

TUM University Foundation

Scientiis et artibus

The world's best universities thrive on the best brains.

In this context, competitiveness means appealing to the best brains. What makes the TUM attractive is its working and development environment that enables the most outstanding people in their respective fields to achieve first-rate scientific performance levels. It is in this ambience that our students actively experience the "Adventure of Research".

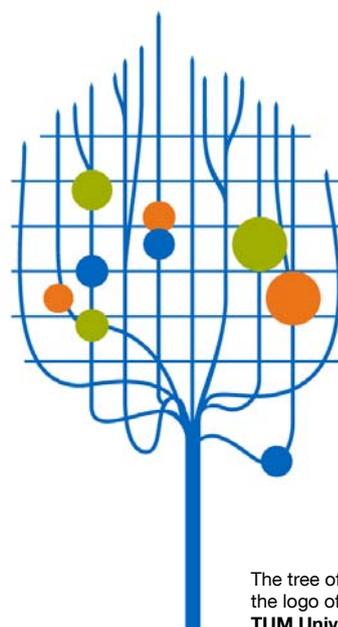
TUM benefited from the Excellence Initiatives in 2006 and 2012 by branching out and venturing along new paths in the face of international competition. By founding the TUM Institute for Advanced Study, we have established a center for a scientific elite. TUM succeeded in appointing a number of excellent professors from top universities in other countries. The impact of our elevated reputation is beginning to make itself felt among the younger academic generation: there has not only been a steep rise in the number of applications for degree courses and research positions but also a hitherto unseen influx from abroad. The TUM is well poised to become the most sought-after German partner for alliances with top universities around the world.

This dynamism must not be allowed to lapse. Not only does the TUM now have the historic opportunity to perpetuate its lead in Germany but also to move up and join the ranks of the top 20 universities worldwide – in the field of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Medicine, Life Science and Economics. This cannot be achieved with the standard state budget alone, however.

It was against this backdrop that we set up the TUM University Foundation on July 22, 2010 with the purpose of turning the key features of the Excellence Initiatives 2006 and 2012 into a success story, spreading TUM's financial basis and, in particular, helping to acquire the best brains available in international academic circles. The utmost priority is given to appointing leading scientists from abroad and promoting the most promising doctoral candidates in the TUM Graduate School.

The **TUM University Foundation** liberates us from the constrictions of the state budget. It gives us more room for entrepreneurial manoeuvre. It sounds the signal that TUM enjoys the trust of both private and institutional benefactors whose own experience has taught them what competitiveness is and what it means for our country. The co-founders will become the role models for the alumni community which the **TUM University Foundation** pledges to support for a long time to come.

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