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PREFACE

This brochure provides a first insight into research in Germany in the fields of manufacturing science and engineering and is especially recommended to early career researchers from abroad.

Manufacturing science and engineering in Germany is primarily conducted at universities but also at non-university research institutions. Almost all universities and many universities of applied sciences host a manufacturing science and engineering section. The spectrum ranges from small monothematic working groups to large interdisciplinary departments and covers a variety of topics from traditional areas to new explorative research fields.

This brochure is intended to give an initial overview. The following map and tables highlight research consortia and graduate training programmes at universities and non-university research institutes with a main focus on manufacturing science and engineering.

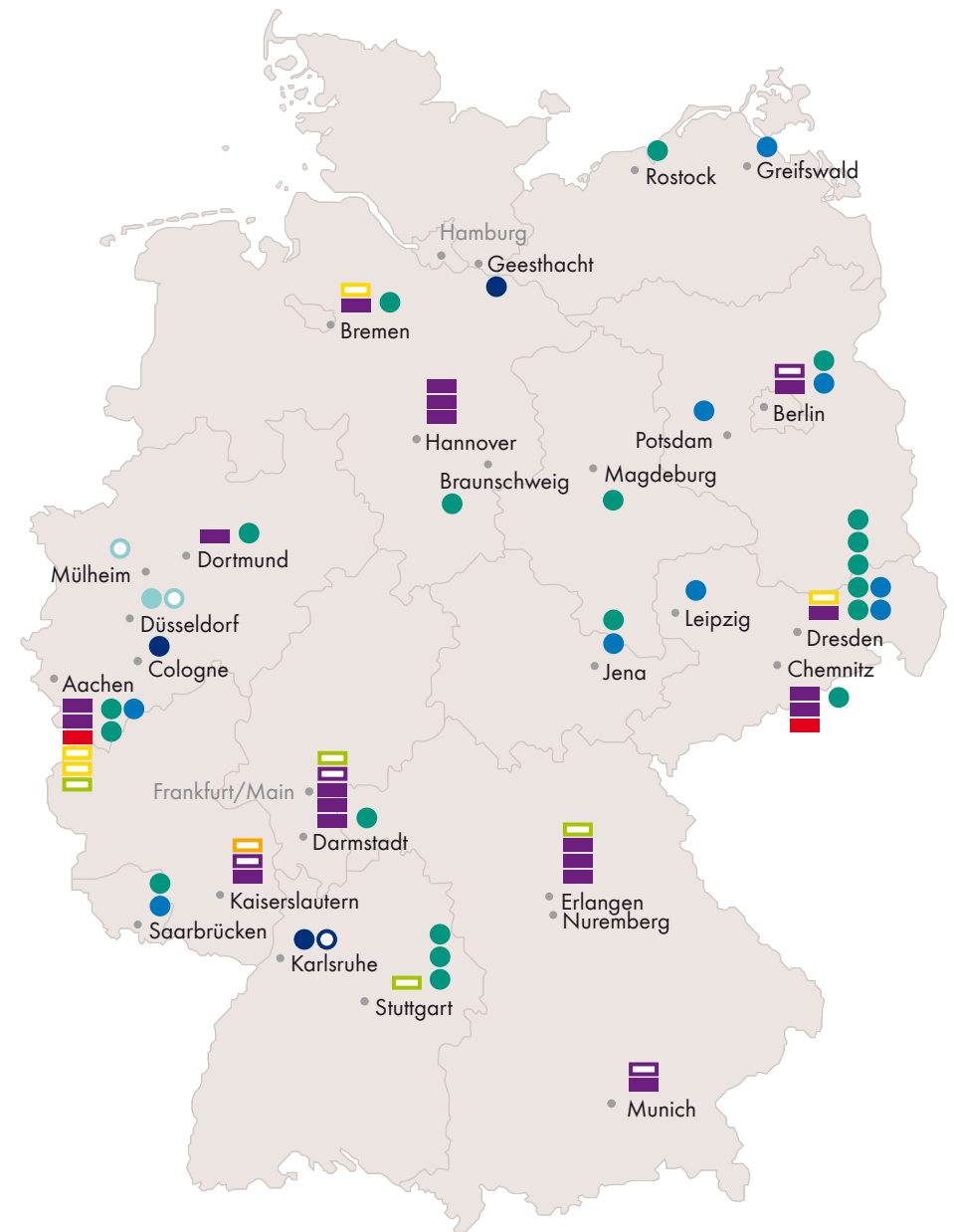
On top of this, there is a lot more to discover: e.g. the DFG funds a multitude of individual projects in the area of manufacturing science and engineering. These individual grants outweigh the research consortia both in number and in overall funding volume. Towards the end of this brochure, you will find a link to the online database GEPRIS that provides an overview of all DFG funded research projects. You will also find additional important links for further information about programmes in the fields of manufacturing science and engineering and profiles of German universities and research institutions.

We invite you to explore the many opportunities that Germany has to offer and welcome your feedback.

OVERVIEW

 Graduate Schools	 Helmholtz Graduate Schools
 Research Training Groups	 International Max Planck Research Schools
 International Research Training Groups	 Fraunhofer Institutes
 Integrated Research Training Groups in Collaborative Research Centres/Transregions	 Helmholtz Centres
 Clusters of Excellence	 Leibniz Institutes
 Collaborative Research Centres/Transregions	 Max Planck Institutes












DFG funded Priority Programmes and Research Units are not shown on the map since they are not necessarily located at a single location; they are listed on pages 13 and 15.







Clusters of Excellence (EXC) were established at universities in the framework of the German Excellence Initiative and promote cutting-edge research. Their objective is to engage in scientific networking and collaboration in research fields of particular promise for the future. They also offer excellent training conditions and career opportunities for early career researchers.

Collaborative Research Centres (CRC) are organisational units established at universities which enable researchers to pursue an outstanding research programme crossing the boundaries of disciplines, institutes, departments and faculties. The traditional Collaborative Research Centre is generally applied for by one university and is conducted by researchers of that university. Early career support is a key objective of the Collaborative Research Centre Programme. Early career researchers may get involved in a CRC in numerous ways, for example within the framework of an Integrated Research Training Group. Collaborative Research Centres are funded for a period of up to 12 years.

Transregios (TRR) are Collaborative Research Centres in which up to three universities collaborate with each other and submit a joint application. The contributions of the cooperative partners are essential, complementary and synergetic to the joint research objective. Funding facilitates close, nationwide collaboration among the participating universities and researchers, as well as networking and shared use of resources. There is also the option of international Transregios.

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
CLUSTERS OF EXCELLENCE				
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	Integrative Production Technology for High-Wage Countries (EXC 128)	2006	www.production-research.de
 Chemnitz	Technische Universität Chemnitz	MERGE Technologies for Multifunctional Lightweight Structures (EXC 1075)	2012	www.tu-chemnitz.de/MERGE
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES				
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	Precision Manufacturing by Controlling Melt Dynamics and Solidification in Production Processes (CRC 1120)	2014	www.sfb1120.rwth-aachen.de
 Berlin	Technische Universität Berlin	Sustainable Manufacturing - Shaping Global Value (CRC 1026)	2011	www.sustainable-manufacturing.net
 Bremen	Universität Bremen	Micro Cold Forming - Processes, Characterization, Optimization (CRC 747)	2006	www.sfb747.uni-bremen.de
 Darmstadt	Technische Universität Darmstadt	Control of Uncertainties in Load-Carrying Structures in Mechanical Engineering (CRC 805)	2008	www.sfb805.tu-darmstadt.de/sfb805
 Darmstadt	Technische Universität Darmstadt	Integral Sheet Metal Design with Higher Order Bifurcations - Development, Production, Evaluation (CRC 666)	2005	www.sfb666.tu-darmstadt.de
 Erlangen-Nuremberg	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	Additive Manufacturing (CRC 814)	2011	www.sfb814.de
 Hannover	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover	Regeneration of Complex Capital Goods (CRC 871)	2009	www.sfb871.de
 Hannover	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover	Gentelligent Components in their Lifecycle (CRC 653)	2005	www.sfb653.uni-hannover.de
 Kaiserslautern	Technische Universität Kaiserslautern	Microscale Morphology of Component Surfaces (MICOS) (CRC 926)	2011	www.sfb926.de

CENTRES OF RESEARCH

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
 Munich	Technische Universität München	Managing Cycles in Innovation Processes - Integrated Development of Product-Service Systems Based on Technical Products (CRC 768)	2007	www.sfb768.de
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES/TRANSREGIOS				
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	Thermo-Energetic Design of Machine Tools - A Systemic Approach to Solve the Conflict between Power Efficiency, Accuracy and Productivity Demonstrated at the Example of Machining Production (TRR 96)	2011	www.transregio96.de (DE)
Chemnitz	Technische Universität Chemnitz			
Darmstadt	Technische Universität Dresden			
 Chemnitz Dresden	Technische Universität Chemnitz Technische Universität Dresden	Production Technologies for Light Metal and Fiber Reinforced Composite Based Components with Integrated Piezoceramic Sensors and Actuators (TRR 39)	2006	www.pt-piesa.tu-chemnitz.de
Erlangen-Nuremberg	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg			
 Dortmund Erlangen-Nuremberg	Technische Universität Dortmund Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	Manufacture of Complex Functional Components with Variants by Using a New Sheet Metal Forming Process (TRR 73)	2008	www.tr-73.de
Hannover	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover			



RESEARCH UNITS

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Research Units (FOR) often contribute to establishing new research directions. Research Units are made up of a team of researchers working together on a research project which is often of an interdisciplinary nature. Research Units consist of several researchers and subprojects. The subprojects of a Research Unit are often located at several locations throughout Germany. Research Units are generally funded for up to six years.

Research Units are not shown on the map. Only the titles of the thematic focus and the project websites are listed.

RESEARCH UNITS

Title	Funded Since	Contact
Verlustarme Elektrobleche für die Elektromobilität (FOR 1897)	2014	www.for1897.de (DE)
Ultra-Precision High Performance Cutting (UP-HPC) (FOR 1845)	2013	www.up-hpc.de
Damping Effects in Machine Tools (FOR 1087)	2009	www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/bxqg/lidx/1



PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

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Priority Programmes (SPP) have a programmatic focus and have the purpose of advancing knowledge in an emerging field of research through collaborative networked support. They are characterised by their enhanced quality of research through the use of new methods and forms of collaboration in emerging fields. One programme can consist of up to 30 individual researchers and subprojects located at several institutions across Germany; it usually has one coordinating person. Priority Programmes normally receive funding for a period of six years.

Priority Programmes are not shown on the map. Only the titles of the overall themes and the project website are listed.

PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

Title	Funded Since	Contact
Dry Metal Forming - Sustainable Production through Dry Processing in Metal Forming (SPP 1676)	2013	www.trockenumformen.de
Intrinsic Hybrid Structures for Lightweight Constructions (SPP 1712)	2012	www.spp-1712-hybrider-leichtbau.de (DE)
The Processes of Joining by Plastic Deformation (SPP 1640)	2012	www.spp1640.de
Machine Elements for Resource Efficiency (SPP 1551)	2011	www.fzg.mw.tum.de (DE)
Modeling, Simulation and Compensation of Thermal Effects for Complex Machining Processes (SPP 1480)	2010	www.cutsim.de
Small Machine Tools for Small Work Pieces (SPP 1476)	2010	www.spp1476.de (DE)



Fraunhofer Society is one of the world's leading organisations for applied research with an annual research budget of 2 billion euros, 67 institutes and more than 23,000 employees. Fraunhofer's R&D portfolio covers a wide range of fields, including health, security, communications, transport, energy and the environment. www.fraunhofer.de

The Helmholtz Association contributes to solving major challenges facing society, science and industry with world-level research in six areas: energy, earth and environment, health, key technologies, structure of matter and aeronautics, space and transport. With more than 34,000 employees in 18 research centres and an annual budget of approximately 3.76 billion euros, the Helmholtz Association is Germany's largest scientific organisation. www.helmholtz.de

The Leibniz Association is an umbrella organisation of 89 research institutes. The annual budget amounts to 1.45 billion euros. Some 8,800 researchers – more than 1,100 of them from abroad – work on a widely diverse range of subjects, including the humanities and social sciences, economics, spatial and life sciences, mathematics, natural and engineering sciences and environmental research. www.leibniz-association.eu

The Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science is one of Germany's largest independent non-profit research organisations. The Max Planck Society has been allocated approximately 1.7 billion euros for 2015. A combined total of more than 13,000 researchers, postdoctoral/junior researchers and visiting researchers at 83 Max Planck Institutes conduct basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences and humanities. One third of the researchers and more than half of the junior and visiting researchers come from abroad. www.mpg.de

Location	Institution	Contact
FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTES		
● Aachen	Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology (IPT)	www.ipt.fraunhofer.de
● Aachen	Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology (ILT)	www.ilt.fraunhofer.de
● Berlin	Fraunhofer Institute for Production Systems and Design Technology (IPK)	www.ipk.fraunhofer.de
● Braunschweig	Fraunhofer Institute for Surface Engineering and Thin Films (IST)	www.ist.fraunhofer.de
● Bremen Dresden	Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Technology and Advanced Materials (IFAM)	www.ifam.fraunhofer.de
● Chemnitz Dresden	Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools and Forming Technology (IWU)	www.iwu.fraunhofer.de
● Darmstadt	Fraunhofer Institute for Structural Durability and Systems Reliability (LBF)	www.lbf.fraunhofer.de
● Dortmund	Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics (IML)	www.iml.fraunhofer.de
● Dresden	Fraunhofer Institute for Laser and Surface Technology (IWS)	www.iws.fraunhofer.de
● Dresden	Fraunhofer Institute for Ceramic Technologies and Systems (IKTS)	www.ikts.fraunhofer.de
● Dresden	Fraunhofer Institute for Electron Beam and Plasma Technology (FEP)	www.fep.fraunhofer.de
● Jena	Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering (IOS)	www.iof.fraunhofer.de
● Magdeburg	Fraunhofer Institute for Factory Operation and Automation (IFF)	www.iff.fraunhofer.de
● Rostock	Fraunhofer Application Center Large Structures in Production Engineering (AGP)	www.hro.ipa.fraunhofer.de
● Saarbrücken	Fraunhofer Institute for Nondestructive Testing (IZPF)	www.izfp.fraunhofer.de
● Stuttgart	Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering (IAO)	www.iao.fraunhofer.de
● Stuttgart	Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Engineering and Automation (IPA)	www.ipa.fraunhofer.de
● Stuttgart	Fraunhofer Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology (IGB)	www.igb.fraunhofer.de
HELMHOLTZ CENTRES		
● Cologne	German Aerospace Center (DLR)	www.dlr.de/dlr/en
● Geesthacht	Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht - Centre for Materials and Coastal Research (HZG)	www.hzg.de
● Karlsruhe	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)	www.kit.edu
LEIBNIZ INSTITUTES		
● Aachen	Leibniz Institute for Interactive Materials (DWI)	www.dwi.rwth-aachen.de

NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Location	Institution	Contact
● Berlin	Max Born Institute for Nonlinear Optics and Short Term Spectroscopy (MBI)	www.mbi-berlin.de
● Dresden	Leibniz Institute for Solid State and Materials Research Dresden (IFW)	www.ifw-dresden.de
● Dresden	Leibniz Institute for Polymer Research Dresden (IPF)	www.ipfdd.de
● Greifswald	Leibniz Institute for Plasma Science and Technology (INP)	www.inp-greifswald.de
● Jena	Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology (IPHT)	www.ipht-jena.de
● Leipzig	Leibniz Institute for Surface Modification (IOM)	www.iom-leipzig.de
● Potsdam	Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering Potsdam-Bornim (ATB)	www.atb-potsdam.de
● Saarbrücken	Leibniz Institute for New Materials (INM)	www.inm-gmbh.de
MAX-PLANCK-INSTITUTES		
● Düsseldorf	Max-Planck-Institut für Eisenforschung GmbH	www.mpie.de



GRADUATE TRAINING

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Graduate Schools (GSC) were established at universities in the framework of the German Excellence Initiative. Their objective is to provide training and qualification for outstanding doctoral students from Germany and abroad within an excellent research environment. They serve as an instrument of quality assurance in promoting early career researchers and offer large networks that cover wide areas of research.





Research Training Groups (RTG) combine an ambitious research programme at universities with comprehensive training, tailored supervision and academic freedom to form an ideal environment for a successful doctorate. Research Training Groups can also have an interdisciplinary approach. They are funded for a period of up to nine years.

Integrated Research Training Groups (within Clusters of Excellence or Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios) offer ideal research environments for doctoral researchers. The main aim of these structured training programmes is to provide young scientists and academics with opportunities to independently carry out research at an early stage of their career. The programmes further take care to closely integrate early career researchers into an academic network. Working in Clusters of Excellence or Collaborative Research Centres projects, doctoral researchers achieve additional qualifications. As research assistants in these projects, they contribute to the Research Centre's success. They are closely involved with the projects and have access to the entire project infrastructure.

GRADUATE TRAINING

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
GRADUATE SCHOOLS				
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	Aachen Institute for Advanced Study in Computational Engineering Science (AICES) (GSC 111)	2006	www.aices.rwth-aachen.de
 Darmstadt	Technische Universität Darmstadt	Graduate School of Excellence Computational Engineering (CE) (GSC 233)	2007	www.graduateschool-ce.de
 Erlangen-Nuremberg	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	Erlangen Graduate School in Advanced Optical Technologies (GSC 80)	2006	www.aot.uni-erlangen.de
 Stuttgart	Universität Stuttgart	Graduate School of Excellence Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (GSaME) (GSC 262)	2007	www.gsame.uni-stuttgart.de
RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS				
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	Integrated Energy Supply Modules for Roadbound E-Mobility (RTG 1856)	2012	www.mobilem.rwth-aachen.de
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	Ramp-Up Management - Development of Decision Models for the Production Ramp-Up (RTG 1491)	2008	www.anlaufmanagement.rwth-aachen.de (DE)
 Bremen	Universität Bremen	Micro-, Meso- and Macroporous Nonmetallic Materials: Fundamentals and Applications (RTG 1860)	2012	www.mimenima.uni-bremen.de
 Dresden	Technische Universität Dresden	Hydrogel-Based Microsystems (RTG 1865)	2012	https://tu-dresden.de/die_tu_dresden/fakultaeten/fakultaet_elektrotechnik_und_informationstechnik/ife/dfg1865/
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS				
 Kaiserslautern Davis (USA)	Technische Universität Kaiserslautern University of California	Physical Modeling for Virtual Manufacturing Systems and Processes (IRTG 2057)	2014	www.irtg2057.de

GRADUATE TRAINING

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
INTEGRATED RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES				
 Berlin	Technische Universität Berlin	Integrated Research Training Group within: Sustainable Manufacturing - Shaping Global Value (CRC 1026)	2011	www.sustainable-manufacturing.net
 Darmstadt	Technische Universität Darmstadt	Integrated Research Training Group within: Integral Sheet Metal Design with Higher Order Bifurcations - Development, Production, Evaluation (CRC 666)	2006	www.sfb666.tu-darmstadt.de
 Kaiserslautern	Technische Universität Kaiserslautern	Integrated Research Training Group within: Microscale Morphology of Component Surfaces (MICOS) (CRC 926)	2011	www.sfb926.de
 Munich	Technische Universität München	Incorporated Research Training Group within: Managing Cycles in Innovation Processes - Integrated Development of Product-Service Systems Based on Technical Products (CRC 768)	2008	www.sfb768.de





GRADUATE TRAINING

- AT NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS -

Helmholtz Graduate Schools provide a roof under which a varied number of curricula in different fields, or across disciplines, can find a home. Helmholtz Graduate Schools constitute a valuable addition to the wide range of training programmes available within the Helmholtz Association. They offer optimal conditions for PhD students to work and enable them to create a network of contacts with fellow university researchers while also fostering the integration of participants into the research environment.

International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS) offer talented German and international junior scientists the opportunity to earn a doctorate under excellent research conditions. The research schools are established by one or several Max Planck Institutes. These IMPRS work in close cooperation with universities and other – sometimes international – research institutions. This provides an extraordinary framework for the graduate students to work in, and is a great advantage in interdisciplinary research projects, or in projects that require special equipment.

GRADUATE TRAINING

Location	Title	Contact
HELMHOLTZ GRADUATE SCHOOLS		
 Karlsruhe	Helmholtz Research School on Integrated Materials Development for Novel High-Temperature Alloys	www.imd.kit.edu
INTERNATIONAL MAX PLANCK RESEARCH SCHOOLS (IMPRS)		
 Düsseldorf Mülheim	IMPRS for Surface and Interface Engineering in Advanced Materials (SurMat)	www.imprs-surmat.mpg.de

SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS IN GERMANY

Association of German Engineers (VDI): www.vdi.eu

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Materialkunde e.V.: www.dgm.de (DE)

German Academic Society for Production Engineering (WGPP): www.wgpp.de

German Federation of Industrial Research Associations (AIF): www.aif.de

Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau e.V. (VDMA): www.vdma.org

Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Produktentwicklung (WiGeP): www.wigep.de (DE)

OPEN POSITIONS

Research in Germany: www.research-in-germany.org/jobs

Helmholtz Association: www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talents

Max Planck Society: www.mpg.de/jobboard

Leibniz Society: www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/en/karriere

Fraunhofer Society: www.fraunhofer.de/en/jobs-career

FURTHER INFORMATION

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, PROJECTS, FUNDING, CONTACTS



The "Research in Germany" Portal: Information on research and funding opportunities, academic and research-related job portals, as well as advice on preparing a research stay or initiating a collaboration with German research organisations. www.research-in-germany.org



German Project Information System (GEPRIS): Online database providing information about all current DFG-funded research projects and contact information for the Principal Investigators. <http://gepris.dfg.de>



The Research Explorer: Information on more than 19 000 institutes at German universities and non-university research institutions, searchable by geographic location, subject and other structural criteria. <http://research-explorer.dfg.de>



Website of the DFG: Further background information about DFG funding programmes, funding guidelines, and lists of currently DFG-funded activities. www.dfg.de



The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) Research Map: The interactive HRK *Research Map* database provides information on the research priorities that are of strategic institutional importance for each university. www.hrk.de/home (go to → *Research Map*)



The Higher Education Compass: Information on Germany's higher education institutions, the range of courses and programmes that they offer, their worldwide cooperation, and who to contact locally. www.hochschulkompass.de/en/higher-education-compass





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