

Start of the Winter Semester

Welcome Event for KIT Freshmen at Karlsruhe Gartenhalle –Total about 23,500 Students in the Winter Semester



At the Freshmen Welcome Event, information can be exchanged with students and professors. (Photo: Sandra Göttisheim)

In the 2012/2013 winter semester, more than 4500 young people will take up their studies at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). During the orientation phase, many of them have already been provided with first insights. Now, KIT will welcome the freshmen at a celebration: The Freshmen Welcome Event will take place on Friday, October 12, 18 hrs, at the Gartenhalle of the Karlsruhe Congress Center. Representatives of the media are cordially invited and kindly requested to register using the form enclosed.

KIT President Professor Eberhard Umbach will inform the new students and their families about opportunities and perspectives of education at KIT. "Due to the increasing interlinkage of education on Campus South with big research on Campus North, KIT can offer a unique studies environment in Germany," outlines Umbach. Presumably, more than 23,500 students will enroll with KIT for the coming winter semester (the deadline for the students' statistics expires at the end of November). As usual, the interest of applicants in engineering, scientific, and economics programs of KIT was particularly high.

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Numerous cultural, social, scientific, or economic university groups or students associations illustrate that studying at KIT is more than the acquisition of expert knowledge. During the welcome event, Eberhard Umbach will honor 41 students for their extraordinary commitment. Seven students will be awarded prizes for their theses by the city of Karlsruhe.

This year, all freshmen will be provided with a backpack by KIT's CareerService again. It contains information material of several KIT institutions, of the General Students' Committee, university groups, the Studentenwerk, and of the sponsors of the backpack. The brochure "Erstsemester-Guide to KIT" summarizes important information on studies, central facilities, and services and counseling offered by KIT.

Parallel to the start of the semester, the online students magazine "clicKIT" will be published. At www.kit.edu/clickit, latest news and background information will be provided together with links to films on YouTube (www.kit.edu/youtube) and discussions on Facebook (www.kit.edu/facebook). The editorial staff will present the magazine and its links to social networks at a stand in the Gartenhalle. Various KIT institutions, university groups, and partners will present themselves at other stands. In addition, the KIT collection will be presented. Clothes, office articles, and presents in KIT design are also available at www.kit-shop.de or at the bookstore on Kronenplatz.

Program of the Freshmen Welcome Event

Beginning: 18 hrs; admittance from 17.15 hrs

Music by the KIT Big Band

Director: Dr. Günter Hellstern

Welcome by the Presidential Committee

"Excellent Research – Excellent Education: Studies at KIT"

Professor Eberhard Umbach, KIT President

Welcome Address on behalf of the City of Karlsruhe

City Counselor Dr. Albert Käuflein

Prizes of the City of Karlsruhe Ceremony

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Welcome Address of the UStA President

“From Students for Students”

Philipp Rudo

Prizes for Extraordinary Student Commitment

Professor Eberhard Umbach, KIT President

Freshmen Quiz

Comedy Show with Abdelkarim

Presentation: Sebastian Theis

Get-together and Exchange of Experience at the Information Stands

With KIT Professors in the Entrance Hall of the Gartenhalle

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