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What does student engagement mean to you?

For me, student engagement includes any involvement beyond my own studies. Often, even a small contribution can make a difference, such as providing constructive feedback to lecturers. If you want to do more, get involved in a university group, your student council, or a committee, for example.

An “official” position can be helpful, but it's not essential – the important thing is to get involved in the first place.

How did you get involved?

It mostly just happened along the way. Many of the great experiences I had as a student in Karlsruhe were only possible because other students got involved, and I wanted to give something back so that younger students could have similar opportunities.

At first, I was active in the self-administration of my dorm.

At the end of my second semester, I organized a barbecue for the new freshmen at the ETIT department and have been active in the student council ever since.

After my stay abroad, I also founded a university group to connect exchange students and alumni.

What benefits do you see for yourself, KIT, society and your future profession – through your engagement?

Through my involvement, I have realized that even as an individual, you can really make a difference at KIT. I have learned how large organizations work and how to work with different stakeholders toward a common goal.

Taking on responsibility as a student has given me the confidence that I can also make a meaningful contribution later on in my career or in society.

Last but not least, involvement is fun, and it presented a great opportunity to connect with like-minded people alongside my studies.



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In your opinion, what is missing to encourage more student engagement at KIT and in general?

Unfortunately, the entry barrier for international students is still very high. KIT and the student body should work together to find ways to lower this barrier so that international students are better represented and can also benefit personally from their engagement.