

Press Release

TU9 at the 19th Annual GAIN Conference in San Francisco

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From August 23 to 25, TU9, the Alliance of leading Universities of Technology in Germany, will once again attend the Annual GAIN Conference in the US. Researchers across all disciplines will exchange ideas with numerous representatives from the German scientific community, government and industry. TU9 representatives will provide advice in panel discussions, workshops and lectures – as well as at information booths and during lunch sessions – on research and career opportunities at TU9 universities, both of which attract great interest in the US.

“The Annual GAIN Conference offers a unique atmosphere and a venue for direct exchange with talented early career researchers and also with decision-makers in the German research landscape,” says Professor Dr.-Ing. Wolfram Ressel, TU9 President and Rector of the University of Stuttgart. “I especially look forward to the opportunity for exchange with the young researchers in the engineering sciences working group.”

The GAIN program on Friday morning will be preceded by the interactive panel discussion which asks: “Can government programs succeed in fostering technological breakthroughs?” and which is hosted by the Transatlantic Entrepreneurship Network (TEN). This sees Professor Dr. Volker Epping (TU9 Vice President and President of Leibniz Universität Hannover) and Professor Dr.-Ing. Peter Wriggers (Vice President for Research, Leibniz Universität Hannover) discussing the question of whether breakthrough innovations are launched by the public sector or whether so-called “disruptive” innovations can only occur in the private sector.

Also on the GAIN program, Professor Dr. Angela Ittel (Vice President Strategic Development, TU Berlin) will speak about personal career paths in research and ways to pro-actively shape career phases and transitions while taking funding opportunities into account. Professor Dr. Volker Epping will give advice in a workshop for dual-career couples wanting to return to Germany together, with tips on how to get started and a list of the dos and don'ts in the appointment process. Professor Dr. Oliver Kraft (Vice President for Research, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology) will give his views on the “Excellence Strategy 2019 - 2025: New Career Opportunities in Clusters of Excellence”. Manfred Nettekoven (Chancellor of RWTH Aachen University) will share information on the academic appointment and application procedures, while Dr. Mathias Neukirchen (Chancellor TU Berlin) will talk on success entry paths into research management. Professor Dr. Susanne Kossatz (TU Munich) and Professor Dr. Elena Mäder-Baumdicker (TU Darmstadt) will address colleagues from other universities to share their experiences with Germany's tenure-track professorship.

About GAIN

GAIN - the German Academic International Network - is a joint initiative of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Research Foundation (DFG). In recent years, GAIN has become established as a platform to improve the two-way flow of information across the Atlantic and as a forum to promote networking between researchers in Germany and the US. This year's Annual GAIN Conference is being held as part of the Year of German-American Friendship 2018 - 2019.



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.