KIT - Partner Information		
Name of institution:	**KIT – Karlsruhe Institute of Technology**	
URL address:	**http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies**	
Head of institution	**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Holger Hanselka**	
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Period of courses 2023/24	**1st semester**	October 23th, 2023 – February 17th, 2024
	2nd semester	April 15th, 2024 – July 27th, 2024
	Please note that exams take place during the lecture free-periods, i.e. between 1 week and 8 weeks after the end of lectures.	
Calendar details	http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3157.php and http://www.sle.kit.edu/imstudium/termine-fristen.php	
Orientation week 2023/24	**1st semester**	October 16th, 2023 – October 22nd, 2023
	2nd semester	April 8th, 2024 – April 14th, 2024
(Pre-semester) German language courses 2023/24	**1st semester**	September 25th, 2023 – October 13th, 2023
	2nd semester	March 18th, 2024 – April 05th, 2024
Application deadline	**May 1st**	for the 1st semester or for the entire academic year
	November 1st	for the 2nd semester
Nomination deadline	**April 1st**	for the 1st semester or for the entire academic year
	October 1st	for the 2nd semester

Application procedure	1. **Nomination**: Please send an email to overseas-in@intl.kit.edu with names, specialisation, period of stay at KIT, language level (German and/or English) and email address of your selected students by the above-mentioned nomination deadline.
	2. **Application**: We will inform your students after the nomination deadline by email about the online application procedure. Further information is available at http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3242.php.
	3. Students will be asked to fill in the online application and print out the application form. This form has to be signed by the home university exchange coordinator as well as the students and should be uploaded along with
	    a. a proof of German knowledge (and/or proof of English knowledge if the students plan on taking English-taught courses at the KIT)
	    b. a Learning Agreement (list of courses)
	    c. a current transcript of records
	    d. a current enrolment certificate/ proof of matriculation at home university
	by the above-mentioned deadline. We will confirm the reception of the application within 2 weeks.
	4. **Acceptance at KIT** will be confirmed within 4 to 6 weeks after the application deadline.

Language requirements	Please note that English is not spoken everywhere in Germany/at KIT. Thus, participation in the pre-semester German course offered at KIT is mandatory to all applicants, who don't have any/sufficient German language proficiency. The following departments at KIT: • Department of Architecture (ARCH), • Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences (BGU), • Department of Chemical and Process Engineering (CIW), • Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (ETIT), • Department of Mechanical Engineering (MACH) and • Department of Economics and Management (WIWI) require applicants to have: • a B1 CEFR level of German language certificate, if only courses taught in German will be attended or • a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate, if only courses taught in English will be attended or • both language certificates (a B1 CEFR level of German and a B2 CEFR level of English) if courses in both languages will be attended **Only for the ETIT faculty**: a A2 CEFR level of German and a B2 CEFR level of English. The following departments at KIT: • Department of Chemistry and Biosciences (CHEM-BIO) and • Department of Informatics (INFO) require applicants to have: • a B1 CEFR level of German language certificate (mandatory requirement) and additionally • a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate only if courses taught in English will be attended

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The following departments at KIT:

- Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (GEIST-SOZ),
- Department of Mathematics (MATH) and
- Department of Physics (PHY)

require applicants to have:
- an A2/B1 CEFR level of German language certificate (mandatory requirement) and additionally
- a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate only if courses taught in English will be attended.

Department of Chemistry and Biosciences (CHEM-BIO) requires applicants to have:

- a C1 CEFR level of German language certificate if courses taught in German will be attended or
- B2/C1 CEFR level of English language certificate if courses taught in English will be attended.

*The language certificates must not be older than exactly five years by the application deadline.

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German language courses

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We accept most types of German certificates including certificates from your university's language centre as long as it clearly states the **successful completion of the language level** with regard to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This means that a simple certificate of attendance for a language course without any mention of a successful examination is not sufficient (i.e. participating in an A2 language course does not mean that the level has been reached).
Should the German language proficiency not match the minimum requirements, we strongly advise all students to use the time left in the home country to obtain the necessary skills and we **reserve the right to decline the students' application**.

If your students want to estimate their CEFR-level of German, they might do so using following online test provided by the Goethe Institute.
http://www.goethe.de/cgi-bin/einstufungstest/einstufungstest.pl

For a good start to the semester at KIT, all incoming students are given the opportunity to participate in a three-week German language course (beginners and intermediate A2-B2) before the semester begins. **This course is not a substitute for the certificate of the German language level required for the application.**
During the semester, the Studienkolleg at KIT offers free German language courses for all students enrolled at KIT.

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Information for incoming students

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Useful information for incoming students can be found on our website:
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Lectures/Courses/ Project	A list of courses at KIT can be found here: https://campus.studium.kit.edu/english/events/catalog.php#!campus/all/fields.asp?group=Vorlesungsverzeichnis Under "Extended search for events", you can choose all courses taught in a certain language, for example in German or English. If the courses of the next semester are not available yet, we recommend looking for courses from the year before. The Carl-Benz-School /International Department is offering an international Bachelor study program in English at the Department of Mechanical Engineering with restricted admission. Please be aware that the participation in this English-taught program (courses starting with the number 3xxxx in our courses catalogues) only offers limited access to exchange students. Please note that course registration for some seminars and lectures is required.
Fees	**Students from partner universities** pay a social contribution of about 87.70 € per semester. This includes reduced student prices at the university restaurant, transportation reductions and accident insurance: www.sw-ka.de/en/finanzen/semesterbeitraege
Health insurance	Health insurance coverage is compulsory for the **entire** stay in Germany (with an unlimited coverage €). Students can take out health insurance in their home country before arriving in Karlsruhe or take out German public health insurance before or after their arrival in Karlsruhe. We suggest them to take out a German public health insurance because not all the private insurance from third countries are accepted in Germany.
Accommodation	KIT reserves rooms for students from partner universities in students' residences if possible. Students need to apply for them. Rooms are not assigned automatically. These furnished single rooms cost 250-350€ and have a set lease period from September to February and/or March to August. No other moving in/out date is possible. Students will be informed about housing possibilities and application procedure within 8 weeks of the application deadline.
Visa/residence permit	Exchange students from • non-EU member states or • non-EEA member states require **student visas** (not tourist visas) in order to study in Germany. This visa can be obtained at your local German embassy. To receive this visa, students need the "Zulassungsbescheid" (Admission Letter) from KIT. Please do note that the processing time for a student visa can take 8 weeks or longer depending on the local embassy. KIT cannot affect this procedure. Please inform your students to apply for a student visa as soon as they receive the "Admission Letter".