

Press Release

Nature Germany Index: TU9 Alliance in 2nd Place

TU9 Universities are significant contributors to Germany's position
as a location for top-class research

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The nine leading Technical Universities of the TU9 Alliance are in second place in the overall ranking of the Nature Index Germany – with a total of 2,502 publications in international top journals. As a university alliance, TU9 ranks between two large non-university research alliances, the Max Planck Society in first place (2,707 publications) and the Helmholtz Association in third place (2,367 publications).

Publications in 82 internationally renowned journals for life sciences and natural sciences provide the data basis for measuring the strength of research institutions worldwide. The journals are selected by a panel of international researchers. The number of publications is an indicator of which institutions particularly strengthen Germany's position as an outstanding research location.

The Nature Index Germany also breaks down the overall result into four research areas. In the subject areas of Physical Sciences and Chemistry, the TU9 Universities rank first, ahead of the MPG and Helmholtz. In the subject areas Earth & Environmental Sciences and Life Sciences, the universities of the TU9 Alliance rank 3rd in each of these areas.

TU9 President Prof. Dr.-Ing. Wolfram Ressel: “With this ranking result, the TU9 Universities once again show that they are not only drivers of innovation through application-oriented research and development, but also carry out top-level research in basic research, which is reflected in a large number of top-class publications.” After the United States and China, Germany is the country with the highest number of publications in the Nature Index worldwide.

The long-term and reliable funding of basic university research is an essential element for the successful future of the German scientific landscape.

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