

KIT Welcomes 5,000 Student Beginners for the Winter Semester

Welcome Event at Schwarzwaldhalle: Altogether, Nearly 23,000 Students Have Enrolled for the 2019/2020 Winter Semester



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

About 5,000 new students will begin their studies at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in the coming winter semester. The traditional welcome ceremony for them and their families will take place on Friday, October 18, 2019, 18.00 hrs, at the Schwarzwaldhalle of the Karlsruhe Congress Center.

"At KIT, we prepare our students for taking over responsible tasks in science, industry, and society. We rely on research-based education for our students to learn at an early stage to identify problems independently, to tackle research problems, and to develop sustainable solutions," says Professor Alexander Wanner, Vice-President for Higher Education and Academic Affairs of KIT.

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 25,100 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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This year's **anniversary logo** recalls the milestones reached by KIT and its long tradition in research, teaching, and innovation. On October 1, 2009, KIT was established by the merger of its two predecessor institutions: the Polytechnic School and later University of Karlsruhe was founded in 1825, the Nuclear Reactor Construction and Operation Company and later Karlsruhe Research Center in 1956.