

## 5100 Student Beginners at KIT

Welcome Event for Student Beginners at Schwarzwaldhalle – More than 24,000 Students in the 2018/19 Winter Semester



*KIT will welcome its student beginners at the Karlsruhe Kongresszentrum. (Photo: Breig/KIT)*

**About 5100 new students will begin their studies at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in the 2018/19 winter semester. The traditional welcome ceremony for them and their families will take place on Friday, October 12, 2018, 18.00 hrs, at the Schwarzwaldhalle of the Karlsruhe Congress Center. Representatives of the media are cordially invited.**

“As ‘The Research University in the Helmholtz Association’, we focus on research-based education. It characterizes studies at KIT. Our students learn to identify problems independently, to tackle research problems, and to develop sustainable solutions at an early stage. In this way, we prepare them in the best possible manner for responsible tasks – no matter whether these will be found in society, industry, or science,” says the President of KIT, Professor Holger Hanselka. During the welcome event for student beginners, he will present the special opportunities associated with studies at KIT.

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## Student Commitment at KIT

Prior to the start of the semester, student representations at KIT organize orientation phases, O-phases for short, to facilitate the start at KIT for beginning students. More than 90 student groups and associations of KIT contribute to the diverse campus life, from culture to sports to politics, and much more. KIT will honor 49 students for their high commitment in university groups and student representations at the welcome event.

The event will be in German.

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**Being “The Research University in the Helmholtz Association“, KIT creates and imparts knowledge for the society and the environment. It is the objective to make significant contributions to the global challenges in the fields of energy, mobility and information. For this, about 9,300 employees cooperate in a broad range of disciplines in natural sciences, engineering sciences, economics, and the humanities and social sciences. KIT prepares its 25,500 students for responsible tasks in society, industry, and science by offering research-based study programs. Innovation efforts at KIT build a bridge between important scientific findings and their application for the benefit of society, economic prosperity, and the preservation of our natural basis of life.**

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