernst Wimmer		e-mail: ewimmer@gwdg.de phone: 0551-39-22889 web: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/58055.html

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Doctoral Student Representatives

The doctoral student representatives represent your interests in the GGNB Board and the program committees and are some of the contact persons to help you in difficult situations. Feel free to contact them anytime.

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The GGNB Coordinators and the GGNB spokesperson are always available.

Several of us are *Mental Health First Aiders* (MHFA certified) so please contact us in case you wish to discuss difficult and/or personal matters!

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BERATUNGS- UND MELDESTELLEN IN DER MPG
COUNSELLING & REPORTING POINTS OF THE MPG

Weitere Kontaktinformationen über den QR-Code / Please see QR-Code for further contact information

MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT

LOKALE UNTERSTÜTZUNG AM MAX-PLANCK-INSTITUT / LOCAL SUPPORT AT THE MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE

Geschäftsführende*r Direktor*in / Managing Director
→ **Verantwortung für Institutsbetrieb inkl. Personalangelegenheiten /** Responsibility for Institute Management

Verwaltungsleitung / Head of Administration
→ **Ansprechperson für Verwaltung /** Contact at administration

Gleichstellungsbeauftragte / Gender Equality Officer
→ **Beratung bei Benachteiligung aufgrund des Geschlechts /** Counseling in cases of gender discrimination

Lokale Ombudsperson / Local Ombudsperson
→ **lokale Beratung in Konfliktfällen zu Fragen der guten wiss. Praxis /** local advice in conflicts on questions of good scientific practice

Betriebsrat / Works Council

Schwerbehindertenvertretung /
Representative for Individuals with Severe Disabilities

Psychosozialer Beratungsdienst / Betriebsarzt/-ärztin /
Psychosocial Consultation Service /Medical Officer

Weitere / Other

PERSÖNLICHE BERATUNG ZENTRALE SERVICES / PERSONAL SUPPORT BY CENTRAL SERVICES

EMAP (Employee & Manager Assistance Program)

→ **Sofortberatung in schwierigen Lebenssituationen und Krisen /** Immediate assistance in difficult life situations and crises

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free telephone numbers from abroad:
https://www.fuerstenberg-institut.de/auslandsservicenummern

KONFLIKTUNTERSTÜTZUNG / CONFLICT SUPPORT:

Schlichtungsberatung / Internal Arbitrators
→ **Schlichtung von Konflikten** / Arbitration of conflicts

Coaching & Mediation Pool (extern / external)
→ **Unterstützungsangebot im Einzelfall /**
Support services in individual cases

OMBUDSPERSON DER SEKTION BMS / CPTS / GSHS
OMBUDSPERSON OF THE SECTION BMS / CPTS / GSHS

→ **Beratung in Konfliktfällen im Hinblick auf Fragen der guten wissenschaftlichen Praxis** / Advise in conflicts concerning good scientific practice

AUFKLÄRUNG VON VORWÜRFEN DURCH ZENTRALE MELDESTELLEN / INVESTIGATION BY CENTRAL REPORTING POINTS

STABSSTELLE INTERNE UNTERSUCHUNGEN /
STAFF UNIT INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

→ **Interne Meldestelle für Fehlverhaltensbeschwerden nach dem Hinweisgeberschutzgesetz / AGG-Beschwerdestelle**
Reporting Point on complaints of alleged misconduct according to Whistleblower Protection Act / General Equal Treatment Act

report@mpg.de, +49 89 2108 2635

VERTRAUENSANWALTSKANZLEI / LAWYERS OF TRUST

→ **weitere Meldestelle für Fehlverhaltensbeschwerden /**
further reporting point on complaints of alleged misconduct

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GESETZLICH EINGERICHTETE KONTAKTSTELLEN / CONTACT POINTS ESTABLISHED BY LAW

ZENTRALE GLEICHSTELLUNGSBEAUFTRAGTE /
CENTRAL GENDER EQUALITY OFFICER

→ **Beschwerden im Bereich sexualisierten Fehlverhaltens nach AV-Gleichstellung** / Complaints on sexualized misconduct according to IA-Equality

DATENSCHUTZ / DATA PROTECTION

→ **Meldung von Verstößen nach dem Bundesdatenschutzgesetz /**
Complaints according to Federal Data Protection Act

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