

Ranking of “U.S. News”: KIT in German Top Ten

International Ranking of US Magazine – KIT Is Best German University in Materials Sciences

In five subjects, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is ranked among the best 100 universities in the world: Physics, chemistry, materials sciences, geosciences, and engineering. This the result of the latest research ranking of the US magazine “U.S. News”. For the first time, universities outside of the United States were ranked in the category of “Best Global Universities”. In the overall ranking of the 500 best universities worldwide, KIT reached place 154. When compared to German universities alone, KIT is in 9th position.

In materials sciences, KIT is in first place of all German universities (place 52 in the global ranking). The best international ranking of KIT is place 43 in physics. Of all German universities, only LMU Munich is ranked better than KIT in this subject. Second places in national comparison are also achieved in chemistry (place 49 in the global ranking) and engineering (place 82 in the global ranking). TU München and KIT are the only German universities reaching the top 100 in the world in engineering. In geosciences, KIT is ranked in third place of all German universities (global ranking place 82).

For the top 500 of the world, universities of the USA and 50 other countries were evaluated. The first place is reached by Harvard University, followed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the University of California – Berkeley.

For all results and further information, click:
www.usnews.com/education/best-global-universities

Background

“U.S. News” is a monthly news magazine in the USA that has published rankings of research and education institutions since 1983. The overall ranking “Best Global Universities” is based on ten indicators reflecting research achievements as well as the international and regional research reputation of the institution. Among the indicators are characteristics relating to scientific publications, such as the number of publications and citations, as well as the number of doctorates, both

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absolute and relative to the number of employees. The basis are data collected by Thomson Reuters (publication data of the Web of Science, WoS, and results of a reputation poll). The ranking is aimed at informing present and future students about possibilities of studies also outside of the US.

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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