

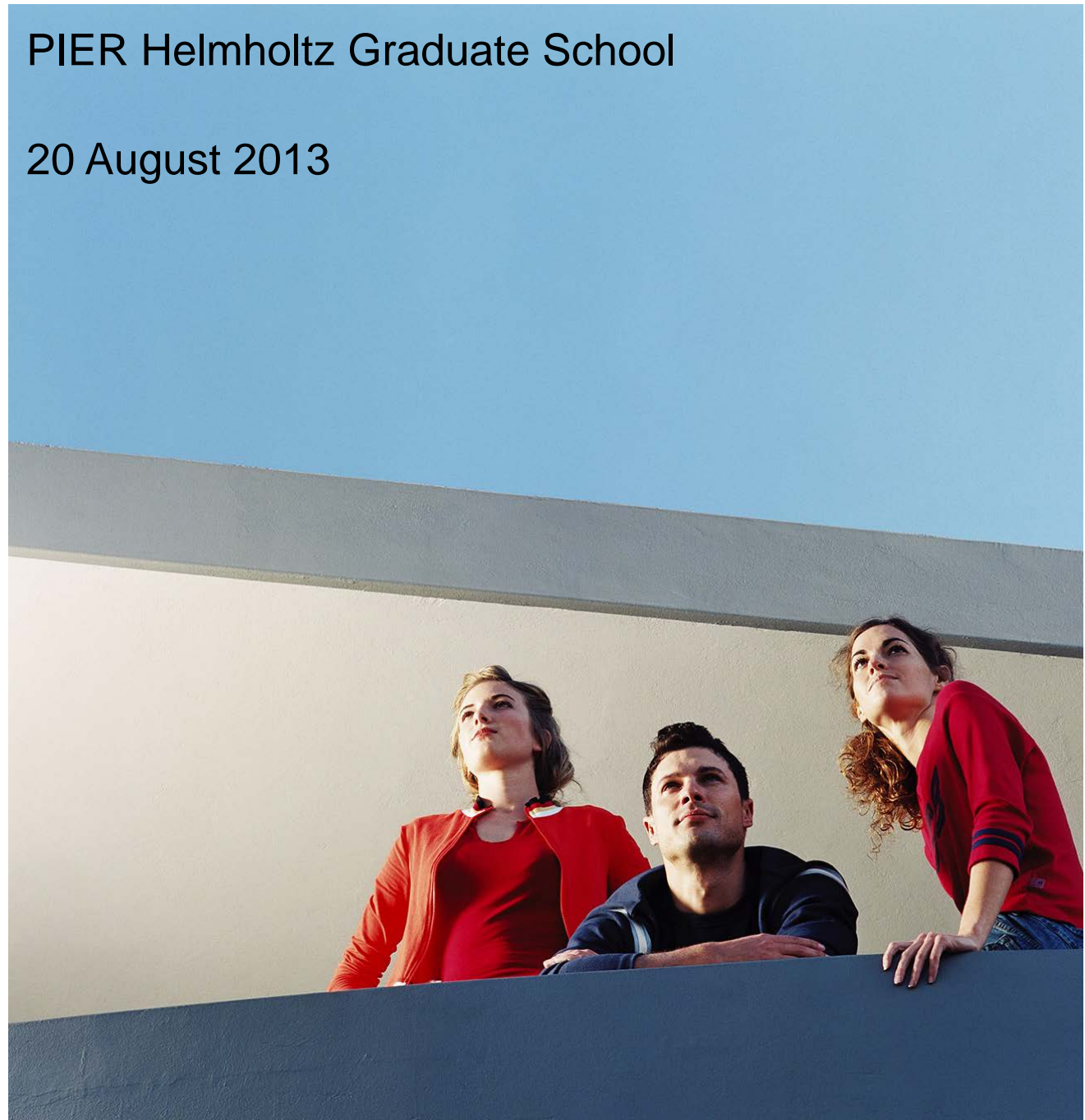


PIER Helmholtz Graduate School

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A Graduate Education Program  
of Universität Hamburg  
in Cooperation with DESY



Partnership of  
Universität Hamburg and DESY

# Important framework data

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- PIER Helmholtz Graduate School = „E“ in PIER
- Helmholtz Association and University of Hamburg recommend interdisciplinary umbrella structures for Ph.D. education
- Helmholtz Association announced a suitable funding program for Helmholtz Centers - amount of funding: 2.4 million €
- Start of funding through Helmholtz Association: 1 January 2013
- Funding period: 6 years
- Interim evaluation after 3 years
- Development of a successful concept for an interdisciplinary and inter-institutional umbrella structure for Ph.D. education within the 4 PIER research fields
- Staff: 4 coordinators + 1 assistant

# Staff

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**Stefanie Tepass**

- Leading Coordinator
- Scholarships



**Maren Arnold-Vargen**

- Recruitment
- Public relations
- Buddy programme



**Mirko Siemssen**

- Career management
- Event management
- PhD Initiative (DOIT)



**Bettina Assmann**

- Soft skill training
- Language classes
- Gender equality

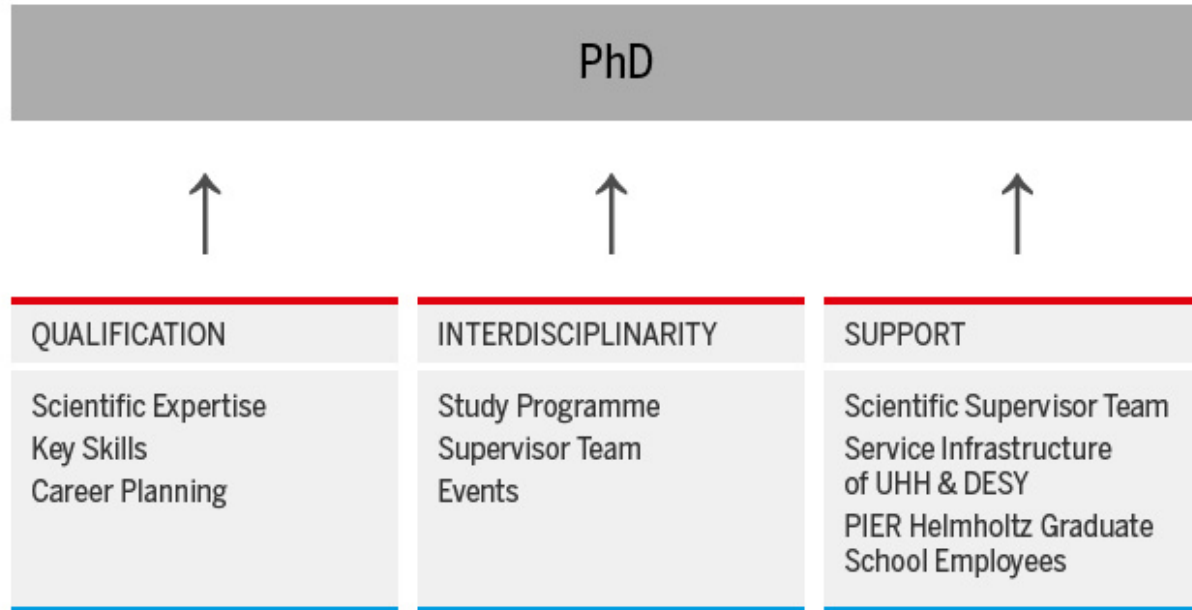


**Gabriele Keidel**

- Assistant

# Qualification concept

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Qualification Concept



# Study programme: 12 credits within 3 years

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## 9 credits for the acquisition and refinement of professional expertise

### ➤ **Project-related group seminars and workshops in the main research field:**

- ✓ e.g. weekly PIER-PhD seminar, events at research training groups, graduate schools, work groups or institute seminars;
- ✓ workshops and conferences in or outside Hamburg

### ➤ **Professional qualification in the PIER research fields:**

- ✓ e.g. subject-specific courses for example from the curricula of Universität Hamburg's master's programmes, winter or summer schools and lecture weeks

## 3 credits for the acquisition of key skills

- ✓ e.g. workshops on career planning or presentation skills

Meets the qualification requirements of the upcoming PhD study programme within the MIN Graduate School:  
→ Official joint certificate of UHH and PHGS, incl. internationally recognized Transcript of Records

# Recruitment

- Call for applications in e.g. nature jobs & academics for 6 scholarships of the Joachim Herz Stiftung
- Applications welcome throughout the year
- Recruiting Fairs in cooperation with Universität Hamburg: NAFSA (USA), Nature Jobs Career Expo (UK), EAIE (Turkey), GAIN (USA)
- Cooperation with national and international government programs (DAAD/RISE, China Scholarship Council CSC, Science without borders CsF, Brazil)
- Promotional materials for scientists when travelling
- In-house promotion (newsletters, posters, websites, etc.)



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**PIER Helmholtz Graduate School: Call for applications / Ph.D. scholarships**

The name PIER – “Partnership for Innovation, Education and Research” – stands for the strong partnership between Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY) and Universität Hamburg (UHH), Germany. We offer various Ph.D. positions for highly qualified and motivated students from all over the world in the following research fields:

- Particle and Astroparticle Physics
- Nanosciences
- Photon Science
- Infection and Structural Biology

We provide our doctoral candidates with an internationally recognized and optimally supervised education in their respective research field. At the same time we offer excellent networking activities within a lively interdisciplinary framework. The programme offers key skills training and a wide range of administrative services and support measures, including language courses and leisure activities. There are no tuition fees. The graduate school welcomes applications throughout the year.

**Six Ph.D. scholarships of the Joachim Herz Stiftung**

Outstanding doctoral candidates may also apply for the scholarships of the Joachim Herz Stiftung. The six three-year scholarships encompass a basic monthly allowance, funding for basic equipment, workshops and attendance at international conferences. **Deadline for application: 30 June 2013.**

Don't delay – become part of the unique PIER network and discover the beautiful and lively port city of Hamburg.

Please visit our website for more information: <http://graduateschool.pier-campus.de/>

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# New services for PhD students

## In cooperation with our PhD Initiative DOIT

- Social hour for PhD students since January 2013
- Buddy Programme for newcomers since April 2013
- PIER running team since May 2013
- New job seminars „DOIT looks outside the box“ since May 2013

## In cooperation with DESY-Fortbildung

- Special language classes for PhD students on Bahrenfeld Campus

## Moreover

- Financial support for research abroad and attendance at international conferences and workshops
- Financial support for business trips with children



# Events 2013

- Career Day for PhD students  
(18 September)
- Kick-Off-Event of the PIER Helmholtz  
Graduate School  
(29 October)
- Awarding ceremony of the Joachim  
Herz Scholarships  
(29 October)
- Breakfast-Meeting with Prof.  
Karlheinz Meier  
(31 October)



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## PIER Career Day for PhD students

18 September 2013, 9:30 – 16:30

Register now for one of the five  
workshops on individual career planning:


Workshop 1: Career planning for PhD students:  
Application standards – personal strategies

Workshop 2: Innovation management: Creating value  
from your scientific knowledge

Workshop 3: Assessment Centre training

Workshop 4: Preparation for successful applications  
and interviews

Workshop 5: Preparation of the PhD defense

 **Where** → Bahrenfeld Campus/DESY  
**When** → 18 September 2013, 9-16:30

**Information & registration:**  
[http://graduateschool.pier-campus.de/career\\_day\\_2013](http://graduateschool.pier-campus.de/career_day_2013)







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Thank you for your attention!



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