

Start of KIT Foundation

Promotion of Research, Education, and Academic Life at KIT – Invitation to Foundation Ceremony



Agreement on the establishment of the KIT Foundation to bundle commitments of donors. (Photo: Andrea Fabry)

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Karlsruhe Institute of Technology will establish an own foundation to optimally support research, education, and academic life at KIT. The KIT Foundation will start with a capital of about EUR 1.3 million donated by the founding donors and sponsors. The Foundation shall bundle the commitments of donating enterprises, patrons, and alumni. Journalists are cordially invited to come to the foundation ceremony on Thursday, July 12, 18.00 hrs, at the entrance hall of the Audimax (kindly register using the form enclosed).

The KIT Foundation shall support excellent research. Apart from the establishment of endowed chairs and the support of construction projects, the focus will lie on extensive support of young scientists. The Foundation will support among others projects for an early independence of young scientists, within the framework of which the latter will use results from their master, diploma, or PhD theses. Moreover, funds provided by the Foundation will be used to explore new fields of science.

The KIT Foundation will also support education at KIT: It will grant fellowships to students in special situations of life and will be responsible for all activities associated with KIT granting the Deutschlandstipendium (Germany scholarship). This scholarship funded with federal participation is granted to students with excellent achievements and high social commitment. As regards academic life, the Foundation intends to improve studies conditions of students with children by funding infrastructure and care facilities. Other projects cover the support of the Study Center for Visually Impaired Students or activities of the KIT orchestra.

“After the merger, KIT has developed to an internationally known scientific institution within a period of two years. With a budget of about EUR 800 million, 9200 employees, and more than 22,000 students, it already is one of the most powerful research and education institutions in Europe,” emphasizes KIT President Professor Eberhard Umbach. “We are very happy that the founding donors from industry, medium-sized enterprises, and private persons as well as alumni support us and hope that many other donors will accompany KIT on its way in the future.”

Alumnus Stefan Quandt, the Mayor of the City Karlsruhe, Wolfram Jäger, and Dr. Rolf Leonhard, Robert Bosch GmbH, will speak at the foundation ceremony on July 12.

Program of the Foundation Ceremony:

18.00 hrs Musical Opening

Collegium Musicum

18.05 hrs Welcome and Presentation of the Foundation

Prof. Eberhard Umbach, President of KIT

18.20 hrs Welcome Address

Mayor Wolfram Jäger, City of Karlsruhe

18.25 hrs Music

18.30 hrs Signing of the Agreement on the KIT Foundation

All founding donors present, photo

18.50 hrs Speech

Stefan Quandt

19.00 hrs Speech

Dr. Rolf Leonhard, Robert Bosch GmbH

19.10 hrs Musical Conclusion of the Program

Reception

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation according to the legislation of the state 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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