

KIT Climbs Upwards in Worldwide QS Ranking

2015 QS World University Ranking Lists KIT in the Top 100 / Natural Sciences and Engineering Are Very Strong

In the current QS World University Ranking, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) has improved by more than 30 places. KIT is now ranked in position 93 and, hence, among the 100 best universities worldwide. In Germany, KIT confirmed its position as one of the best universities with place 4.

„In worldwide comparison of performances of universities, KIT has made a big leap forwards – we consider this a proof of the high quality of research and education and of the innovative strength of KIT,” President Professor Holger Hanselka says. According to the QS ranking, KIT’s reputation among employers is very good. In the survey, KIT reaches place 3 in Germany. In the category of faculty/student ratio, KIT is ranked in second place. In worldwide comparison, KIT reaches places 34 and 62 in the subjects of natural sciences and engineering, respectively.

Already this spring did KIT reach an excellent QS ranking in certain subjects. With a total of ten subjects, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology is among the top 200 universities worldwide. In four subjects – mechanical engineering, materials sciences, chemical engineering, and physics – KIT is in the top 50 of the world. In Germany, KIT is in second position in materials sciences and chemical engineering. In physics, KIT reached place 4, in mechanical engineering place 5. In the worldwide ranking, KIT’s mechanical engineering reached place 46, chemical engineering was ranked in the 50th place, and informatics and civil engineering were ranked in the group from 51 to 100. In natural sciences, KIT’s physics reached place 28, materials sciences was ranked in place 45, and chemistry and mathematics were ranked in the group from 51 to 100.

The overall QS World University Ranking is based on the criteria of academic reputation, faculty/student ratio, citations per scientist, reputation among employers, and the proportion of international scientists and students. These data are determined from statistics and surveys of scholars and staff managers. Since 2010, QS has been publishing an own ranking (before, it co-edited the THE Rank-

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ing) that is largely based on reputation indicators. Every autumn, the overall ranking is published, the ranking by subject is issued in spring.

More information on the ranking by subject:

http://www.kit.edu/kit/english/pi_2015_16690.php

Detailed information is available directly at QS:

www.topuniversities.com

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation pursuing the tasks of a Baden-Wuerttemberg state university and of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. The KIT mission combines the three core tasks 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.

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

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