

## What YIN offers

### Continuing education free of charge

The courses are tailored by the service unit for Personnel Development and Vocational Training at KIT.

- Leadership skills
- Project management
- Didactics and communication
- Writing funding proposals
- Personal coaching

### Certificate of Academic Leadership

After the participation in 200 academic units à 45 minutes of the continuing education program, KIT awards the Certificate of Academic Leadership.

### Financial support

YIN offers grants to stimulate research projects and supports networking events with visiting scientists as well as with industrial partners and politicians.

### Platform for scientific collaborations

By providing a platform for transdisciplinary interaction and establishing clusters on cross-disciplinary challenges, YIN furthers scientific collaborations.

### Peer community

YIN links future scientific leaders at a similar career stage in a confidential atmosphere, encouraging experience exchange and peer counseling.

### Connections

YIN is in close contact with the Executive Board, the Karlsruhe House of Young Scientists, the Research Office and the Innovation Management at KIT.

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Connects and supports junior professors  
and junior research group leaders at KIT

Young – Independent – Notable



## Who we are

We are independent junior research group leaders and junior professors at KIT who organize themselves in the Young Investigator Network (YIN).

### YIN mission

- Encourage each member to become an even better group leader.
- Represent the interests of young investigators.
- Strive to make KIT an ideal place for young scientists.

### Background

Since its foundation in 2008, YIN developed into a strong democratic platform for future scientific leaders, connecting on average 50 members throughout the years and a steadily growing number of alumni occupying high positions in academia and industry.

### Organization

The network is self-governing: In monthly meetings all members have the chance to decide democratically about the actions of the network. An extended board is elected to represent YIN and the interests of its members within KIT as well as towards decision makers from politics and industry.



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## Our tasks and objectives



### Represent interests

YIN is the conjoint voice of independent junior research group leaders and junior professors that is heard within KIT

and outside. In monthly meetings the members discuss new ideas and agree on future plans and perspectives.

### Become exceptional leaders

To its members, YIN offers an exclusive continuing education program free of charge to advance leadership skills, didactics and personal development. The consultants are renowned nationwide experts on the respective subject.



### Exchange experience

How to recruit and manage your own research group or how to write the first performance report to your funding

agency – many questions are best answered by experienced peers.

### Foster collaborations

YIN supports various networking activities from joint proposal writing to small symposiums. By combining their expertises from different scientific fields, YIN members tackle cross-disciplinary challenges and develop promising new ideas.



### Bond with alumni

Whether they become professors, make a career overseas or in industry - YIN alumni have valuable

experience to share. To keep in touch and expand the network, YIN organizes special events with alumni.

### YIN Lecture Series

By inviting high-ranking scientists at KIT, YIN aims to engage and strengthen the research community across disciplines and generations. In addition, the expert guests connect with YIN members in a smaller circle.



### Connect with industry

As a transdisciplinary network, YIN bundles a wide variety of expertise. It provides a portfolio of

ideas for collaborative industry-oriented projects and initiates first contacts with industrial companies.

### Meet policy makers

YIN regularly invites politicians and decision makers to discuss topics concerning young researchers. In a constructive dialogue, YIN members gain new insights and sharpen the awareness for their situation.

