

Press Release

Five TU9 Universities successful as Universities of Excellence

TU9 Universities have anew demonstrated their strength in cutting-edge research with their successes in the second funding line of the Excellence Strategy

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Five of the eleven Universities of Excellence are TU9 Universities. In the second funding line of the Excellence Strategy, decisions have been made. The Federal Minister of Education and Research, Anja Karliczek, announced the results at today's press conference in Bonn.

The successful TU9 Universities are RWTH Aachen University, Technische Universität Dresden, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Technische Universität Berlin (as part of the Berlin University Alliance) and Technical University of Munich being a new member.

Excellent TU9 Universities and their concepts for the future:

RWTH Aachen University

The Integrated Interdisciplinary University of Science and Technology. Knowledge. Impact. Networks

Technische Universität Berlin (part of the Berlin University Alliance):

Crossing Boundaries toward an Integrated Research Environment

Technical University of Dresden:

TUD 2028: Synergy and beyond

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology:

The Research University in the Helmholtz Association | Living the Change

Technical University of Munich:

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"We congratulate all universities that were successful today and are particularly pleased that five TU9 Universities are among them," said TU9 President Wolfram Ressel. "TU9 Universities are once again demonstrating that they know how to combine internationally competitive cutting-edge research with innovative application in a forward-looking manner. They are a key element of the German science and innovation landscape. We hope that all the other applicants who have submitted outstanding proposals will also successfully keep advancing their innovative ideas".

After the great success in the Excellence Cluster Competition in autumn 2018, in which 21 Excellence Clusters (out of 57) were approved at TU9 Universities (or with their participation), eight TU9 Universities were entitled to apply for the status of Excellence Universities. As of today, five of them can call themselves Universities of Excellence.



Excellence Strategy

The Federal and State Governments together provide 148 million euros annually for the eleven universities of excellence. This is planned as a permanent Federal funding. Every seven years, the funded universities must undergo an evaluation and again acquire at least two or (as a group) three Clusters of Excellence in order to continue to receive funding.

The aim of the Excellence Strategy is to strengthen Germany's position as an outstanding place for research in the long term and further improve its international competitiveness. It continues the development of German universities successfully begun with the Excellence Initiative by supporting research of the highest standard, enhancing research profiles, and facilitating cooperation in the research system.

Further information: https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/excellence_strategy/index.html

About TU9

TU9 is the Alliance of leading Universities of Technology in Germany: RWTH Aachen University, Technische Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Technische Universität 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 cooperation with industry, making them a key element of Germany's position as a location of science and innovation.