

# NTU Ranking: KIT Continues to be the Best German University in Natural and Engineering Sciences

International Ranking of the National Taiwan University (NTU) Is Based on Publication Data

In natural and engineering sciences, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is the best German university in the ranking of the National Taiwan University (NTU). In the overall ranking of the 800 best universities in the world, KIT reaches place 216. The “2018 Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities” measures research performance of universities based on scientific publications.

As in previous years, KIT ranks first of all German universities in natural sciences (place 62 worldwide) and engineering (place 95 worldwide). With first places in geosciences (place 40 worldwide), chemistry (place 64 worldwide), and chemical engineering (place 66 worldwide) and top-5 rankings in civil engineering, materials sciences, informatics, ecology, physics, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering, KIT has also reached very good results in individual subjects on the national level.

Like nearly all German universities, KIT has lost a few places in the overall ranking (overall ranking 2017: 211), but has improved somewhat in the total score reached (2018: 55.6 points; 2017: 53.4 points). This score among others reflects the number of publications (factor “Productivity”) and their reputation (“Excellence”) as well as the frequency of citations (“Impact”).

In the overall ranking, KIT still ranks in 19<sup>th</sup> position in Germany as in the previous year. Due to its focus on natural sciences and engineering, not all subjects evaluated are represented at KIT, e.g. medicine.

## About the NTU Ranking

The “Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities” has been published by the National Taiwan University since 2011. It considers universities only and is based exclusively on the analysis of scientific publications. Evaluation of publications and citations does not only cover the past year, but a period of up to eleven years. The basis are publication data of the Web of Science (WoS) and Essential Science Indicators (ESI) (both Thomson Reuters).

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