

## KIT Improves in THE Ranking

**KIT Improves by 27 Places to Position 138 in the 2015 THE Ranking – Strengths in Research, Citations, and Third-Party Funding**

**In the renowned Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking 2015, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) has improved by 27 places and is now ranked in position 138 worldwide.**

This good ranking of KIT is mainly due to improvements in the areas of research and citations by more than 10%. In addition, KIT has improved by about 17 percent in third-party funding by industry (industry income). Here, it is in the top 80 of the world. With industry income, THE measures the universities' capacity of supporting industry with innovations, inventions, and advice. KIT already did well in the recently published "Reuters Top 100: The World's Most Innovative Universities" ranking. It revealed that KIT succeeds in making its scientific findings usable by society and industry via startups, spinoffs, licenses, and services.

The annual THE ranking of the Times Higher Education journal is based on 13 criteria. The universities' reputation is derived from interviews of academics. General statistics of the universities are evaluated and citations of articles in expert journals are counted. The criteria are weighed as follows: Education (30%), research (30%), citations (30%), internationality (7.5%), and industry income (2.5%).

More information about THE: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com>

Press release about KIT's ranking in the Reuters Top 100:  
[http://www.kit.edu/kit/english/pi\\_2015\\_106\\_kit-is-among-the-most-innovative-universities-in-the-world.php](http://www.kit.edu/kit/english/pi_2015_106_kit-is-among-the-most-innovative-universities-in-the-world.php)

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