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# YoungNAKO graduate programme

*German National Cohort (NAKO) graduate  
programme for young researchers*




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This programme has been developed in cooperation with the German Society for Epidemiology [DGEpi] and the German Society for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology [GMDS].



## Background

The YoungNAKO graduate programme aims to provide a specific training programme for early-career researchers working with large-scale population-based cohort studies like the German National Cohort (NAKO). It is thought to be complimentary to epidemiological PhD programmes by focusing on aspects of field epidemiology relevant for the analysis of population-based cohort data. Programme graduates will be trained to design and analyse their own studies based on NAKO data and will be prepared to apply for funding for future NAKO-associated projects.

## Target group

The YoungNAKO graduate programme is designed for doctoral students at member institutions of NAKO e.V. who are working with population-based cohort data – preferably using NAKO.

## Training structure

The programme has a hybrid structure and is divided into face-to-face and online events. It lasts 20 months and comprises 6 module units as well as an annual winter school with a dedicated thematic focus offering doctoral students the chance to exchange ideas and network with other students, researchers and professors.

The training language is English. However, basic knowledge of German is required for interactions with study participants.

The start of the first cohort is envisioned for May 2025.

## Course structure

Kick-off meeting with all participants – Introduction to the German National Cohort Study	Online
Epidemiological field training	On-site at the associated NAKO Centre
Data use and data collection in NAKO	Online Module
Data management, data quality and data protection	Online Module
Biosample collection and analysis pipelines	On-site at dedicated NAKO Centres
Significant is irrelevant – data analysis strategies and the role of AI	On-site at dedicated NAKO Centres
Scientific Writing, Grant Proposal Writing and Science Communication	Online Module

## Registration fee

The training programme is free of charge. Travel costs and costs for accommodation for face-to-face modules are only partly covered.

## Certificate

Participants will receive a qualification certificate after successful completion of training. The certificate will be issued by NAKO and the participating institutions.



## Contact information and registration

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Additional information: [nako.de/YoungNAKO](http://nako.de/YoungNAKO)