### MINTernship Dates

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### External Offers & Events

**Get to know locals**

**KIT Buddy Program**
The KIT Buddy Program is a platform for international encounters between newly arrived students from all over the world and local KIT students. International students will be matched with local KIT students, who offer support, answer questions and create a link to the local student community. Diverse events provide the opportunity for getting to know different people and cultures as well as the city of Karlsruhe.

Please sign up for the Buddy Program at ILIAS.

**Learn German**

**Teletandem**
Teletandem provides a platform for virtual, autonomous and cooperative learning of a foreign language. You meet with a German speaking learning partner who aims to improve her/his knowledge in your language. You communicate with each other by means of webcams and headsets via video conferencing tools. Together, you decide when to meet, what to talk about and how to organize the Teletandem sessions. A great opportunity for not only getting to know language but also people!

For registration and questions, please contact Dr. phil. Wiebke Augustin.

**Explore Karlsruhe & German Culture**

**Deutsches Museum, Munich**
Explore selected exhibitions of the world's largest museum of science and technology during an independent virtual tour.

**Karlsruhe VR, Karlsruhe**
Download the Karlsruhe VR app and explore Karlsruhe's local attractions in a virtual space.

**Mercedes Benz Museum, Stuttgart**
Discover the history of the automobile from its invention in 1886 to the future, presented by exclusive models and exhibits from Mercedes.

**Schlosslichtspiele (04 Aug - 19 Sep), Karlsruhe**
Karlsruhe's famous light art event projected onto the facade of Schloss. Experience thrilling pictures, music and stories during warm August summer nights. Likely to take place as online stream (as in 2020).

**ZKM - Center for Arts and Media, Karlsruhe**
Discover Karlsruhe's renowned Center for Arts and Media from home. ZKM offers various guided tours and workshops - all for free!
Official Starting Event
Welcome Reception

First of all, welcome to KIT! This is the official welcome event of your research internship at KIT. We will introduce you to the MINTernship program and your contact persons, as well as the university and its sites. You will be updated with the most recent information on the program. Furthermore, we will present an overview of the exciting supporting program we’ve organized for you in summer 2021.

Of course, there will also be time for your questions and a first getting-to-know each other.

When? Wednesday, **19 May 2021, 10.00** (UTC-4, NC, USA)
**16.00** (UTC+2, GER)

How? We will use the Zoom meeting platform.
A meeting link will be provided via e-mail.

Registration: This is the official opening event, **please make sure to attend**.

We are looking forward to your stay at KIT!
Getting to know
Karlsruhe Sightseeing & Speakdating

Let’s get social and discover Karlsruhe! Get to know your fellow students as well as your student mentor and learn some basics about the German language during our “speakdating” event. Besides that, we will take a virtual walk around Karlsruhe, explore scenic spots and introduce you to the region so that you will easily find your way around once travel becomes possible again!

When? Saturday, 22 May 2021, 14.00 (UTC-4, NC, USA)
20.00 (UTC+2, GER)

How? We will chat and explore the city using the Zoom meeting platform.
A meeting link will be provided via e-mail.

Registration: Please send an e-mail to Kilian Hermes (kilian.hermes9@kit.edu) by 15 May 2021.

Should you have any questions, please just drop us a message.

We’re excited to meet you!
Virtual Sightseeing Tour
“Freiburg im Breisgau” - Gate to the Black Forest

Let’s discover Karlsruhe’s neighboring city, the vibrant, historic and picturesque town of Freiburg!
We’ll take a virtual walk through narrow alleyways, visit the historic market and climb Freiburg Cathedral. Moreover, we’ll learn about secrets and specialties of Germany’s southernmost region and the gate to the Black Forest.

When? Saturday, 29 May 2021, 12.00 (UTC-4, NC, USA) 18.00 (UTC+2, GER)

How? We will discover Freiburg via an interactive online Tour using the Zoom meeting platform. A meeting link will be provided via e-mail.

Registration: Please send an e-mail to Kilian Hermes (kilian.hermes9@kit.edu) by 22 May 2021.

You are welcome to bring your friends and fellow students and discover Germany’s warmest region together. The tour will be in English. We’re looking forward to showing you around!
Language barriers are not the only hurdle when arriving in a new culture. Misunderstandings due to different cultural values, ideas and ways of behavior are often even more far-reaching than a language barrier. For a successful arrival, awareness of similarities and differences between cultures is key. Let’s find out more during this workshop and improve our intercultural skills.

Of course there will be plenty of time for your questions!

When? Wednesday, 02 June 2021, 10.00 (UTC-4, NC, USA) 16.00 (UTC+2, GER)

How? The workshop will take place via the Zoom meeting platform.
A meeting link will be provided via e-mail.

Registration: Please send an e-mail to Kilian Hermes (kilian.hermes9@kit.edu) by 26 May 2021.

You are welcome to bring your friends and fellow students and learn more about our cultural backgrounds all together. The workshop will be in English. We’re looking forward to meeting you!
Virtual Factory Tour
Discover where AUDI cars are being build

What is German industry more famous for than automobiles?
Join an interactive online tour and discover where and how German automobiles are being built. We’ll visit the production facilities of AUDI and get exclusive insights into production processes. You will also have the chance to ask questions and see them answered via live pictures.

When? Wednesday, 09 June 2021
Afternoon (US), Evening (GER)
Time to be announced by 02 June 2021.

How? Interactive online Tour with an employee from AUDI.
A meeting link will be provided via e-mail.

Registration: Please send an e-mail to Kilian Hermes (kilian.hermes9@kit.edu) by 02 June 2021.

You are welcome to bring your friends and fellow students and explore the facilities of AUDI together. The tour will be in English. We’re looking forward to meeting you!
Cooperative Game Event

Escape Room

It’s gaming day! Let’s discover our team skills and escape the mysterious room we are trapped in. It’s not going to be easy and we’ll need all our combined skills to complete the puzzles and riddles that stand between us and freedom. If that doesn’t sound challenging enough, there’ll be a timer ticking over our heads too. Join in, it is going to be fun!

Saturday, 26 June 2021
Afternoon (US), Evening (GER)
Time to be announced by 19 June 2021.

We will play an escape room game via the Zoom platform together with a moderator on site.
A meeting link will be provided via e-mail.

When?
How:
Registration:

Tell us which room setting you are most interested in. Just check out the different rooms here and drop us a message.

You are welcome to bring your friends and fellow students for having an exciting escape together. Please note that the maximum group size will be 12 people, so be quick signing up! Of course we will play in English. We’re looking forward to an exciting escape!

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Intercultural Lunch and Dinner

Pretzels, beer, sauerkraut and spätzle - what do you know about German foods?
Let’s prepare a typical meal together with some of the most famous specialties of German cuisine and taste them during a virtual lunch or dinner. For appetizer or dessert, you are invited to share your recipe and teach us how to prepare your signature dish!

When? Saturday, 03 July 2021, 13.00 (UTC-4, NC, USA)
19.00 (UTC+2, GER)

How? You will be sent a shopping list in advance. Ingredients which are difficult to come by in the US we will send to you from Germany.
For the event, we will use the Zoom platform. A meeting link will be provided via e-mail.

Registration: To make sure you will receive the German ingredients on time, please send an e-mail to Kilian Hermes (kilian.hermes9@kit.edu) by 08 June 2021.
Later sign-up is possible, however you might not receive your parcel on time.

It would be great if you could share a recipe for appetizer or desert from your home country, so that we can prepare this too.
You are also warmly welcome to join together with your friends and fellow students. We’re looking forward to a delicious and entertaining cooking event!
Virtual Sightseeing Tour
Black Forest

Get to know the famous rolling hills in the far southwest of Germany; home to glass makers, cuckoo clocks, Black Forest gateau and even origin to the idea of sustainable forestry. Join us for an interactive online tour and get to know some of the most picturesque landscapes Germany has to offer.

When? Saturday, 24 July 2021, 12.00 (UTC-4, NC, USA)
18.00 (UTC+2, GER)

How? We will discover the Black Forest via an interactive online Tour using the Zoom meeting platform.
A meeting link will be provided via e-mail.

Registration: Please send an e-mail to Kilian Hermes (kilian.hermes9@kit.edu) by 17 July 2021.

You are welcome to also bring your friends and fellow students and discover one of Germany’s most famous regions together.
The tour will be in English. We’re looking forward to meeting you!
We’re optimistic that travel will soon become possible again and very much hope to see you in August to discover more about historic cities, German culture and local specialties. Therefore, what would fit better than a trip to famous Heidelberg with its romantic location between water and hills, a well-preserved old town, bridges and the magnificent castle overlooking this scenery. Let’s discover Heidelberg together and celebrate a successful completion of your internship!

When? Saturday, 21 August 2021

How? We will take the train to Heidelberg and discover the old town with a guided Tour. There will also be free time to stroll around and explore further on your own.

Registration: Flexible, will be announced once the date is coming closer.

More details will be announced once the date is coming closer and the possibility of travel is confirmed. The tour will be completely in English. We’re looking forward to meeting you!
Official Closing Event

Closing Reception in Karlsruhe

We’ll be looking back on your successful internship at KIT with this official closing event and really hope to see you in person for this occasion. You will be awarded your certificate of successful participation and research with the MINTernship program at KIT. Moreover you will have the chance to meet with your fellow students, student mentor and program officials on site and conclude your stay in Karlsruhe.

When? Tuesday, 31 August 2021
Time to be announced.

How? The Closing Reception is planned to take place on site at KIT.
Further information will be provided once the possibility of travel is confirmed.

Registration: This is the official closing event, please make sure to attend.

We are looking forward to your stay at KIT!