

Most Top Managers in Germany Studied at KIT

Study on Education Biographies of Board Members of the 100 Biggest Companies



The KIT – here, the library on Campus South – is the most popular university of the German top managers. (Photo: Markus Breig)

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Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is the most popular university of German top managers. This is obvious from a study by Michael Hartmann, Professor of elite and organizational sociology in Darmstadt. Evaluation of the education biographies of 529 board members of the 100 biggest German companies revealed that 24 top managers studied at KIT or its precursory institution, Universität Karlsruhe. The KIT is followed by the University of Cologne and RWTH Aachen (17 each). The not yet published study is reported by the *manager magazine* online today.

The study of Hartmann is based on publicly accessible sources, such as company websites and biographical databases. According to the study, most of the current top managers passed a conventional studies program at a state university in Germany. Graduates of private universities and universities of applied sciences as well as holders of an MBA (Master of Business Administration) can hardly be found in German managing boards.

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation pursuing the tasks of a state university of Baden-Württemberg and of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. The KIT mission combines the three strategic lines of activity of research, higher education, and innovation. With about 9,400 employees and 24,500 students, KIT is one of the big institutions of research and higher education in natural sciences and engineering in Europe.

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