

4,500 Student Beginners at KIT

Welcome of Freshmen on October 23 at the Congress Center – In the 2015/2016 Winter Semester, the Number of Students Will Total 24,300



Start of studies: KIT welcomes its student beginners by a celebration at Schwarzwaldhalle. (Photo: Markus Breig, KIT)

4,500 freshmen are about to start their studies at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in the next days. KIT will welcome them and their families in Karlsruhe by the traditional welcome event on Friday, October 23, 2015, 18.30 hrs, at the Schwarzwaldhalle of the Karlsruhe Congress Center.

“Research-oriented teaching and close exchange among disciplines characterize studies at KIT,” KIT President Professor Holger Hanselka says. “Our students are given insights into research projects and have the opportunity to learn scientific, interdisciplinary, and intercultural working at an early stage already.”

During the welcome event, the opportunities associated with studies at KIT will be presented by the KIT Vice President for Higher Education and Academic Affairs, Professor Alexander Wanner. “We are convinced of the research-oriented profile of university studies being an optimal basis of a successful later career in society, science, and industry. Apart from specialized education, our students are given many incentives and chances to think outside the box and to sharp-

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en and enhance their social, communicative, and intercultural competences.” During the welcome event, Alexander Wanner will honor 59 students from all departments and many university groups of KIT for their high commitment. Five graduates will be handed over prizes of the city of Karlsruhe by Lord Mayor Dr. Frank Mentrup for their graduation theses.

24,300 Students at KIT

The number of 4,500 freshmen slightly exceeds that of the previous year. The total number of students will presumably amount to 24,300. However, enrolment and move-up procedures are still in progress. The reference date for the statistics is November 30.

Orientation Phase, KIT Backpack, Brochure “Was Studierende wissen sollten”

In the orientation phases that are traditionally organized by advanced students, the freshmen already familiarized with the most important contact points of KIT in the past days. As in the past years, the freshmen will be given the KIT backpack by the KIT Career Service. It contains information material about major KIT institutions, the General Students Committee, and the Studierendenwerk as well as information and giveaways of the backpack sponsors. Important information for starting studies, about central institutions, and services and support of KIT is summarized in the brochure “Was Studierende wissen sollten”:

www.kit.edu/mediathek/print_forschung/Broschuere_Erstsemester_de.pdf

New Issue of the Online Students’ Magazine “clickKIT”

The online students’ magazine “clickKIT” will also be issued at the beginning of the lecturing period. It will be entitled “Leben und Studieren in Karlsruhe” (living and studying in Karlsruhe) and provide latest news and background information, with audio interviews, films (www.kit.edu/youtube), and discussions (www.kit.edu/facebook) and can be found at www.kit.edu.clickit. Every issue covers a topic selected by the Facebook community. During the welcome event at Schwarzwaldhalle, the magazine will be presented by the editorial staff at one of the booths. At other booths, various KIT institutions, university groups, and partners will inform about their offers and be pleased to answer questions. In addition, the KIT shop will be present. Among others, hoodies and T-shirts may be purchased. All

articles may also be obtained at the KIT shop in building 11.30 or at www.kit-shop.de.

Program of the 2015 Freshmen Welcome Event

Start: 18 hrs, admission from 17.15 hrs

Venue: Schwarzwaldhalle, Kongresszentrum Karlsruhe

Musical Opening by the KIT Big Band

Conductor: Günter Hellstern

Welcome by the Presidential Committee

“Excellent Research – Excellent Education: Studying at KIT”
Professor Alexander Wanner, KIT Vice President for Higher Education and Academic Affairs

Welcome by the City of Karlsruhe

Dr. Frank Mentrup, Lord Mayor of the City of Karlsruhe

Hand-over of the Award of the City of Karlsruhe

Dr. Frank Mentrup, Lord Mayor of the City of Karlsruhe

Welcome Address by the AStA General Students Committee

“From Students for Students”

Prizes for Outstanding Student Commitment

Professor Alexander Wanner, KIT Vice President for Higher Education and Academic Affairs

Freshmen Quiz

Cabaret with Sascha Korf

After the Program:

Visit of the information booths and get-together with professors of KIT in the entrance hall of Schwarzwaldhalle

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.

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