

## Top Results in Worldwide Research Ranking

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

**Of all German universities, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) again is top in engineering (place 79 worldwide) and natural sciences (place 52 worldwide). In the overall international ranking, KIT assumes position 190 of the 500 best universities in the world. The “2014 Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities” measures research performance of universities based on scientific publications.**

In national comparison, KIT ranks in first place of all German universities in engineering as in 2012 and 2013. TU München (place 97 worldwide) and RWTH Aachen (place 102 worldwide) follow. In natural sciences, KIT is in first place, followed by LMU München (place 60 worldwide), Universität Heidelberg (place 62 worldwide), and TU München (place 84 worldwide).

KIT also assumes top positions in a number of individual subjects compared to the other German universities: KIT is the best German university in chemical engineering and physics (place 46 worldwide each), materials sciences (place 53 worldwide), mechanical engineering (place 55 worldwide), and civil engineering (place 127 worldwide). In chemistry and geosciences, KIT is in second position in Germany. In addition, KIT is in the top group of German universities in electrical engineering (place 3), and in informatics and environment / ecology (place 6 each).

In the overall ranking, KIT now ranks in 18<sup>th</sup> position in Germany. Worldwide, KIT now reaches place 190, i.e. it is in the top 200 of the best universities in the world. 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, e.g. medicine.

### Background

The “Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities” has been published by the National Taiwan University since 2011. It considers universities and is based exclusively on the analysis of sci-

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entific 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>

**The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation according to the legislation of the state of Baden-Württemberg. It fulfills the mission of a university and the mission of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. Research activities focus on energy, the natural and built environment as well as on society and technology and cover the whole range extending from fundamental aspects to application. With about 9400 employees, including more than 6000 staff members in the science and education sector, and 24500 students, KIT is one of the biggest research and education institutions in Europe. Work of KIT is based on the knowledge triangle of research, teaching, and innovation.**

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