

KIT's Support of Startups Is Exemplary

KIT in Second Place in Gründungsradar Ranking

The current 2016 Gründungsradar ranking by the Stifterverband for Promoting Science and Education reflects exemplary support of startups by Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). Of the 34 big German universities, KIT is in second place, thus confirming the good results of previous years.

"Parallel to research and education, innovation is one of the core tasks of KIT," Professor Holger Hanselka, President of KIT, says. "At the interface of science and industry, KIT's innovations contribute to benefit for society and added values. I am very happy about the good result and the recognition of our work by the Gründungsradar."

"Support of startups is an important element of KIT's innovation culture," Professor Thomas Hirth, Vice President for Innovation and International Affairs of KIT, emphasizes. "All KIT members consider the transfer of findings to application their commitment to solving challenges facing society. The good Gründungsradar ranking, hence, is a high recognition of all founders and innovators at KIT."

Innovation at KIT

KIT attaches high importance to transferring research results to added values through startups, participations, licenses, and services for industry. Industry partners, students, and employees are offered customized services by KIT, such as the KIT Business Club, KIT Campus Transfer GmbH, and KIT Founders Forge, the first partner to be contacted in case of questions regarding startups and funding. At its high-tech incubator, KIT offers perfect conditions for the spinoffs to grow. KIT NEULAND, the annual innovation day, represents a platform for technologies and startups to present themselves.

More information is provided at:

<http://www.innovation.kit.edu/english/index.php>

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The “Gründungsradar”, the Germany-wide ranking of startup support services by the Stifterverband for Promoting Science and Education places Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in second place together with the University of Potsdam in the category of “Big Universities” with more than 15,000 students. The Technical University of Munich and Munich University of Applied Sciences are in first place. For the third time now, the Gründungsradar ranking was issued by the Stifterverband in cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. The ranking reflects support of startups and spinoffs by German universities through awareness building and support services as well as through establishment of a sustainable startup culture. However, the ranking also reflects the startup activities realized in the end, i.e. the outcome of startup support services.

Find more information at:

www.stifterverband.org/medien/gruendungsradar-2016
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Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) pools its three core tasks of research, higher education, and innovation in a mission. With about 9,300 employees and 25,000 students, KIT is one of the big institutions of research and higher education in natural sciences and engineering in Europe.

KIT – The Research University in the Helmholtz Association

Since 2010, the KIT has been certified as a family-friendly university.

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