Vice-President for Research (f/m/nb)

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) — The Research University in the Helmholtz Association creates and imparts knowledge for the society and the environment. It is our goal to make significant contributions to mastering the global challenges of humankind in the fields of energy, mobility, and information. For this, about 9,300 employees and 24,400 students of KIT cooperate in a broad range of disciplines in research, academic education, and innovation. KIT is one of the German Universities of Excellence. We are looking for dedicated people to shape the future together with us. The Vice-President for Research, together with the President and the four other Vice-Presidents, represents the highest management level of KIT. The Executive Board is responsible for all matters that are not covered by other competent bodies specified by law or the Joint Statutes of KIT.

Job description: The Vice-President for Research, in close cooperation with the KIT President, is responsible for the research activities of KIT, their excellence and further development, as well as for quality management in research. This particularly applies to any form of coordinated research, including research under Helmholtz programmes. The Vice-President takes care of the continuous advancement of the research strategy as part of KIT’s overarching business strategy as well as of adequate and successful support of young scientists. Particular value is attached to promoting and pushing the interlinkage of university research and national and international large-scale research.

Personal qualification: We welcome applications from candidates who work at KIT as full-time professors or executive scientists according to Article 14, par. 3, cl. 1, No. 1, KIT Act or who have a university degree and are expected to cope with the tasks of this post thanks to several years of executive professional activities in science, research, or industry.

The size and special mission of KIT as well as close cooperation with universities, non-university research institutions, and industrial companies on the national and international levels require a person with proven competencies in the organization and management of complex structures. Highly developed leadership and communication skills, also in the international context, are indispensable. Expertise in the university sector and/or trans-regional non-university research organization is expected, as is professional qualification or main professional activity in the areas of engineering or natural sciences. Proven scientific excellence and success in the acquisition and execution of visible research alliances are required. Affinity to one of the important profilebuilding topics of KIT, ideally reflected by the candidate’s previous professional career, is of particular advantage.

Salary: Payment will be based on salary group W3

Organizational unit: Executive Board
Contract duration: The appointment will be made for the duration of six years. A reappointment is possible. The present holder of the post will reapply.

Starting date: 01.01.2022

Application up to: 15.08.2020

Contact person in line-management: You can send technical information to the following email address: AR-Geschaeftsstelle@kit.edu.

Application: KIT wishes to increase the proportion of female executives and to enhance diversity on the executive level. Handicapped applicants (f/m/nb) having the same qualification will be preferred. In case you are attracted by this responsible task with a wide sphere of influence at a unique science organization, send your application with all relevant documents to AR-Geschaeftsstelle@kit.edu (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Supervisory Board Office, Kaiserstraße 12, 76131 Karlsruhe, Germany) by 08 15, 2020. Further information on KIT can be found on the internet at www.kit.edu.

For the privacy policy relating to this application procedure and the valid legislation (KIT Act and Joint Statutes of KIT, in German), click: s.kit.edu/fiko-dse.