

KIT Reaches Top Results in Taiwan Ranking

KIT Remains Best German University in Engineering and Natural Sciences – International Research Ranking of the National Taiwan University (NTU) Is Based on Publication Data

Of all German universities, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is top in engineering (place 61 worldwide) and natural sciences (place 51 worldwide). In the subjects of mechanical engineering and materials sciences, it is among the best in Europe. In the overall international ranking, KIT has moved upwards by 32 places and now assumes position 185 of the 500 best universities in the world. The “2013 Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities” measures research performance of universities based on scientific publications.

These results confirm the upward trend of KIT in previous years. As in 2012, KIT ranks in first place of all German universities in engineering (place 61 worldwide) ahead of RWTH Aachen (place 89 worldwide), TU München (place 94 worldwide), and TU Dresden (place 108 worldwide). In natural sciences, KIT (position 51 worldwide) is followed by LMU München (place 62 worldwide), Universität Heidelberg (place 72 worldwide), and TU München (place 81 worldwide). In the group of European universities, KIT reaches the tenth place in both subjects.

KIT also assumes top positions in a number of individual subjects with a total of five first places in Germany: In mechanical engineering, KIT is the best German university and ranks in third position in Europe (place 17 worldwide). In materials sciences, KIT reaches position 5 in Europe (place 37 worldwide). In addition, KIT is in the top group of German universities in physics (place 45 worldwide), chemical engineering (place 50 worldwide), and civil engineering (place 120 worldwide). In Germany, KIT is also rated top in chemistry, geosciences (place 2 each), electrical engineering (place 3), and informatics and environment/ecology (place 5 each).

In the overall ranking, KIT has moved upwards by four places in Germany and now ranks in 14th position. Worldwide, it has gained 32 places and now reaches place 185, i.e. it is in the top 200 of the best 500 universities in the world. The overall ranking results from the total of publications in all subjects. Due to its focus on natural sciences and

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engineering, not all subjects evaluated are represented at KIT, e.g. medicine.

Background

The “Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities” is the successor of the “Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan” (HEEACT) ranking that has been published annually since 2007. This new performance ranking has been issued by the National Taiwan University for departments and subjects since 2011. It considers universities and is based exclusively on the analysis of scientific publications. Evaluation of publications and citations does not only cover the past year, but considers a period of up to eleven years. The basis are publication data of the Web of Science (WoS) and Essential Science Indicators (ESI) (both Thomson Reuters).

More information: <http://NTUranking.lis.ntu.edu.tw>

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 9000 employees, including nearly 6000 staff members in the science and education sector, and 24000 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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