

## **German Research Foundation (DFG) Funding Atlas 2018: TU9 Universities rank among the universities with the highest levels of third-party funding in Germany.**

**TU9 Universities lead once again in the engineering sciences – both in DFG funding formats and in industrial collective research. The international standing of TU9 Universities is reflected in the large number of ERC grantees and of AvH and DAAD funding recipients.**

**Berlin, July 6, 2018** – TU9 Universities once again rank among the universities with the highest levels of third-party funding in Germany. With €1,537.7 million in the period 2014-2016, they received over a fifth (21%) of all German Research Foundation (DFG) awards across all scientific disciplines. RWTH Aachen University, the Technical University of Munich and Technische Universität Dresden occupy places 3, 4 and 6.

In the engineering sciences subject area profile, almost 50% of DFG funding goes to TU9 Universities, eight of which are among the top 10. The same picture is seen across all five disciplines: mechanical engineering and production technology; heat energy technology/process engineering; materials science and materials engineering; computer science, systems, and electrical engineering; and construction engineering and architecture.

In the industrial collective research (IGF) funding program, TU9 Universities likewise stand out as particularly highly sought-after partner institutions in research projects primarily directed at the ‘Mittelstand’ – the many mid-size companies at the heart of the German economy. Over 60% of the €212.8 million total funding volume for higher education institutions goes to TU9 Universities.

TU9 has an international reputation for excellence in engineering sciences research and teaching. The new DFG Funding Atlas places a special focus on research funding in a European context. With 67 ERC grants, almost 25% of all ERC grantees preferred one of the TU9 Universities. Their international appeal is demonstrated by 835 Humboldt Foundation (AvH) funding recipients (19%) and 686 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) funding recipients (19%). In the engineering sciences, no fewer than 57% of DAAD funding recipients (330 out of 581) are at TU9 Universities.

The DFG Funding Atlas is published every three years and presents comprehensive data, by subject area, on publicly funded research in Germany. The new Funding Atlas was presented on July 5, 2018 in a joint press conference held by DFG, the German Rectors’ Conference (HRK), and Stifterverband.

### **About TU9**

TU9 is the Alliance of leading Universities of Technology in Germany: RWTH Aachen University, Technische Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Technical University of Darmstadt, Technische Universität Dresden, Leibniz University Hannover, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Technical University of Munich, and University of Stuttgart.

Tradition, excellence, and innovation are the hallmarks of TU9 Universities. Founded during the Industrial Age, they contributed decisively to technological progress back then and continue to do so today. They enjoy an outstanding reputation around the world as renowned research and teaching institutions that promote the transfer of knowledge and technology between universities and practice. As such, they train exceptional young academics for careers in science, business, and administration and assume social responsibility. TU9 Universities foster top-class international networks and diverse

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cooperation with industry, making them a key element of Germany's position as a location of science and innovation.



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