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What does commitment at KIT and beyond mean to you?

For me, commitment means the opportunity to play an active role in shaping things.

I associate volunteering with a lot of joy and community. Volunteering is my opportunity to give something back and to get involved in the community in which I live and for which I strive for improvement. Commitment and volunteering is a privilege.

What benefits do you see for yourself, KIT and others in your commitment?

Personally, my voluntary work gives me a lot, especially a great sense of fulfillment, because I at least imagine that I am making a meaningful contribution to the student body. It's a great feeling to see that your commitment really makes a difference and that the solidarity and community among your fellow campaigners is often huge. I got to know most of my friends in Karlsruhe through voluntary work. I hope to be able to convey the students' perspective to "The KIT" and make "The KIT" more tangible for the students. I am keen to exchange ideas so that improvements can be made in various areas for the students, which will hopefully make KIT as a whole an increasingly student-friendly place. Many of the changes we initiate will no longer benefit us, but hopefully the following years.

How did you get involved?

I started getting involved back then because I was bothered by some things in my degree course, some things weren't working properly and I just didn't think that was right. In my opinion, a lot of things in my degree course are unfair, lucky and arbitrary. Over time, my small involvement in the student council turned into involvement for the entire student body in various areas

What is missing at KIT and in general for more student involvement?

There is a lack of appreciation for student commitment within KIT. Both on the part of KIT and on the part of the students, who seem to be less and less willing to get involved in voluntary work. Volunteering is a privilege that you have to be able to afford alongside your studies. Practical appreciation could be shown here by evaluating commitment within KIT as an interdisciplinary key qualification and thus making commitment not extra time alongside studies, but actual content of studies. Many committees at KIT meet exclusively in German, which excludes international students from participating in many committees. A more inclusive solution would be helpful here, because we are currently still losing many perspectives.