



Medical University of Graz



**Ten Years of International PhD Program**  
**November 17, 2017, Aula of the Medical University of Graz**

# Ten Years of International PhD Program at the Medical University of Graz

The first international PhD program at the Medical University of Graz, focused on 'Molecular Medicine', was launched in 2007. This PhD program was subsequently joined by two Doctoral Colleges focused on 'Metabolic and Cardiovascular Disease' and 'Molecular Fundamentals of Inflammation' and two further PhD programs devoted to 'Brain Aging' and 'Advanced Medical Biomarker Research'. In all of these programs the new European standards of doctoral education have been implemented: competitive selection of graduate students, dissertation agreement with

a thesis committee, employment of students, structured curricula offered by the program's faculty, training in all aspects of a research career, international networking, regular monitoring of each student's progress, education of supervisors, and independent peer review of thesis and thesis defense. These achievements have been recognized by national and international accreditations of the PhD Studies.

The PhD programs at the Medical University of Graz provide a stimulating environment in which the graduate students are educated to be-

come independent researchers and to pursue a science-directed career at an internationally competitive level. The success of the PhD Studies has been amply proved by the postdoctoral careers of the alumni and the substantial contribution of the students' publications to the university's research output. The Rectorate, Dean and Office of Doctoral Studies of the Medical University of Graz are proud and pleased to invite you to a celebration of these achievements and a forward look to future challenges.

# PROGRAM

November 17, 2017  
3.00 pm  
Aula of the  
Medical University of Graz  
Neue Stiftingtalstrasse 6  
A-8010 Graz

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## Welcome and introduction

- Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Hellmut Samonigg**, Rector of the Medical University of Graz
- Mag. **Siegfried Nagl**, Mayor of the City of Graz
- MMag. **Barbara Eibinger-Miedl**, Minister of Economy, Tourism, Europe, Science and Research, Government of Styria
- Mag. **Barbara Weitgruber**, MA, Director General of Scientific Research and International Relations, Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Federal Government of Austria

## 2007: The beginning of a new PhD program

Univ.-Prof. DDr. **Gerhard F. Walter**, Former Rector of the Medical University of Graz

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## 2017: Achievements and perspectives

Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Peter Holzer**, Dean of Doctoral Studies, Medical University of Graz

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## Panel discussion: the PhD program from the alumni's perspective

Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Akos Heinemann**, Speaker of the PhD Program 'Molecular Medicine'  
Alumni of the PhD Program 'Molecular Medicine'

*Buffet*

Moderation: Dr. Sabine Vogl, Medical University of Graz



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