

MARUM / GLOMAR Basic Skills and Methods Course:

Doctoral Thesis Workshops

- An introduction to postgraduate research and study -

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Objectives

The objectives of this workshop series are to identify support and services available for PhD students in marine sciences, to motivate and provide practical tips and practical advice for the different stages of their PhD projects.

Structure

Each of the three half-day workshops addresses one specific group of PhD students, i.e.

- (I) students in their first year,
- (II) those who are approximately halfway through their PhD project and
- (III) those in their final year.

The workshops comprise practical advice provided by the “GLOMAR team” as well as group work and discussion.

Workshop I – Lifting off

This workshop is aimed at PhD students in their first year.

The main objectives of this workshop are to provide information on the GLOMAR graduate school, on support measures and services for the PhD students and to give an overview on the supervision of GLOMAR PhD students.

Topics include:

- Support and services for PhD students
- Supervision
- Funding opportunities
- The transferable skills you need (for working on your PhD thesis and for your future career)
- Scientific research
- Research stay / industrial placement (internship)

Workshop II – Keeping momentum

This workshop is aimed at PhD students who are approximately halfway through their research. This includes students who have recently started or are about to begin drafting their thesis or writing their first paper(s). The objectives of this workshop will be motivational as well as providing tips and practical advice on writing up research.

Topics include:

- Working with your data
- Introduction to the data library PANGAEA
- Challenges in the writing process
- The writing process (scientific writing course, literature reviews, good scientific practice, choosing the right journal, dealing with co-authors, tandem paper writing)
- Submission, review, publishing
- Conferences

Workshop III – Finishing up

This workshop is aimed at PhD students in their final year. The objectives of this workshop are to provide information on the final stages of the thesis, preparing for the defence and steps towards a future career.

Topics include:

- Thesis preparation and defence
- Keeping your motivation
- Your personal career: priorities and visions
- Job interviews
- Academia vs. Industry – two people share their personal experiences

Target group

The workshops address all PhD students involved in marine sciences in some way (also those who are NOT a member of GLOMAR!). Everybody is welcome to participate in all three workshops at any time according to the topics you are interested in. However, if possible, it makes most sense if you choose the workshop that corresponds with the stage of your PhD project.

Course schedule and location

Workshop I: Lifting off	19 March 2015	09.00 – 13.00	MARUM I, Room 2060
Workshop II: Keeping momentum	20 March 2015	09.00 – 13.00	MARUM I, Room 2060
Workshop III: Finishing up	23 March 2015	09.00 – 14.30	MARUM I, Room 2060

Registration

To register for this course, please fill in the registration form on the respective [web site](#).

Please note that your registration will be binding.

The registration deadline for this course is **17 March 2015**.

Any enquiries regarding the course should be addressed to glomar-courses@marum.de.