

## 5,000 Student Beginners at KIT

Welcome Event for Student Beginners at Schwarzwaldhalle – More than 25,000 Students in the KIT Winter Semester of 2017/18



*Start of semester: KIT ceremony at the Karlsruhe Congress Center to welcome its new students. (Photo: Markus Breig, KIT)*

**About 5,000 new students are about to begin studies at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in the 2017/18 winter semester. The traditional welcome ceremony for them and their families will take place on Friday, October 13, 2017, 6 pm at the Schwarzwaldhalle of the Karlsruhe Congress Center. Representatives of the media are cordially invited.**

“Studies close to research and learning to identify problems independently, to tackle research problems, and to develop sustainable solutions at an early stage: This is what studies at KIT stand for. With our clear research-oriented profile, we prepare our students in the best possible way for responsible tasks – no matter, whether these will be found in society, industry, or science,” says the President of KIT, Professor Holger Hanselka. [...]

### Student Commitment at KIT

Prior to the start of the semester, all student representations organize orientation phases, O-phases for short, to facilitate the start at KIT for

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beginning students. The more than 90 student groups and associations of KIT contribute to the diverse campus life, from culture to sports to politics, and much more. “Successful and committed studies do not only cover education in the subject chosen and in interdisciplinary skills, but also the ability to take a broader view. For this, we offer our students a number of incentives and opportunities. Among others, it is possible to actively work in the student representations and to join university groups,” says the KIT Vice President of Higher Education and Academic Affairs, Professor Alexander Wanner. [...]

The event will be in German.

**Being “The Research University in the Helmholtz Association,” KIT creates and imparts knowledge for the society and the environment. It is the objective to make significant contributions to the global challenges in the fields of energy, mobility and information. For this, about 9,300 employees cooperate in a broad range of disciplines in natural sciences, engineering sciences, economics, and the humanities and social sciences. KIT prepares its 26,000 students for responsible tasks in society, industry, and science by offering research-based study programs. Innovation efforts at KIT build a bridge between important scientific findings and their application for the benefit of society, economic prosperity, and the preservation of our natural basis of life.**

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

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