

KIT at a Glance

Facts & Figures



SCIENCE FOR IMPACT



It's the nature of science: Challenges inspire us, they drive us to find solutions. Right now, our challenges are varied, many are urgent and affect all of us around the world. The climate crisis, the implications of artificial intelligence, and the increasing global instability alike demand bold solutions that science and society must develop in a close partnership.

To achieve this, working across disciplines, institutions, and borders is vital, and it is also inspiring and encouraging. And not least, emerging technologies have the enormous potential to help us shape the future. These are good reasons to move forward with courage and confidence.

At KIT, we are in a unique position to drive this fundamental change – and we are committed to providing leadership from insight to solutions. KIT unites curiosity-driven and mission-driven research under one roof, fundamental sciences interact with engineering, yielding extraordinary potential and driving forward progress and societal change. This is exactly what we mean by Science for Impact.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads 'Jan S. Hesthaven'.

Prof. Dr. Jan S. Hesthaven
President of KIT



Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

THE UNIVERSITY IN THE HELMHOLTZ ASSOCIATION

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is one of Europe's leading research and educational institutions. As **The University in the Helmholtz Association**, KIT integrates inspired teaching, ground-breaking fundamental research, and application-driven scale-up and innovation. Through these core missions – education, research, innovation, and societal engagement – KIT continues to push boundaries and shape the future.

With over 10,000 staff and more than 23,000 students from over 120 nations, KIT offers an open and welcoming environment where national and international talent is valued, supported, and empowered to succeed.

Sustainability and social responsibility are firmly embedded in the fabric of KIT. The goal is to reconcile technological progress with ecological and social considerations, thereby contributing to a resilient and sustainable future.

**KIT is the place to be
for the best people
with the best ideas.**





KIT IN FIGURES 2025

424

Professors

23,083

Students

10,131

Employees

1,715

International
scientists

3,544

Doctoral
researchers

319

Trainees

68

New spinoffs
and startups

6

Locations
(200 ha area)

38

Patent
applications

Budget

1,223.4 million euros

28%

state funds

30%

federal funds

42%

third-party funds

THE BRIGHTEST MINDS AND EXCELLENT RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE



Photo: Andreas Barmage



26 ongoing ERC Grants



Two Clusters of Excellence as part
of the Excellence Strategy



Seven Collaborative Research Centers
with KIT being the coordinating
university



Recent personal awards:

- Four Alexander von Humboldt Professorships
- Two Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prizes

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curiosity-driven and
mission-driven research
under one roof.**

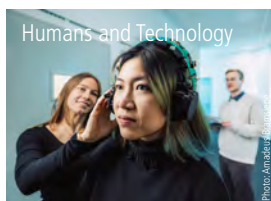
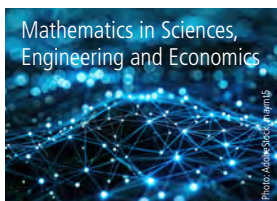
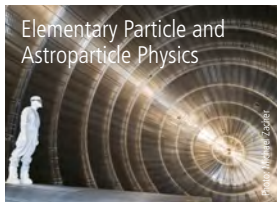
Research

FOCUSING ON MAJOR SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

Research at KIT is dedicated to gaining knowledge and making significant contributions to the future viability of our society. KIT's unique strength lies in combining the depth of a technical university with the Helmholtz mission.

Across disciplines, research at KIT addresses the major concerns of climate change, energy transition and the sustainable use of natural resources as well as artificial intelligence, the aging population, and the technological sovereignty in Germany and Europe. KIT excels in the natural sciences, engineering, and technology, and integrates the essential perspectives from economics, the social sciences, and the humanities.

Fundamental research and application-driven research are equally excellent. KIT's infrastructure, including large-scale facilities, offers exceptional opportunities for scientists from all over the world and at all stages of their careers. Recruitment and support of excellent young scientists is a key strategic goal.



INSPIRED TEACHING MEETS CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



23,083 STUDENTS

6,923 female students	45 Bachelor's degree programs
5,878 international students	61 Master's degree programs
112 degree programs	6 Master's programs as continuing education

Education

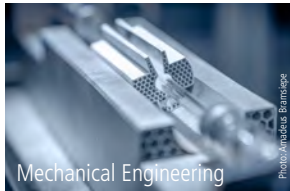
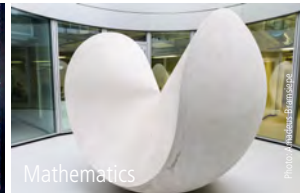
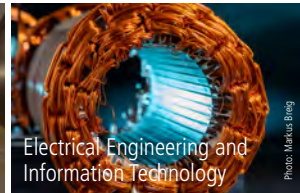
RESEARCH-BASED TEACHING AND LEARNING

As the only German university of excellence with a national large-scale research lab, KIT offers its students a unique academic environment: as part of a community that combines cutting-edge research and application with societal relevance. KIT provides a student-oriented education that includes large-scale research projects as well as hands-on project based learning.

Students at KIT are prepared for responsible leadership roles in science and industry in a globalized world. They are empowered to develop sustainable solutions using scientific methods – and thus to actively shape the future.

**We empower
talents to shape
the future.**

KIT offers more than a hundred Bachelor's and Master's degree programs, including a range of English-language programs that are continuously expanding.



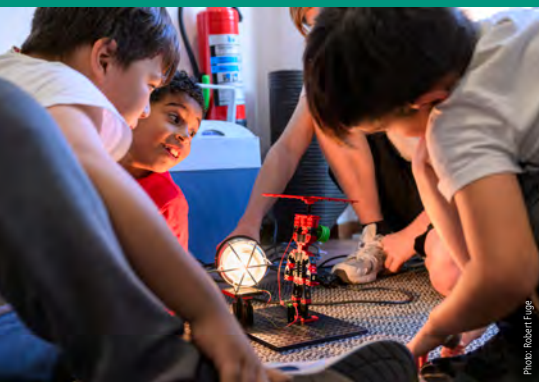


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Innovation and Transfer

FROM INSIGHTS TO SOLUTIONS

KIT bridges the gap between scientific findings and applications for the benefit of society, economic prosperity, and the preservation of our natural resources. Innovation is a core mission and an integral part of KIT's social responsibility. Hence, KIT encourages its scientists to pursue the innovation potential of their scientific and technological developments and supports them in doing so.

Science and society meet in KIT's real-world laboratories to drive sustainable innovation. Here, current findings from e.g. artificial intelligence and robotics, mobility, energy, or climate protection are tested and further developed in collaboration with citizens in their everyday lives.

German industry and the Karlsruhe Technology Region are ideal breeding grounds for realizing innovations. Moreover, KIT's research and innovation activities are in line with the federal government's Hightech Agenda: KIT excels in the fields the Agenda highlights, among them artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, fusion, chip design, and sensor technologies.



7 Real-World Labs



**Among German universities
with the highest number of startups**



**More than 60 spinoffs/year and
approx. 80 invention disclosures/year**



7 strategic partnerships with industry



13 shareholdings



Karlsruher Institut für Technologie

Working at KIT

WE CREATE IMPACT

Scientific and institutional excellence is a collective achievement: At KIT, everybody contributes to our success – whether in research, administration, infrastructure or vocational training. Top talent in all of these areas is essential to advancing education, research and innovation. Diversity is indispensable in mastering the global challenges of our time, developing sustainable solutions, and offering genuine added value to society.

KIT is committed to empowering people across its workforce and at every career stage to thrive, creating a collective impact that benefits society. Internationality, democracy, open dialogue, and mutual respect are core values woven into the fabric of KIT and enrich everything we do.

We strive for transparency, reliability and a trust-based collaboration. Adhering to the principle of equal treatment across all dimensions of diversity, including equal opportunities for all people, is central value of KIT.

Diversity and team spirit drive excellence at KIT.

Equal Opportunity

10,131 EMPLOYEES (2025)

SCIENTISTS: 5,930 (30% FEMALE)

▪ of which professors: 424 (22% female)

▪ of which international employees: 1,715

▪ doctoral researchers: 3,544 (31% female)

ADMINISTRATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: 4,201

▪ of which trainees: 319 (44% female)

Internationality

CONNECTING THE WORLD, ACTING TOGETHER



25% international students



20 international double-degree Bachelor's and Master's programs



29% international scientists



14 international alumni clubs



Scientific cooperations with over 65 countries



Member of various international university networks such as EUCOR, EPICUR, CLUSTER, CESAER and InterACT



Over 40 million euros in European funding



51 international doctoral programs



ONE KIT – MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Campus South

Kaiserstraße 12
76131 Karlsruhe, Germany

Campus North

Hermann-von-Helmholtz-Platz 1
76344 Eggenstein-
Leopoldshafen, Germany

Campus East

Rintheimer Querallee 2
76131 Karlsruhe, Germany

Campus West

Hertzstraße 16
76187 Karlsruhe, Germany

Dresden Office

Karlsruhe Project
Management Agency
Dresden Office
Hallwachsstraße 3
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Kreuzeckbahnstraße 19
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