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What does student engagement mean to you?

Student engagement means raising your voice and advocating for your own interests and those of your fellow students. It's about taking responsibility – standing in solidarity with each other, for good study conditions, and for democracy and participation within the university.

What personal benefits do you see for students in their engagement?

Student engagement not only strengthens the student body and KIT as a whole, but also each individual student. They gain important skills such as organizing, negotiating, and standing up for their beliefs. Plus, student engagement is fun and a great way to meet many interesting people.

Why is student engagement relevant for KIT?

Without committed students, KIT would be only half as vibrant. Students contribute ideas, criticism, and fresh perspectives – ensuring that teaching and research continue to evolve and that the quality of study and teaching improves.

To what extent is student engagement important for our democracy?

Democracy thrives on participation – including at universities! Those who get involved during their studies help shape education and science policy, strengthen a vibrant civil society, and make universities and society resilient against attacks on democracy and human rights.

What ways do you see to strengthen and make student engagement more attractive?

Student engagement requires recognition, time, and support. KIT and policymakers must create space for involvement, acknowledge engagement, and take students' proposals and ideas seriously. This is why the GEW also advocates for equal representation in decision-making bodies and a robust system of financial support for education.