

## Top Results in International Research Ranking

**KIT Is Best German University in Engineering and Natural Sciences –  
Ranking of National Taiwan University (NTU) Is Based on Publication Data**



*Materials sciences and mechanical engineering – only two of five subjects, in which KIT is top in Germany. (Photo: Irina Westermann)*

**Of all German universities, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is top in engineering (place 57 worldwide) and natural sciences (place 55 worldwide). The “2012 Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities” measures research performance of universities based on scientific publications.**

KIT ranks in first place of all German universities in engineering ahead of TU Munich (place 83 worldwide) and RWTH Aachen (place 92 worldwide). In natural sciences, KIT is followed by LMU Munich (place 60 worldwide) and TU Munich (place 69 worldwide) in Germany.

KIT also assumes top positions in a number of individual subjects:

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First places are reached by KIT in materials sciences (place 39 worldwide), mechanical engineering and physics (place 48 each worldwide), chemical engineering (place 63 worldwide), and civil engineering (place 94 worldwide). In addition, KIT is in the top group of German universities in electrical engineering and chemistry (place 2 each), geosciences (place 3), and informatics (place 5).

In the overall ranking, KIT is in position 18 in Germany and 217 worldwide. The overall ranking results from the total of publications in all subjects. Due to its focus on natural sciences and engineering, not all subjects evaluated are represented at KIT.

### Background

The “Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities” is the successor of the “Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan” (HEEACT) ranking that has been published annually since 2007. This new performance ranking has been issued by the National Taiwan University for departments and subjects since 2011. It considers universities and is based exclusively on the analysis of scientific publications. Evaluation of publications and citations does not only cover the past year, but considers a period of up to eleven years. The basis are publication data of the Web of Science (WoS) and Essential Science Indicators (ESI) (both Thomson Reuters).

**More information:** <http://NTUranking.lis.ntu.edu.tw>

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