

Start of Semester at KIT

3500 Young People Start Their Studies – KIT Welcomes Them with a Celebration at the Stadthalle



Welcome to KIT: Celebration, information, music, and comedy to welcome freshmen (Photo: Gabi Zachmann)

In the 2009/2010 winter semester, about 3500 freshmen will start their studies at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). In the past days, many of them already gained their first impressions during the orientation phase. On Saturday, October 24, 16 hrs, KIT will welcome the new students with a celebration in the Johannes-Brahms-Saal of the Karlsruhe Stadthalle. Journalists are cordially invited.

The new students are the first to start their studies at KIT that was established officially on October 01. They will profit from the merger of the university and Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe into the largest scientific institution in Germany. Among others, employees working on Campus North, the former Research Center, will participate in education. In this way, the student-lecturer ratio will be improved significantly at KIT.

During the event to welcome freshmen, KIT president Horst Hippler will also hand over awards to students who demonstrate particular commitment. This year, the awards will go to representatives of four students bodies and twelve university groups.

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The freshmen have already been given a welcome package during their orientation phase. The freshman backpack prepares students for a successful start of their professional career during their time at KIT already. In addition, they are given a USB stick by KIT. This welcome package was organized by the KIT Career Service. The main sponsor is Daimler AG.

In addition to information material issued by the Studentenwerk, the General Students' Committee (AStA), various KIT institutions, and university groups, the "Erstsemester Guide to KIT" (Freshmen Guide to KIT) will be supplied this year. It contains major information on studies, central institutions, service and consultancy offers at KIT.

Parallel to the start of the semester, the next issue of "clickKIT", the online magazine for students at KIT, will be published at www.kit.edu/clickit. On 26 pages, it will supply information and details on studies at KIT, on the professional world, and on life on the campus. The editorial staff of clickKIT will present the magazine after the freshmen welcome event at the KIT booth in the entrance hall of the Stadthalle.

Program – Start 16 hrs

Welcome: President Professor Horst Hippler

"Excellent Research – Excellent Education: Studies at KIT"

Mayor Margret Mergen

Welcome address of the city of Karlsruhe and award of the city of Karlsruhe

KIT Film

Sebastian Maisch, Chairman of the General Students' Committee (AStA)

"Studying Does Not Only Mean Learning"

Awards for Students by President Horst Hippler

Awards for excellent student commitment

Freshmen Quiz

Hi-Tech Entertainment – "The Cyber Suitcase" with Dobs Brugal

Musical Program: Uni Big Band



Well equipped with the KIT freshman backpack (Photo: Jana Mayer)

After the event, information booths may be visited and a get-together is organized with professors in the entrance hall of the Stadthalle (1st floor).

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation and state institution of Baden-Württemberg. It fulfills the mission of a university and the mission of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. KIT focuses on a knowledge triangle that links the tasks of research, teaching, and innovation.

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