

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 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 stimulating scientific projects and supports travelling costs for visiting scientists as well as meetings with industrial partners or 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 connects future scientific leaders at a similar stage of their career in an atmosphere of confidentiality and trust.

Connections

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



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Young Investigator Network

Supporting and advancing independent junior research group leaders at KIT

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR NETWORK



Who we are

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

Our goals

- Represent common interests
- Strengthen leadership skills
- Share experience
- Foster scientific collaboration
- Keep in touch with alumni
- Pursue contacts with industry and policy makers

Background

Since its founding in 2008, YIN developed into a strong democratic platform for peers, counting roughly 60 members throughout the years, soon to be exceeded by the steadily growing number of alumni.

Organization

The network is self-governing: In monthly meetings all members have the chance to decide democratically about the interests 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 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 more experienced peers.

Foster collaborations

YIN-Grants stimulate scientific projects and provide a start-up funding to explore and further develop promising ideas. This often leads to major publications or first results which may support applications for external funding on a larger scale.



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.

Connect with industry

As a transdisciplinary network, YIN bundles a wide variety of expertise. It provides a portfolio of ideas for collaborative industry-orientated projects and initiates first contacts with industrial companies.



Pooling expertise

In clusters, YIN members combine their know-how from different scientific fields to create larger

pools of knowledge and tackle common cross-disciplinary challenges.

Meet policy makers

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

