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A spectacular display at the third Chemnitz Light Art Festival, Light our Vision: Projections depicting the city's industrial history lit up the façade of the University Library at Chemnitz University of Technology (TUC) from 24 to 27 September 2025.





Dear Members and Affiliates of Chemnitz University of Technology, Dear Readers,

2025 was undoubtedly a very special year for Chemnitz and our university. Chemnitz University of Technology was ranked as the most popular university in Germany on StudyCheck.de – and located in this year's European Capital of Culture, too. The Capital of Culture year had a profound impact on our university, and vice versa: Chemnitz University of Technology played a significant and multifaceted role in shaping the year-long initiative. And we naturally also celebrated many other positive developments, achievements and successes along the way. These include ...

... University **policy** highlights such as:

- signing the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020 following a successful application,
- successfully applying to join the University Alliance (UA) 11+,
- inaugurating the Laboratory and Sports Hall Complex as well as the new Helium Liquefaction Facility.

... Highlights from **research/early career development**:

- achieving third-party funding per professor that is well above the national average (+42 per cent; reference year: 2022; excluding medical institutes/health sciences),
- Prof. Dr. Oliver G. Schmidt once again being ranked among the top 1 per cent of the world's most cited scientists in the 2025 Highly Cited Researchers list, and nine TUC researchers making it onto the 2025 Stanford/Elsevier Top 2% Scientists list,
- Prof. Dr Olfa Kanoun winning the 2024 Republic of Tunisia Presidential Award for Best Tunisian Researcher Living Abroad.

... Highlights from **teaching**:

- achieving first place nationwide in the 2025 Most Popular Universities ranking and the Digital Readiness ranking (among universities; as of 20 December 2025) on StudyCheck.de,
- increasing enrolments (students in their first term) by a considerable 26 per cent compared to the previous year,
- achieving top positions in the CHE University Rankings for both undergraduate and master's degree programmes.

... Highlights from **transfer**:

- taking fourth place – as well as first place in the category Networking in Start-up Support – among medium-sized universities in the Start Up Radar 2025, published by the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft (Donors' Association for the Promotion of Sciences and Humanities in Germany) in cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action,
- being placed 141st worldwide, 14th in Germany and 1st in Saxony in the Global Employability University Ranking and Survey conducted by Trendence Institut in collaboration with consultancy firm Emerging,
- celebrating the outstanding performance of Chemnitz University of Technology / TUCed in SZ-Institut's Best Universities for Continuing Education 2025 ranking (awarded Best Continuing Education twice and Top Continuing Education three times).

... Highlights from **international affairs**:

- opening the Saxon Science Liaison Office in Chile, an initiative spearheaded by Chemnitz University of Technology, and hosting in Chemnitz a high-level delegation from the Chilean Embassy, headed by the Ambassador, Her Excellency María Magdalena Atria Barros,
- organising the kick-off event for the Across University Alliance following a successful application, led by Chemnitz University of Technology, to join the European Commission's European University initiative,
- hosting the 43rd DAAD International Students Annual Conference.

You can find out more about our university's achievements, activities and developments on the following pages. On behalf of my colleagues on the University Management Committee, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to all members and affiliates of Chemnitz University of Technology for their outstanding commitment. My thanks also go to all our university partners from the spheres of science, business, politics and society for their varied and enthusiastic support!

Best regards,

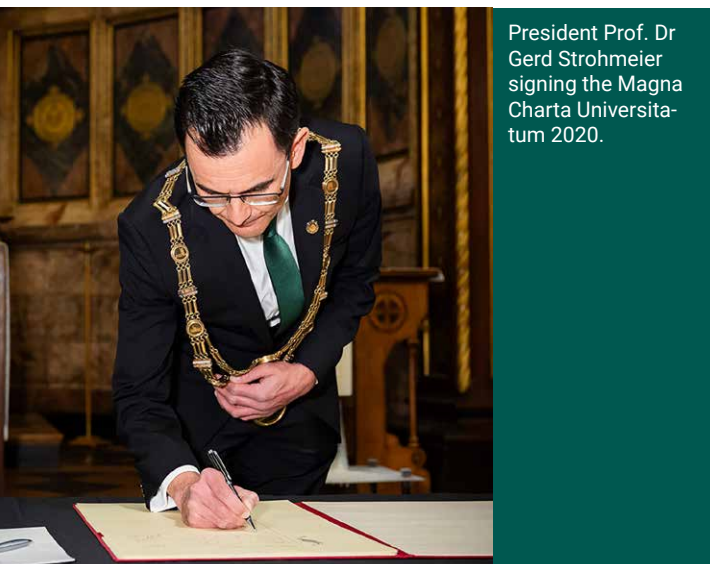
Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier
President

University Highlights



Most Popular University in Germany in 2025 on StudyCheck and top placements in the rankings

In 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology was named the most popular university in Germany on the independent online review portal StudyCheck.de, based on 83,708 reviews of 578 higher education institutions. It also earned the certificate Top University 2025 based on a 96 per cent recommendation rate – the only university in Saxony to do so and one of just ten universities in Germany. In addition, Chemnitz University of Technology took first place in the Digital Readiness Ranking for universities on StudyCheck.de (as of: 20 December 2025). The high quality of degree programmes at Chemnitz University of Technology is also reflected in its top positions in a number of other rankings. Its range of programmes scored highly several times in the 2025/2026 CHE Rankings within the disciplines offered by the university: Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, German Studies, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Psychology, European Studies and Media Studies. In addition, Chemnitz University of Technology / TUCed – An-Institut für Transfer und Weiterbildung GmbH (Affiliated Institute for the Transfer of Knowledge and Continuing Education) received outstanding ratings in SZ-Institut's 2025 Best Universities for Continuing Education, achieving top scores in five categories: Best Continuing Education in Marketing, Best Continuing Education in Psychology, Top Continuing Education in Finance and Economics, Top Continuing Education in Leadership and Management, and Top Continuing Education in Education, Social Sciences and Care.



President Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier signing the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020.

Chemnitz University of Technology signs the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020

The President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, formally signed the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020 (MCU2020) at a ceremony in London on 13 November 2025. Following a successful application, the university was invited to become a signatory by the Magna Charta Universitatum Observatory of Fundamental University Values and Rights. This makes Chemnitz University of Technology one of 1,000 universities worldwide that have pledged to uphold fundamental academic principles and values such as independence in research and teaching, a willingness to engage in dialogue, and tolerance. Joining the global MCU network allows Chemnitz University of Technology to take part in international workshops and exchange programmes.

TUC joins the German University Alliance (UA) 11+

Following a successful application, Chemnitz University of Technology has joined the German University Alliance (UA) 11+. The decision to admit TUC was taken at the general meeting held in early November 2025. UA11+ is an association of medium-sized universities with a strong focus on research and transfer.



Universitätsallianz (UA) 11+ / German University Alliance (UA) 11+ e.V.

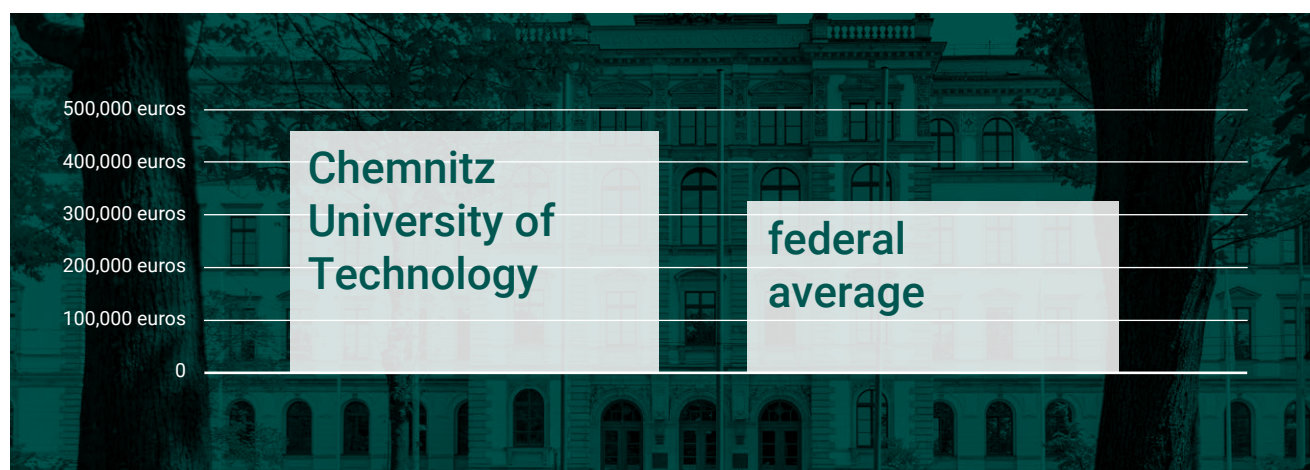
New enrolments and total student numbers increase significantly

Chemnitz University of Technology recorded a large increase in the number of first-year students at the start of the 2025/26 winter term. The number of new undergraduates rose to 2,331, a year-on-year increase of 26 per cent. A total of 8,447 students (excluding those on leave of absence, visiting students and international students on preparatory courses) were enrolled at Chemnitz University of Technology. Defying the current national trend, which shows a 0.6 per cent year-on-year decline in the number of students enrolling at universities, Chemnitz University of Technology saw a significant increase of 4.3 per cent. Enrolment figures also rose in STEM degree programmes. Among other things, this was due to the reform and expansion of the range of programmes on offer. These include the new bachelor's degree programmes Foundations in Data Science and Human – Environment – Technology.



President Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier (left) opens the new academic year at the enrolment and start-of-year ceremony on 21 October 2025 alongside top athlete Steven Richter and first-year Education student Nilufar Rudolf.

Above-average levels of third-party funding secured by academics at Chemnitz University of Technology



The German Federal Statistical Office (Destatis) announced in 2022 that Chemnitz University of Technology far exceeded the national benchmark for average funding levels per professor. TUC professors averaged 464,894 euros compared to the national university average of 326,400 euros (excluding medical institutes/health sciences) – making the TUC average 42 per cent higher than the national mean. Third-party funding comes from sources such as the German Research Foundation, federal ministries, the European Union, research foundations and industry partners.

Superb performance in the Global Employability University Ranking and Survey

Chemnitz University of Technology once again achieved outstanding results in the Global Employability University Ranking and Survey in 2025. Ranked 141st, it is one of the 150 best universities in the world for equipping its graduates with the skills for professional life. Nationwide, Chemnitz University of Technology ranks 14th, and it takes the top spot in Saxony. The study was conducted by the French consultancy firm Emerging. It surveyed a total of 12,350 employers from 32 countries.





Chemnitz University of Technology excels at fostering networking among start-ups

The Start Up Radar 2025 named Chemnitz University of Technology the fourth-best medium-sized university in Germany for supporting start-ups. This was one of the findings from a study conducted by the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft (Donors' Association for the Promotion of Sciences and Humanities) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action. Chemnitz University of Technology was recognised for its exemplary achievements, taking first place among medium-sized universities in the category Networking in Start-up Support. In the categories Start-up Support and Evaluation and Monitoring, the university achieved the second-highest score.



Prof. Dr Oliver G. Schmidt retains his place among the world's most cited researchers

Prof. Dr Oliver G. Schmidt, holder of the Professorship of Material Systems for Nanoelectronics and Scientific Director of the Research Centre for Materials, Architectures and Integration of Nanomembranes (MAIN) at Chemnitz University of Technology, is one of the most cited researchers in the world. He achieved this position in the November 2025 edition of the Highly Cited Researcher Ranking, compiled by the American company Clarivate. The ranking lists Prof. Schmidt in the Cross-Field category in recognition of the exceptional scientific significance of his research beyond his own field of expertise. Having already been named in 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2024, he is once again among the top one per cent of the world's most cited researchers.

Researchers from Chemnitz University of Technology on the 2025 Stanford/Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List

Several members and affiliates of Chemnitz University of Technology appear in a ranking of the world's most cited researchers compiled in 2025 by Stanford University and the academic publisher Elsevier using data from the literature database Scopus. The top two per cent in their field include (in alphabetical order): Prof. Dr Marc Armbrüster, Prof. Dr Martin Breugst, Prof. Dr Carsten Deibel, Prof. Dr Wolfgang Einhäuser-Treyer, Prof. Dr Fred H. Hamker, Prof. Dr Jonas Hensel, Prof. Dr Karl Heinz Hoffmann, Prof. Dr Rudolf Holze, Prof. Dr Olfa Kanoun, Prof. Dr Tony Klein, Prof. Dr Josef Krems, Prof. Dr Heinrich Lang, Prof. Dr Thomas Lampke, Prof. Dr Joseph Lutz, Dr Thomas Mehner, Prof. Dr Michael Mehring, Prof. Dr Günter Daniel Rey, Prof. Dr Oliver G. Schmidt, Prof. Dr Michael Schreiber, Prof. Dr Peter Sedlmeier, Prof. Dr Thomas Seyller, Prof. Dr Janet Siegmund, Prof. Dr Michael Sommer, Prof. Dr Jan-Philipp Stein, Prof. Dr Christoph Tegenkamp, Prof. Dr Johannes F. Teichert, Prof. Dr Matthias Thüerer, Prof. Dr Martin F.-X. Wagner, Prof. Dr Dietrich R. T. Zahn and Dr Minshen Zhu.

Prof. Dr Olfa Kanoun wins the Republic of Tunisia Presidential Award

On 28 August 2025, Prof. Dr Olfa Kanoun, holder of the Professorship of Measurement and Sensor Technology at Chemnitz University of Technology, was honoured with the Republic of Tunisia's Presidential Award for Best Tunisian Researcher Living Abroad. By bestowing this title, Tunisia recognised her scientific excellence, technological innovations and commitment to international projects, securing patents and supporting early career researchers.



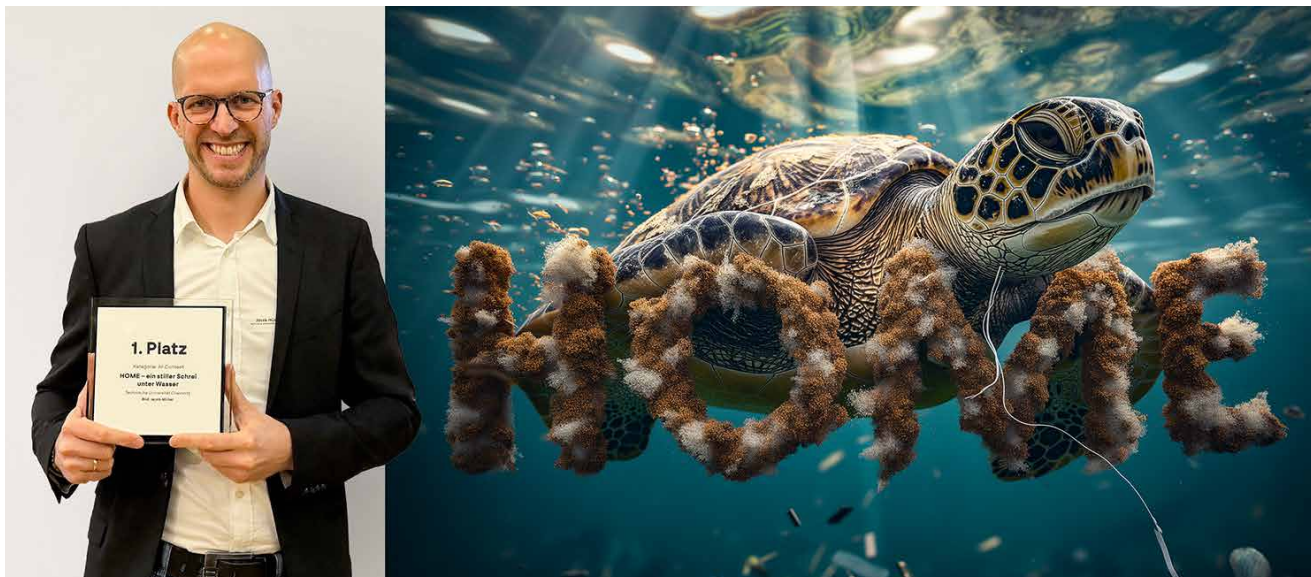
Kais Saïed, President of the Republic of Tunisia, presenting the award to Prof. Dr Olfa Kanoun.

Hannes Freiberg named Saxony's best apprentice industrial mechanic

At the "Best of State" awards hosted by the Saxon Chambers of Industry and Commerce on 13 November 2025, Hannes Freiberg was honoured as Saxony's top apprentice in his trade. Hannes had completed his training as an industrial mechanic with flying colours at Chemnitz University of Technology. The award recognised his outstanding examination results and exceptional professional expertise. The ambitious young man completed his vocational training six months ahead of schedule and remained loyal to his university, embarking on a mechanical engineering course in the 2025/26 winter term.



Jacob Müller wins first place for outstanding AI-generated photograph



Jacob Müller from Chemnitz University of Technology's Press Office and Crossmedia Communications Department was successful in the competition for the best PR images of the year with his AI-generated visual HOME – a silent cry underwater in the AI Content category. His work earned him the prestigious 2025 PR Image Award. On 28 November 2025, the dpa subsidiary News Aktuell joined forces with its Swiss sister agency and Austrian communications agency APA-Comm to present the 19th edition of the award for outstanding photography by companies, organisations and PR agencies.

From the University Management Committee



The University Management of Chemnitz University of Technology (from left): Prof. Dr Anja Strobel (Vice President for Research and University Development), Peter Bernshausen (Chancellor), Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier (President), Prof. Dr Thomas von Unwerth (Vice President for Transfer and Academic Qualification) and Prof. Dr Maximilian Eibl (Vice President for Academic and International Affairs).



External **university policy highlights** include:

- signing a key issues paper on establishing a secondary school teacher training programme at Chemnitz University of Technology with Sebastian Gemkow, Saxon Science Minister, and Conrad Clemens, Saxon Education and Culture Minister,
- signing cooperation agreements with Klinikum Chemnitz gGmbH, among other things, to develop Chemnitz into a leading centre for health and medical technology research, and with the Städtische Theater Chemnitz (Chemnitz Theatres), to further networking between culture, science and society,
- conducting political discussions at the regional and national level to secure necessary funding and ensure the implementation of planned construction projects.

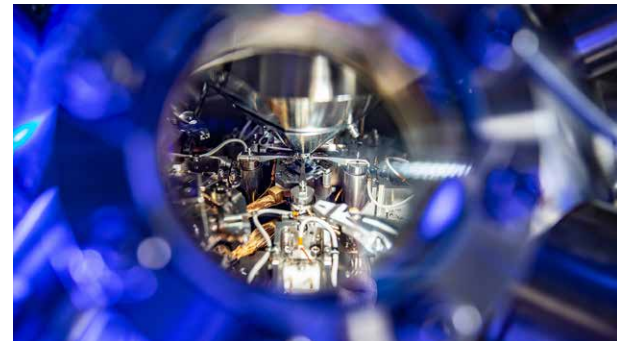


Internal **university policy highlights** include:

- Prof. Dr Anja Strobel being appointed Deputy President by the President; Prof. Dr Thomas von Unwerth being elected Vice President for Transfer and Academic Qualification by the Senate on the President's recommendation; and new deans being elected on the recommendation of the President's Office – which in all cases followed the proposals put forward by the faculties,
- publicly presenting the findings to date from the TUC Mobility Concept project at a university event,
- successfully negotiating numerous appointments and retentions, including those of Prof. Dr Karin Leistner, who secured the first ERC Consolidator Grant for the university in 2023, and Prof. Dr Andreas Undisz, who has taken over as Head of the newly established Transmission Electron Microscopy Centre. In addition, the first – highly prestigious – DFG Heisenberg Professorship at Chemnitz University of Technology was made permanent following the successful evaluation of Prof. Dr Martin Breugst.

Highlights from **research/early career development** include:

- supporting efforts to secure funding for new large-scale research projects, for example by setting up a task force for cutting-edge research focusing on Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios,
- strengthening controls on foreign trade, for example by adopting regulations governing applications to the Commission on the Ethics of Security-Related Research as well as regulations on export control checks,
- creating new career prospects for early career researchers, including by revising and expanding existing schemes for permanent appointments and creating pooling options.



Highlights from **teaching** include:

- implementing numerous measures to increase student numbers, for example, by reforming the range of degree programmes, ensuring course quality and stepping up student recruitment efforts,
- supporting the further development of the university's range of courses, including through the new continuing education programme Competence-Based Curriculum Design and by developing new microcredentials as part of the TUCacademy,
- making teaching more attractive for lecturers by increasing the maximum pay rates for teaching staff and introducing a remuneration scheme for private lecturers for teaching their (unpaid) mandatory hours.



Highlights from **transfer** include:

- continuing to network with the business community, for example by launching the new Science2Industry discussion forum in partnership with Industrieverein Sachsen 1828 e. V. (Saxon Industrial Association 1828) and through the President's participation in the EPR Business Dialogue in Passau,
- maintaining the university's support for spin-offs, for example, by staging the eighth TUClab competition and hosting the Start-up Day, organised by the SAXEED start-up network and Fraunhofer IWU, at Chemnitz University of Technology,
- continuing to strengthen career prospects for Chemnitz University of Technology students and graduates in business, for example, by organising the TUCconnect Spring and TUCconnect Autumn careers fairs.



Highlights from **international affairs** include:

- continuing the university's international research networking, for example, by launching calls for applications for the 13th and 14th rounds of the Visiting Scholar Programme and through the International Office's networking evening for visiting scholars,
- setting up a Chemnitz Employment Agency advice centre on campus to help international students make the transition from university to the labour market,
- continuing support for Ukrainian universities, researchers, lecturers, students and Ph.D. candidates, most notably through the DAAD projects CLiK Bridge, Lernbrücke Chemnitz–Lviv 2025, Lernbrücke Chemnitz-Lviv 2.0 and TU4Ukraine.



From Our Faculties



Prof. Dr. Christoph Tegenkamp, holder of the Professorship of Solid Surfaces Analysis at Chemnitz University of Technology, is the spokesperson for the Research Unit Proximity-Induced Correlation Effects in Low-Dimensional Structures.

Faculty of Natural Sciences

The German Research Foundation (DFG) has approved funding of around 4.5 million euros for the Research Unit FOR 5242 Proximity-Induced Correlation Effects in Two-Dimensional Structures for a second four-year period. Prof. Dr. Christoph Tegenkamp, who holds the Professorship of Solid Surfaces Analysis at Chemnitz University of Technology, has acted as the unit's spokesperson since its inception and will continue to coordinate the Germany-wide research network during the next phase. The unit's research focuses on atomically thin layers of carbon, such as graphene. +++ Elsewhere in the faculty, the first – highly prestigious – DFG-funded Heisenberg Professorship was made permanent at Chemnitz University of Technology in 2025. Following a successful evaluation of his research work to date, Prof. Dr. Martin Breugst, holder of the Professorship of Theoretical Organic Chemistry, has been appointed to a W2 Professorship. +++ Prof. Dr. Michael Sommer, holder of the Professorship of Polymer Chemistry, will be working at the Cluster of Excellence Responsible Electronics in the Climate Change Era at Dresden University of Technology, which has successfully secured funding. Prof. Sommer will focus on two lines of research aimed at recycling active materials for electronics and ensuring their controlled degradability.



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Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

1 April 2025 saw the launch of the Collaborative Research Centre (CRC)/Transregio Intelligent Production Technologies for Lightweight Plastic Structures with Load-Dedicated 3D Grading of the Reinforcement Architecture (DediGrad), which has been set up by the German Research Foundation at Chemnitz University of Technology. Prof. Dr Lothar Kroll, holder of the Professorship of Lightweight Structures/Polymer Technology at Chemnitz University of Technology, is the spokesperson and coordinator for the project. In addition to the three applicant universities – Chemnitz University of Technology, Dresden University of Technology and RWTH Aachen – Vienna University of Technology and the Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools and Forming Technology IWU in Chemnitz and Dresden are also involved. 15.3 million euros has been secured for the initial funding period, which runs until 2028. DediGrad focuses on developing innovative production technologies for lightweight structures that combine high performance with resource efficiency and sustainability. +++ The Composites Research Unit (headed by Dr Jörg Kaufmann) within the Professorship of Textile Technologies won the 2025 JEC Composites Innovation Award in the category Sports, Leisure & Recreation. The award was presented at JEC World, the leading international trade fair for composites and lightweight construction technologies in Paris. The unit received the award jointly with partner companies Gunsails von Osterhausen GmbH and Norafin Industries. The title recognises their sustainable technology for manufacturing fully recyclable surfboards. +++ A paper on a surgical virtual reality training simulator, co-authored by a team including Dr Mario Lorenz and Annegret Melzer from the Professorship of Production Systems and Processes and Prof. Dr Angelika Bullinger-Hoffmann and Dr André Dettmann from the Professorship of Ergonomics and Innovation Management at Chemnitz University of Technology was ranked in the top two per cent of 785 submissions to the 32nd IEEE Conference on Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces, which took place in Saint-Malo, France, from 8 to 12 March 2025.



A demonstrator with a graded fibre architecture, injection-moulded as part of the CRC/TRR DediGrad.

Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

The Professorship of Robotics and Human-Technology Interaction (headed by Prof. Dr Ulrike Thomas) presented its work on the project aiRobot – Efficient Digital Twin: Data-Driven Learning for Robots at the 2025 Hannover Messe, where it appeared at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research's stand. The project, which has received around one million euros in funding, is developing a simulation-based training platform for intelligent manufacturing robots. In another project involving the Professorship of Robotics and Human-Technology Interaction, isento GmbH has developed an affordable 3D-printed robot for use in schools. Also on display in Hannover, the robot is called Pib and can be assembled by pupils themselves. isento GmbH provided the software platform for the training, while Chemnitz University of Technology developed its own AI model to recognise hands interacting with objects and robots. +++ The Professorship of Measurement and Sensor Technology (headed by Prof. Dr Olfa Kanoun) was one of the main organisers of the IEEE International Instrumentation and Measurement Technology Conference (I2MTC). The event was hosted in Chemnitz from 19 to 22 May 2025. One of the world's leading conferences in this specialist field, it was hosted in Germany for the first time (page 37).



Federal Education and Research Minister Cem Özdemir interacting with the robot Pib at the exhibition stand. In the background: Prof. Dr Ulrike Thomas from the Professorship of Robotics and Human-Technology Interaction.



Prof. Dr Vivien Petras, Chair of the Board of the Hochschulverband Informationswissenschaft (Higher Education Association for Information Science), and Prof. Dr Maximilian Eibl, holder of the Professorship of Media Informatics, welcoming conference delegates to the 18th ISI in Chemnitz.

Faculty of Computer Science

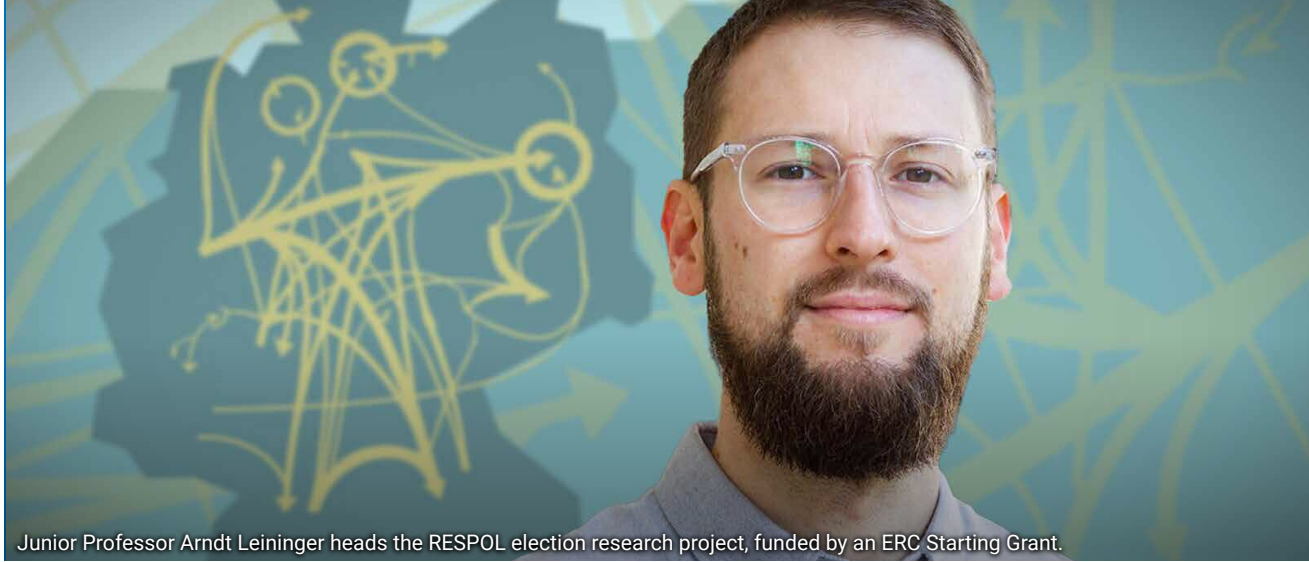
From 18 to 20 March 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology hosted the 18th edition of the International Symposium on Information Science (ISI). The event attracted over 100 delegates, who discussed the main theme "Data Streams and Cultural Oases – Information Science as a Link between Information Worlds". The conference was organised by the Professorship of Media Informatics (headed by Prof. Dr Maximilian Eibl). It provided a forum for academic discussion on the challenges and opportunities of digital transformation. Lectures, poster presentations and the presentation of the Gerhard Lustig Award enriched the event. +++ Since 2025, Prof. Dr Florian Röhrbein, holder of the Professorship of Neurorobotics, has coordinated the activities of the Robotics Institute Germany (RIG) at Chemnitz University of Technology. RIG is a new initiative launched by the Federal Ministry of Research and is intended to serve as the central contact point for all robotics hubs in Germany. Chemnitz University of Technology is an associate partner of this network. Its cross-faculty RIG team is formed of twelve professors from five faculties.



Participants in the European Management Summer School.

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

Prof. Dr Marlen Arnold, holder of the Professorship of Economics and Business Administration – Corporate Environmental Management and Sustainability at Chemnitz University of Technology, is involved in the Cluster of Excellence Responsible Electronics in the Climate Change Era. Based at Dresden University of Technology, the successfully funded project aims to bring about a paradigm shift in how electronic components are conceived, designed, implemented, used and disposed of. Within the cluster, Prof. Arnold is co-director of the research programme on short-lifespan electronics, which aims to develop electronic appliances that can be degraded in a controlled manner and do no harm to organisms and ecosystems. +++ As part of the DAAD project Lernbrücke Chemnitz–Lviv 2025, 16 students and four lecturers from the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv attended the summer school European Management (in Practice): Market Innovation, Digital Change and Resilience at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration in mid-October 2025. The aim was to familiarise Ukrainian students with the general framework within the European market and to explore digital transformation strategies and tools for business resilience.



Junior Professor Arndt Leininger heads the RESPOL election research project, funded by an ERC Starting Grant.

Faculty of Humanities

The project Residential Mobility and the Realignment of Electoral Politics in Established Democracies (RESPOL) was launched at Chemnitz University of Technology in October 2025. The project is based in the Junior Professorship of Political Science Research Methods (headed by Junior Professor Arndt Leininger, Ph.D.). It successfully secured an ERC Starting Grant following an extremely competitive selection process and will receive 1.44 million euros over a five-year period. Leininger is investigating how changes in places of residence influence political attitudes within society. His project involves an in-depth examination of population inflows and outflows within regions and their effects on individuals' political identities, views and behaviour. +++ The Professorship of Human Geography with a Focus on European Migration Studies (headed by Prof. Dr Birgit Glorius) and Katja Manz, a Chemnitz-based urban geographer, have collected stories about Chemnitz and created an accessible interactive web application. The app forms part of an interdisciplinary project undertaken in collaboration with schools, local archives, neighbourhood initiatives and cultural practitioners. The digital city guide includes routes exploring the textile industry and stories of migration.



The team at the Professorship of Social Psychology (from left): Katrin Hinkel, Sarah Buhl, Dr Claas Pollmann, Cora Becker, Theresa Fahrig, Anton Recknagel, Ayla Schaub, Dr Maximilian Bretschneider, Prof. Dr Frank Asbrock, Klara Steinmetz and Ann-Christin Schröder.

Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences

Chemnitz University of Technology's Professorship of Social Psychology (headed by Prof. Dr Frank Asbrock) was honoured by the Junge Akademie and the Volkswagen Foundation on 7 June 2025. The professorship was one of ten teams to win the title of Best Research Environment 2024 and a cash prize of 10,000 euros. The Junge Akademie defines an outstanding research environment as a place where constructive collaboration, a shared focus on common goals, and the purposeful cultivation of individual strengths form the basis for scientific success. Key criteria include scope for creative development, support for successful academic work, and a positive and collegial working atmosphere. The Professorship of Social Psychology conducts research into topics at the intersection of politics and psychology, including the perception of threat, ideological attitudes and motivations, intergroup conflicts, racism, social identities and the social-psychological impact of new technologies such as artificial intelligence. +++ On 1 December 2025, the Centre for Criminological Research Saxony (ZKFS), an affiliated institute of Chemnitz University of Technology, organised the symposium More than Just Work: Criminal Justice, Employment, Reintegration. It aimed to highlight the opportunities and challenges involved in the reintegration of former prison inmates into work. Saxon MPs from across the political spectrum attended the event, as did numerous practitioners from various areas of the justice system, including prisons, offender support services and the social services departments of the regional courts.

From Our Central Institutions

Centre for Knowledge and Technology Transfer

On 9 April 2025, ten universities from Saxony and Thuringia – including Chemnitz University of Technology – founded the Start-up Campus Alliance. It aims to support talented individuals and teams interested in setting up start-ups by offering joint teaching formats and shared infrastructure and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. +++ The Central German start-up factory boOst was selected as a winner of EXIST's flagship competition Start-up Factories, organised by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action. As a member of the Start-up Campus Alliance, Chemnitz University of Technology partners with boOst alongside seven universities in Saxony and two in Thuringia. The project will receive up to ten million euros in federal funding, to be matched as a minimum amount by industry partners. +++ The Chemnitz Patent Information Centre (PIZ) in organised several events on intellectual property protection at Chemnitz University of Technology. These included the 35th PIZnet Annual Conference of the Association of German Patent Information Centres, the IP Enforcement Day – Enforcing Intellectual Property Rights, as well as the exhibition Inventor Culture in Chemnitz and the Region. PIZ Chemnitz also took part in the first Saxon Patent Law Day, Saxony Goes International, organised by the Chemnitz Chamber of Industry and Commerce. +++ More than 160 delegates attended the 19th Annual Conference of Career Service Institutions at German Universities. It was hosted under the banner of "Industrial Culture in Transition: Securing a Skilled Workforce and International Prospects". The event took place from 26 to 28 March 2025 at Chemnitz University of Technology in collaboration with the West Saxon University of Applied Sciences Zwickau, Mittweida University of Applied Sciences and the German network Career Service Netzwerk Deutschland e. V. +++ From 10 to 11 March 2025, the SAXEED start-up network organised an EXIST workshop in collaboration with Jülich, a Berlin-based project management agency at Chemnitz University of Technology. It attracted around 250 representatives from EXIST-funded universities and start-up networks from throughout Germany, as well as experts from a variety of sectors across the entire start-up ecosystem. The event showcased innovative ideas and forward-looking concepts for further developing start-up initiatives and fostering collaboration between them. It also explored funding opportunities under the EXIST-Women programme.



Dr Carina Gerlach (left), Head of the Chemnitz Patent Information Centre, Eva Schewior, President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, and Prof. Dr Uwe Götz, Deputy President and Vice President for Transfer and Academic Qualification at Chemnitz University of Technology, leaf through the Interactive Magic Book, which was presented at Chemnitz University of Technology as part of the exhibition Inventor Culture in Chemnitz and the Region.



University Library

On 4 April 2025, the University Library took part in Germany's first nationwide Night of the Libraries. The event was organised by the Deutscher Bibliotheksverband (German Library Association) and its 16 associations in the federal states. The University Library staged an extensive programme of activities under the banner of "Knowing. Sharing. Discovering." +++ As part of Open Access Week, the Open Science Award was presented on 23 October 2025 to Jiyeon Yeo (Ph.D. candidate in the Professorship of Media Psychology), Dr Stefan Kahl (Professorship of Media Informatics) and Annika Morgenstern (Professorship of Semiconductor Physics) in recognition of their outstanding commitment to open science. +++ The University Library has successfully applied to take part in the Open Science Strategy Workshop, organised by the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft e. V (Donors' Association for the Promotion of Sciences and Humanities in Germany). The event aims to establish a university-wide open science policy whilst also recognising the existing open science initiatives of the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences. +++ The University Library has secured DFG funding of around 439,000 euros (including overhead allowance) for open-access publications, which will bolster the library's fund for such publications from 2025 to 2027.

University Computer Centre

TUCcloud firmly established itself as the central platform for digital collaboration at Chemnitz University of Technology and beyond in 2025. With around 1,000 project repositories now in use, it is a secure, university-owned cloud solution that enables working groups to synchronise, collaboratively edit and share data from different locations. In addition to reliably meeting the growing demand for storage capacity and faster access, the technical upgrades implemented in 2025 have laid the foundations for long-term, sustainable use. As it stands, five other universities in Saxony are already using TUCcloud. Within the framework of the Free State's Strategy for Digital Transformation in Higher Education, the Saxon State Ministry of Science, Culture and Tourism awarded the project more than 208,000 euros to scale up TUCcloud into SaxCloud.



A practical session at the HDS.Forum 2025.

University Didactics Saxony

On 23 and 24 October 2025, Hochschuldidaktik Sachsen (University Didactics Saxony, HDS) co-hosted the HDS.Forum 2025 alongside Chemnitz University of Technology and the Across European University Alliance. Lecturers, students and representatives from five European university alliances came together to discuss new developments in university teaching. +++ To mark the start of the summer term, students at Chemnitz University of Technology gathered to discuss how generative AI is changing teaching and learning on 10 April 2025. The discussion followed on from an event held during the 2024/2025 winter term, which invited teaching staff to engage in an in-depth exchange of views on challenges, solutions, needs and visions relating to the topic.

Centre for Teacher Training and Educational Research

The team at the Professorship of German Didactics (headed by Prof. Dr Michael Krelle) received the 2025 German Reading Prize in the category Outstanding Promotion of Reading through Digital Media. The award was presented at a ceremony in Berlin on 18 February 2025 and honours their work in developing the digital reading platform LeOn (Leseraum Online). LeOn is a "digital reading booster" that combines proven methods for promoting reading with the possibilities offered by digital media. The web-based learning tool was developed for pupils in Years 2 to 6 and designed in collaboration with around 900 pupils and over 50 teachers from North Rhine-Westphalia in partnership with the software company Outermedia.

+++ Saxony's first UNIKlasse was officially launched on 11 April 2025 at Weststraße Primary School in Chemnitz. The new classroom is equipped with video and audio technology. This allows lessons to be streamed live from various camera angles to an observation room where trainee teachers, lecturers and schoolteachers can watch and listen along. The Chemnitz UNIKlasse classroom was developed by Prof. Dr Sarah Désirée Lange, holder of the Professorship of Primary School Pedagogy at Chemnitz University of Technology, in collaboration with Doreen Contassot, Head of Weststraße Primary School, the State Office for Schools and Education and the City of Chemnitz.



The LeOn team is delighted to have won the German Reading Prize (from left): Tobias Miller (Outermedia GmbH), Franziska Wietstock, Edita Rehberg, Prof. Dr Michael Krelle, Laura Schlicht (all from Chemnitz University of Technology), Eva Duwenkamp (Outermedia GmbH), Simon Oldeboershuis (Outermedia GmbH), Elisabeth Kunze (Chemnitz University of Technology).



Foreign Language Centre

Prof. Dr Winfried Thielmann, holder of the Professorship of German as a Foreign and Second Language at Chemnitz University of Technology, will continue to serve as Academic Director of the university's Foreign Language Centre (ZFS). His appointment has been extended by the University Management Committee for a further five-year term. He contributes findings from research into linguistics and second language acquisition to support the ZFS's work.

From left: Pablo Walker, Francisco Orozco, Karl Lötsch (HZwo e. V./HIC gGmbH), Dr Benny Liebold (Chemnitz University of Technology), Prof. Dr Maximilian Eibl (Chemnitz University of Technology), Her Excellency María Magdalena Atria Barros, Ambassador, Francisco Ulloa and Prof. Dr Thomas von Unwerth (Chemnitz University of Technology).



International Office

On 27 May 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology welcomed a high-level delegation from the Chilean Embassy, led by Her Excellency María Magdalena Atria Barros, the Ambassador. The visit formed part of a host of activities celebrating the new Saxon Science Liaison Office in Chile (SSLO Chile). Its purpose was to learn more about Chemnitz University of Technology as the lead institution in establishing the SSLO Chile, to gain insights into hydrogen research in Chemnitz, and to identify areas of common interest between Saxony and Chile. The hosts also took the opportunity to introduce the new master's programme in Hydrogen Technologies to their guests.



The 12th Early Career Researchers' Day provided many opportunities for networking.

Centre for Junior Scientists

In addition to its regular programme, the Centre for Junior Scientists (Zfwn) held additional events for doctoral candidates, those interested in obtaining a doctorate, and postdocs. They included launching a new event series called TK-MentalStrategien – Staying Calm During Your Ph.D. in partnership with the health insurer Techniker Krankenkasse. It is the university's first programme offering free, practical techniques for optimising stress and time management, building mental resilience, and integrating mindfulness and relaxation exercises into day-to-day life as a Ph.D. candidate. From May to June 2025, the Centre for Junior Scientists also hosted a three-part event series to prepare early career researchers for applications for professorships and appointment negotiations. +++ There were plenty of opportunities for networking at the sixth Brown Bag Break on 24 June 2025 and the 12th Early Career Researchers' Day on 11 November 2025. The latter event offered a varied programme featuring moderated discussions, opportunities to share ideas, and perspectives from across the different disciplines.

Centre for Sport and Health Promotion

A total of 44 sports teams formed of students and staff from Chemnitz University of Technology battled it out at the TUCsportfest on 4 June 2025. Responding to the call "Let's fair play TUCgether!", they competed in eleven disciplines ranging from cricket to tag rugby – a new record. For the first time, the Health Day was held separately on 26 November 2025 at the new Laboratory and Sports Hall Complex. Devoted to the topic of stress management through exercise, it gave Chemnitz University of Technology staff the opportunity to take part in relaxation and exercise classes, listen to inspirational talks and browse the information stands. +++ In September 2025, 84 members and affiliates of Chemnitz University of Technology took part in Stadtradeln, an international cycling campaign organised by the Klima-Bündnis (Climate Alliance) to promote more sustainable mobility, better health, an active lifestyle and community spirit.



Piere Kiesewetter, Dr Claudio Zippenpfennig, Ralph Dörfler, Dr Tina Drechsel and Dr Freddy Sighting from the Runner's Hai vs. Muskelkater team at the Professorship of Movement Science for Prevention and Rehabilitation shone at the TUCsportfest.

MERGE Research Cluster

On 10 and 11 April 2025, the cross-border conference Future Technologies Across Borders took place in Wrocław, Poland. The attendees included the Head of the Saxon State Chancellery, Dr Andreas Handschuh. More than 180 delegates from Germany and Poland discussed key issues for the future, such as sustainable production, digitalisation, medical technology, lightweight construction and the circular economy. The event provided a forum for dialogue between research, business and politics – with the aim of strengthening cross-border cooperation and tapping into the potential for innovation. The conference was organised jointly by the MERGE Research Cluster, Circular MTC e. V., Wrocław University of Science and Technology, and industry partner Dopak Sp. z o.o.



Conversing at the conference (from left): Prof. Piotr Młynarz, Vice-Rector for Organisation and Infrastructure at Wrocław University of Science and Technology; Dr Andreas Handschuh, Head of the Saxon State Chancellery; Prof. Dr Lothar Kroll, Coordinator of the MERGE Research Cluster; and Dr Stephan Meyer, District Administrator of the Görlitz district.



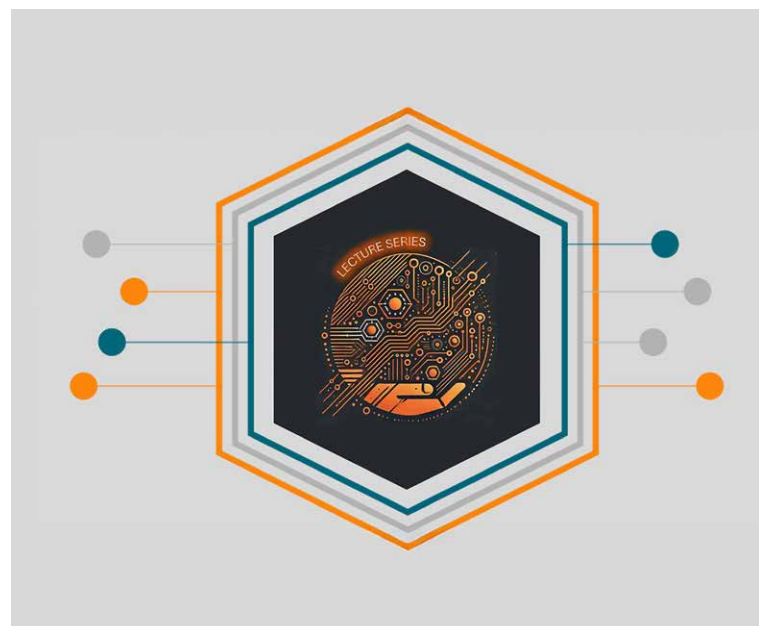
A 3D modular micro-robot – known as a “smartlet” – on a fingertip.

MAIN Research Centre

In a major step towards intelligent microrobotic systems, a team at the Research Centre for Materials, Architectures and Integration of Nanomembranes (MAIN) at Chemnitz University of Technology has developed a new generation of autonomous microrobots. Known as “smartlets”, they can communicate, operate and work together in aqueous environments. Just one millimetre in size, smartlets are equipped with integrated electronics, sensors, actuators and power systems. These microrobots have a vast range of potential applications. As they are untethered, biocompatible and able to respond to environmental influences, smartlets could one day be used to assist with tasks such as monitoring water quality, performing minimally invasive medical diagnoses and investigating confined biological environments. +++ The MAIN Research Centre once again hosted Focus Days in 2025: On 13 February, participants explored the topic of nanomedicine from various perspectives. On 26 August 2025, the event was devoted to future scenarios for energy-efficient electronics and possible pathways for achieving them.

Centre for Humans and Technology

In 2025, the Research Centre for Humans and Technology (MeTech) launched the METECH Lecture Series, an event format forming part of the Chemnitz-Ilmenau-Magdeburg Research and Innovation Network (CHIM). The series provided a platform for researchers from Chemnitz University of Technology, Ilmenau University of Technology and Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg as well as other interested parties to exchange ideas on current research topics in the field of humans and technology across disciplinary boundaries. +++ Prof. Dr Marco Ragni, holder of the Professorship of Predictive Behavioural Analytics and Scientific Director of the MeTech Research Centre at Chemnitz University of Technology, together with Prof. Dr Ute Schmid from the Otto Friedrich University of Bamberg, introduces the fundamentals of cognitive AI research in their textbook Cognitive Artificial Intelligence, published by Springer-Verlag in 2025. In this publication, they demonstrate how human thought processes can be modelled formally.



From Our University Administration



Staff involved in developing the application management system TUCrecruiting (from left): Peter Bernshausen, Ines Johann, Sophie Höppner, Claudia Wagnitz, Andrea Bidell, Mandy Olzscher and Dr Philipp Cain.

Digital job application management system TUCrecruiting launched

In line with the move to digitalise administrative processes at Chemnitz University of Technology, the Human Resources Department, working closely with the Organisation and Digitalisation Department, the Data Protection Officer and the Staff Council, launched the digital job application management system TUCrecruiting in 2025. It is based on the application management software provided by BITE GmbH and aims to provide applicants with a central point of access via an online portal that complies with data protection requirements. It is also intended to digitalise the university's application process and to minimise the need to switch between media. The new system is currently in a pilot phase and due to be rolled out gradually across all departments.

Chemnitz University of Technology holds first electronic elections

For the first time ever, those eligible to vote in the November 2025 elections at Chemnitz University of Technology were able to do so online. Electronic voting enabled participants to cast their vote no matter where they were, making the process fast and straightforward – an important step towards simplifying the electoral process and increasing the university's voter turnout.



New platform EduApplication for international applicants



The Chancellor of Chemnitz University of Technology, Peter Bernshausen (right), and Prof. Dr Stephan Odenwald, Managing Director of TUCed – Institut für Transfer und Weiterbildung GmbH and holder of the Professorship of Sports Equipment & Technology, symbolically press “go” on the EduApplication platform in April 2025.

As part of a pilot project, TUCed – Institut für Transfer und Weiterbildung GmbH, an affiliated institute of Chemnitz University of Technology, developed the digital application platform EduApplication (www.eduapplication.de) for the Advanced Manufacturing master's programme at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. The project involved a close partnership with the Department of Academic and Student Affairs. It aimed to streamline the application process for international students wishing to study at Chemnitz University of Technology in order to ensure that international first-years have a smooth start to their studies. The application platform was up and running after just three months of development.

Across European University Alliance



Across University Alliance launched in Chemnitz

Having successfully applied to join the European Commission's European Universities Initiative, the university alliance Across – The European University for Cross-Border Knowledge Sharing – was delighted to hold its kick-off meeting in Chemnitz from 4 to 6 March 2025. Around 230 representatives from the ten partner universities in various European countries came together at the event. Across connects an academic community of more than 100,000 students. Since the beginning of 2025, the alliance has received 14.4 million euros in funding from the European Union. Around 3.1 million euros of this amount has been allocated to Chemnitz University of Technology, which coordinates the initiative.

Across Alliance hosts a work meeting in Perpignan

Around 90 representatives from the Across Alliance headed to the University of Perpignan Via Domitia for a meeting from 22 to 24 January 2025. At the event, they discussed the future direction of the European University alliance, key aspects of the project and the next steps in its implementation. Also on the agenda were strategies for collaboration and onboarding new members.



(From left): Prof. Samira El Yacoubi (Vice President for Research at the University of Perpignan Via Domitia), Prof. Yvan Auguet (President of the University of Perpignan Via Domitia), Prof. Dr Maximilian Eibl (Vice President for Academic and International Affairs at Chemnitz University of Technology) and Prof. Laurent Cavaignac (Vice President for International Affairs at the University of Perpignan Via Domitia).

Chemnitz University of Technology invited to Paris by the French President and the President of the European Commission

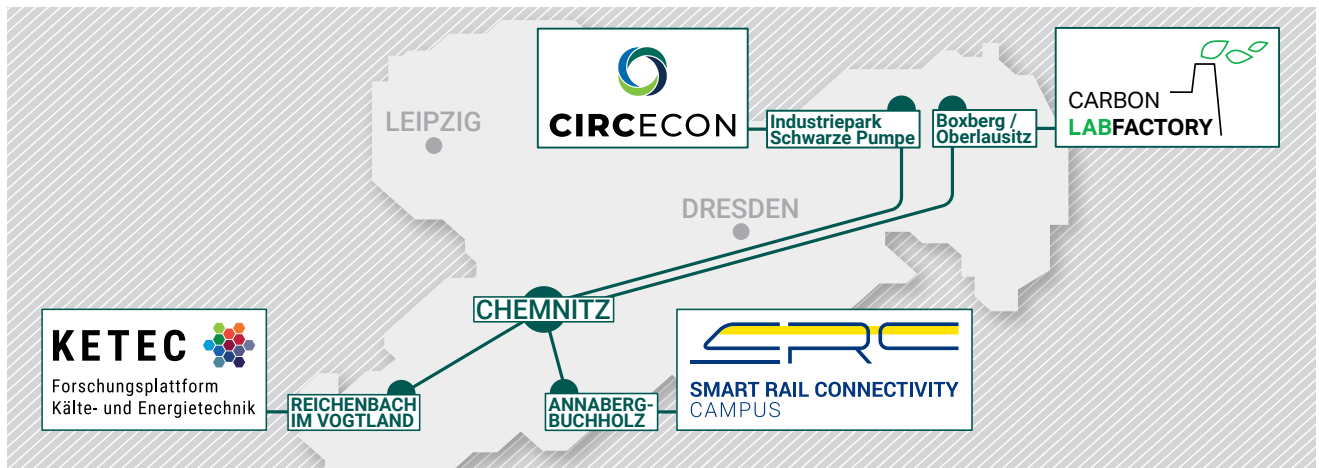
On 5 May 2025, French President Emmanuel Macron and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen invited representatives of the European University alliances to the historic Sorbonne University in Paris for a high-level discussion. The meeting focused on new EU initiatives such as Choose Europe and the further development of European University alliances. Prof. Dr Maximilian Eibl, Vice President for Academic and International Affairs, attended on behalf of Chemnitz University of Technology as a representative of the Across University Alliance.

Across Open Science Challenge and Across Summer School

On 17 June 2025, the Across University Alliance hosted an Across Open Science Challenge. The event aimed to develop practical solutions to key challenges facing open science – ranging from issues relating to research data infrastructure to public engagement. +++ From 30 June to 9 July 2025, students from Chemnitz University of Technology took part in an Across Summer School at Białystok University of Technology, Poland. The programme combined practical learning with international exchanges and interdisciplinary collaboration, focusing in particular on the development of sustainable buildings and cities.



External Locations



Railway innovations showcased at the Smart Rail Connectivity Campus

The fourth Digital Rail Convention (DRC), which took place in Annaberg-Buchholz from 17 to 20 September 2025, focused on exchanging ideas about digitalised rail transport in both theory and practice. The DRC was organised by Chemnitz University of Technology through its Smart Rail Connectivity Campus (SRCC), along with the town of Annaberg-Buchholz and numerous partners from industry and academia. At the ConferenceDay, which was attended by figures such as Regina Kraushaar, Saxony's State Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, delegates were able to gain insights into the latest research – particularly at Chemnitz University of Technology – and discuss future issues for rail transport. +++ 2025 saw the launch of RailInnoHUB SN-CZ – Network for Railway Innovation with SME Input in the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Border Region, a project to further develop the SRCC into a cross-border innovation cluster. The primary aim is to connect SMEs from Saxony and the Czech Republic with researchers and stakeholders in the railway sector, thereby encouraging them to deepen their involvement in research and innovation activities and empower them to develop their own marketable railway innovations. +++ The SRCC showcased its role as one of four sites for the German Centre for Future Mobility (DZM) at the 2025 UITP Summit in Hamburg. Hosted from 15 to 18 June, the event is the world's largest industry gathering for sustainable mobility. One topic examined in detail was human-technology interaction in teleoperated driving. The DZM project aims to develop and evaluate a prototype workstation for the remote control of rail vehicles.



Innovations from the Research Platform for Refrigeration and Energy Technology (KETEC)

The Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space is funding the establishment of the Research Platform for Refrigeration and Energy Technology (KETEC) in Reichenbach in the Vogtland region. The initiative is led by Chemnitz University of Technology, the Institut für Luft- und Kältetechnik gGmbH Dresden and the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE in Freiburg. The ministry is set to invest a total of 15 million euros in the platform by December 2026. Overseeing the project on the Chemnitz side is the Professorship of Applied Thermodynamics. The project forms part of the plan to establish a new branch campus of Chemnitz University of Technology, which is being funded by the Free State of Saxony. One aspect of the KETEC project will be investigating new refrigerants and storage materials. Experts will also work on developing new refrigeration machines, heat pumps, and heat and cold storage systems. Related research will explore how information technology and artificial intelligence methods can be applied in this field. The research findings and the platform will also be used for academic education. On 18 September 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology hosted the KETEC Symposium 2025. The event showcased the wide-ranging results of the joint venture and brought together a broad consortium of representatives from politics, public administration, research and industry.



Foundation stone laid for the CircE-con research campus in Lusatia

A research campus dedicated to furthering a greenhouse gas-neutral circular economy – the only one of its kind in Europe – is under construction in the Schwarze Pumpe industrial park in Lusatia. It will also serve as the fourth branch campus of Chemnitz University of Technology. On 11 June 2025, management team representatives from the technical universities of Chemnitz, Dresden and Freiberg, as well as Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences, laid the foundation stone for the Green Circular Economy (CircEcon) research campus, which is to receive around 108 million euros in funding from the federal and state governments. Scheduled to open in 2027, it will develop pioneering, market-ready technologies for the circular economy. The aim is also to create new jobs by attracting businesses to the region and to support local start-ups. The foundation stone was laid in the presence of Regina Kraushaar, Saxony's State Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, among other notables.



Visualisation of the future Green Circular Economy (CircEcon) research campus.



Laying the foundation stone for the CircEcon research campus (from left): Prof. Dr Anja Strobel, Vice President for Research and University Development at Chemnitz University of Technology; Prof. Dr Ursula Staudinger, Rector of Dresden University of Technology; Prof. Dr Alexander Kratzsch, Rector of Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences; and Prof. Dr Klaus-Dieter Barbknecht, Rector of TU Bergakademie Freiberg.

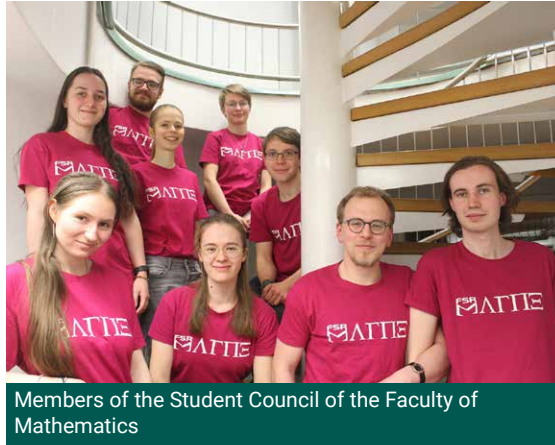
Carbon LabFactory Saxony instrumental in structural change in Lusatia

In April 2025, the MERGE Research Cluster at Chemnitz University of Technology, in collaboration with the university's Professorship of Textile Technologies and Cetex Institut gGmbH, launched the KIKORECO research project on child seat components made from recycled carbon fibre-reinforced plastics. The project is instrumental in supporting economic diversification in the Lusatia region, an area undergoing structural change. With funding of around 1.4 million euros from the Development Bank of Saxony's Just Transition Fund, the partners aim to develop innovative, sustainable headrests for child car seats using recycled "green" carbon fibres, which combine high mechanical load-bearing capacity with resource efficiency. A key element of the project is the acquisition of a state-of-the-art tailored fibre placement system capable of processing large-format semi-finished products with a diameter of up to 1.8 metres. Following its successful commissioning at Chemnitz University of Technology, the new TFP facility is set to be relocated to the university's Carbon LabFactory Saxony branch campus in Boxberg/Upper Lusatia, where it will act as a beacon for sustainable fibre-reinforced composite technology.



One of KIKORECO's innovative demonstrator models is a headrest for child car seats, made from recycled carbon fibres and thermoplastic polymers.

About Our Students



Members of the Student Council of the Faculty of Mathematics

Conference of German-Speaking Mathematics Student Unions meets in Chemnitz for the first time

The 93rd Conference of German-Speaking Mathematics Student Unions (KoMa) was hosted in Chemnitz from 29 October to 2 November 2025. It aimed to bring together dedicated maths students from the DACH region for networking and to discuss student representation, degree programme development and higher education policy. The Student Council of the Faculty of Mathematics at Chemnitz University of Technology, which organised the conference, welcomed around 100 participants from Germany, Austria and Switzerland.



TUCpanel survey conducted for 2025

Around 20 per cent of all students who have been enrolled at Chemnitz University of Technology for at least one term took part in the bilingual TUCpanel survey in 2025. One key focus this year was on the revised section on teaching quality: Students had the opportunity to provide detailed feedback on courses, examination formats and how their studies are organised. TUCpanel is Chemnitz University of Technology's primary monitoring tool for further developing degree programmes and improving the conditions for studying at the university.

Students build cargo bikes for flood victims in Spain

Following the devastating floods in the Valencia region of Spain in October 2024, students from the Professorship of Sports Equipment & Technology at Chemnitz University of Technology teamed up with UK-based bicycle manufacturer Vielo to develop and manufacture four extraordinary upcycled cargo bikes. The bike frames are made from 55-millimetre diameter carbon-fibre tubes, which were originally used as load-bearing supports inside an Airbus passenger aircraft and were supplied by Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH. Weighing as little as around 13 kilograms, the cargo bikes can carry a payload of more than 70 kilograms. They were donated in October 2025 to two particularly hard-hit communities in the Valencia region to help restore mobility following the disaster.



(Outdoor) lecture theatre slam behind the Weinhold Building.

Committed to representing student interests

With all positions across its sections filled, the Student Council (StuRa) at Chemnitz University of Technology was able to expand its advisory services and organise a wide range of events – from a potluck hosted by the International Students Section to two (outdoor) lecture theatre slams in collaboration with the collective Spektakel Kollektiv Chemnitz. With the support of local restaurateurs, the StuRa has revived Student Day in the city centre. The scheme enables students to enjoy attractive discounts at numerous restaurants every Tuesday. The council was also politically active, organising protest campaigns in collaboration with other activists and securing additional funding for Saxon student services organisations.

About Our Centre for Junior Scientists

Outstanding habilitation thesis in Human Movement Science wins award

On 31 January 2025, Dr Freddy Sichtung, a research associate and private lecturer at the Professorship of Human Movement Science at Chemnitz University of Technology, was awarded Silver in the German Olympic Sports Confederation's 2023/2024 Science Prize. Worth 2,000 euros, this prize is regarded as the most prestigious award in German sports science. Presented to a member of Chemnitz University of Technology for the first time, it recognises the high calibre of Sichtung's habilitation thesis on the topic "Genes, environments, and lifestyles – How an evolutionary perspective can help us better understand the human locomotor system and its vulnerability to diseases". His research examines the human musculoskeletal system and how it is affected by our genetics, environment and lifestyle.



Young researchers' summer school: How Much Science Is There in Science Fiction?

Over 20 participants from nine countries gathered in Chemnitz on 28 and 29 August 2025 for the summer school How Much Science Is there in Science Fiction? The event was hosted by the Professorship of Media Psychology (led by Prof. Dr Jan-Philipp Stein) at Chemnitz University of Technology, in collaboration with the university alliance Across – The European University for Cross-Border Knowledge Sharing. The programme was an immense success, with several guest lectures, a creative writing workshop, a poster session and a sci-fi film night. Overall, the summer school offered participants an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and network based on their shared enthusiasm for media, stories and the futuristic worlds of science fiction.

Doctoral Candidate Council established at Chemnitz University of Technology

Following the amendment to the Saxon Higher Education Act, official representation for doctoral candidates at Saxon universities has been introduced for the first time. The Doctoral Candidate Council at Chemnitz University of Technology has been formed of three elected members since July 2025: Mina Raeisi (Faculty of Humanities), Tom Hunger (Faculty of Economics and Business Administration) and Anna Ullrich (Faculty of Natural Sciences). They represent the interests of all doctoral candidates across all faculties and the Centre for Teacher Training and Educational Research in dealings with university committees and provide advice and guidance on issues relating to doctoral studies.



Mina Raeisi (left), Tom Hunger and Anna Ullrich.

Scholarships and awards



Sixty-four students from all eight faculties as well as the Centre for Teacher Training and Educational Research at Chemnitz University of Technology were honoured for their outstanding academic achievements and contributions to society. On 30 October 2025, they were each awarded a Germany Scholarship at a ceremony in the Auditorium and Seminar Building. Of the scholarship holders, 44 students were new recipients, while 20 received continued funding.

The scholarship holders will receive 300 euros a month for the next two terms. All this is possible thanks to 27 sponsors, including companies, foundations, associations and private individuals. The organisations most actively involved in this funding programme are the Society of Friends of Chemnitz University of Technology, which awards 20 scholarships, and the Werner Korsch Foundation, which awards ten. The total funding granted for this academic year amounts to 230,400 euros.



Student Isolde Kirk gave a speech of thanks on behalf of all the recipients. She said: "The Germany Scholarship means far more than just financial support. It's not just about giving money; it's about building relationships, opening doors and offering encouragement. It brings us students into contact with companies and sponsors, opens up new prospects and forges connections that extend far beyond our studies and lectures."

On 27 November 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology celebrated the outstanding achievements and dedication of its members and affiliates in the fields of study, teaching, research and knowledge transfer, as well as their social commitment. At a ceremony in the Auditorium and Seminar Building, the university awarded two Teaching Prizes, three Research Prizes, four Transfer Prizes, nine University Prizes, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Prize, as well as five Eleonore Dießner Prizes and four Marie Pleißner Prizes. All the prizes are endowed with 1,000 euros each.

The University Prizes for the best dissertations and theses across all faculties and the Centre for Teacher Training and Educational Research (ZLB) are jointly awarded by Chemnitz University of Technology and the Society of Friends of Chemnitz University of Technology. The Eleonore Dießner and Marie Pleißner Prizes honour outstanding dissertations and theses by female early career researchers across all faculties and the ZLB. The awards were presented by Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Anja Strobel, Vice President for Research and University Development, and Prof. Dr Maximilian Eibl, Vice President for Academic and International Affairs. Further information can be found at: www.mytuc.org/preise2025

The **University Prizes for outstanding academic achievement** were awarded to (starting with the top row, from left):

- Dr Dominik Dilba (Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences)
- Dr Marvin Friedemann (Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology)
- Lisa Gärtitz (Faculty of Humanities)
- Dr Andreas Gester (Faculty of Mechanical Engineering)
- Franziska Jähnichen (Centre for Teacher Training and Educational Research)
- Dr Martina Kasper-Schöniger (Faculty of Economics and Business Administration)
- Lucas Schwarz (Faculty of Computer Science)
- Dr Lukas Uhlig (Faculty of Natural Sciences)
- Dr Laura Weidensager (Faculty of Mathematics)



The **DAAD Prize for Outstanding Achievements by Foreign Students and Doctoral Candidates at German Universities** went to Rajmadan Lakshmanan from India (pictured centre), who is studying for a doctorate at the Faculty of Mathematics. He impressed the jury not only with his exceptional academic accomplishments but also with his commitment to social and intercultural engagement, including his work with Avanti Gym in Chemnitz, an initiative that supports people from socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

The **Eleonore Dießner Prizes** were awarded to (from left):

- Jannina Jacqueline Tepas (Faculty of Natural Sciences)
- Jasmin Gläser (Faculty of Mathematics)
- Maike Stummer (Faculty of Mechanical Engineering)
- Anne-Katrin Schumann (Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology)
- Nadja Just (Faculty of Computer Science)

The **Marie Pleißner Prizes** were awarded to (from left):

- Viktoria Miller (Faculty of Economics and Business Administration)
- Katharina Franck (Faculty of Humanities)
- Bonny-Lycen Henze (Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences)
- Melanie Meißner (Centre for Teacher Training and Educational Research)



The **Outstanding Teaching Prize** was awarded to several individuals. They include Prof. Dr Matthias Werner (centre, top picture), holder of the Professorship of Operating Systems, who completely redesigned the Algorithms and Programming course and developed a specialised teaching methodology for it. The award also went to Dr Stefanie Troppmann (Department of University Didactics at Chemnitz University of Technology), Maj-Britt Krone (Institute for European Studies and History) and Dr Isabelle van der Bom (Institute for English and American Studies, bottom picture, from left). Together, they developed practice-oriented teaching concepts for the master's seminar Project Management and Digital Project Communication (English Studies) and the bachelor's practical seminar Learning through Service in Projects for Chemnitz 2025 – European Capital of Culture (European Studies).



The **Teaching Prize for Early Career Researchers** was presented to two recipients. They include Dr Bianka Mey (pictured left) from the Professorship of Macroeconomics, who developed the microcredential Agenda Setting in the EU – Policy Programming and Budget Planning for Europe's Priorities: Impact on the Public Sector. The award also went to Dr Annika Barzen (pictured right), a research associate at the Institute of Sociology, who developed a seminar on qualitative research methods in sociology that enables students to design research processes independently.

The **Research Prize in the category DFG – Successful DFG Initial Grant Application** was won by Dr Nina Coy, a research associate at the Professorship of Structure and Function of Cognitive Systems. She secured the project Sound Expectations: Formation, Maintenance and Flexible Adjustment of Auditory Predictive Models, which is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).



The **Research Prize in the category EU – First Successful Project Acquisition from EU Funds** was awarded to two individuals. They include Prof. Dr Robert Kretschmer (pictured left), holder of the Professorship of Inorganic Chemistry, who received an ERC Consolidator Grant for his research project AGILE: Bis(carbene) Analogues of Aluminium and Gallium as Building Blocks for Highly Selective Reagents and Next Generation Catalysts. The award was also presented to Junior Professor Arndt Leininger, Ph.D. (pictured right), who holds the Junior Professorship in Political Science Research Methods. He successfully applied for an ERC Starting Grant for his project Residential Mobility and the Realignment of Electoral Politics in Established Democracies.

The Research Prize in the category Federal Government – First Successful Acquisition of a Project Funded by a Federal Ministry was presented to Jonas Henschel, a research associate at the Professorship of Operating Systems. He was a co-applicant for the project Secure Quantum Infrastructure for Road, Rail and Flight, which is funded by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space.



The Transfer Prize in the Science Communication category honoured several individuals. They include Prof. Dr Christina Sanchez-Stockhammer (pictured above), holder of the Professorship of English and Digital Linguistics. She used various channels to communicate findings from linguistics research and practical knowledge on topics relating to popular culture and socially relevant issues. The award was also presented to Karola Köpferl, a research associate at the Junior Professorship of Sociology with a Focus on Technology and the Professorship of Media Informatics, and to Dr Albrecht Kurze (bottom picture, left), a research associate at the Professorship of Media Informatics. Together with the Chaos Computer Club Chemnitz, they developed the Erika Meets ChatGPT project, an AI interaction that attracted significant public and media attention.

The Transfer Prize in the category Continuing Education, Lifelong Learning and Other Socially Relevant Contributions was awarded to Dr André Matthes, a research associate at the Professorship of Textile Technologies. Together with his team, he developed the Living Textile Library, an innovative educational tool for sharing knowledge about sustainability in the textile sector.



The Transfer Prize in the category Social Commitment Within and Outside the University for Chemnitz University of Technology Staff was awarded to Alica Beckel from the Academic Success Management Unit. Alica has devoted a great deal of time and energy over the past few years into initiating and organising a shoebox campaign for children's homes and care centres in Chemnitz in an effort to tackle child poverty in the region. The charity packing event is run by START SMART, a mentoring programme organised by the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences.

The Transfer Prize in the category Social Engagement Within and Outside the University for Chemnitz University of Technology Students went to Karola Köpferl, a Ph.D. candidate at the Junior Professorship of Sociology with a Focus on Technology. Since 2021, she has been actively involved in the Chemnitz charity Computertruhe e. V. in collaboration with other community actors. The charity refurbishes second-hand IT devices and donates them free of charge to charitable organisations and those in need. The four Transfer Prizes were sponsored by TUCed – An-Institut für Transfer und Weiterbildung GmbH. The Research and Teaching Prizes were supported by additional sponsorship funds.



Participation, Inclusion and Diversity



2nd International Women-in-Science Day

On 7 March 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology hosted its second International Women in Science Day. A total of 40 female academics at all career stages and female students received advice on professional pathways and development. The event featured a wide range of specialist presentations, a panel discussion and opportunities to share experiences and practical advice for women in research. The event was organised by the Vice President for Research and University Development of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Anja Strobel, and Equal Opportunities Officer Karla Kebsch.

Tenth Interdisciplinary Symposium for Women in STEM

The tenth Interdisciplinary Symposium for Women in STEM (ISINA) took place on 2 and 3 April 2025. Featuring specialist presentations, practical workshops and inspiring insights from the worlds of business and academia, the event provided around 60 female academics and early career researchers with an ideal platform for exchanging ideas and exploring individual career prospects. The highlight was the opening lecture by Prof. Dr Elizabeth von Hauff, a member of the University Council of Chemnitz University of Technology and Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Electron Beam and Plasma Technology FEP in Dresden, on balancing career and family life in the STEM sector.



From left: Karla Kebsch, Equal Opportunities Officer at Chemnitz University of Technology; Prof. Dr Elizabeth von Hauff, member of the University Council of Chemnitz University of Technology; Prof. Dr Anja Strobel, Vice President for Research and University Development at Chemnitz University of Technology; and Prof. Olfa Kanoun, holder of the Professorship of Measurement and Sensor Technology.



The TUC family shows its colours at Christopher Street Day in Chemnitz

On 26 July 2025, the 13th Christopher Street Day (CSD) was embraced in Chemnitz – an event that stands for an open, tolerant and inclusive society and champions the rights of queer people. Chemnitz University of Technology once again joined the festivities with its own float to celebrate the diversity of the TUC family – very much in keeping with the STAND TOGETHER #TUCgether campaign. More than 30 students and staff from Chemnitz University of Technology, as well as representatives of student initiatives and the Student Council (StuRa), took part.

Chemnitz University of Technology celebrates the third Diversity Day

Chemnitz University of Technology joined the celebrations to mark the third German Diversity Day on 20 May 2025. The annual event was first launched by Charta der Vielfalt e. V. in 2012. Led by Prof. Dr Anja Strobel, Vice President for Research and University Development at Chemnitz University of Technology, the event featured a varied programme offering insights into diversity research projects and initiatives. Highlights included the exhibition Topics for Discussion – The Lives of LGBTIQ* People in Saxony and a taster course in sign language.





Future Day at Chemnitz University of Technology inspires youngsters

On 3 April 2025, 26 pupils from Saxony took a fascinating look into STEM subjects and social sciences during Girls' Day – and, for the first time, Boys' Day – at Chemnitz University of Technology. During the nationwide open day, the young guests were able to take part in workshops and conduct experiments, such as using VR headsets and tinkering in the metal workshop.

Diverse learning opportunities for young and old

Once again in 2025, the Children's University and the Senior College offered a great line-up of learning opportunities, which were very well received. Among the activities was a "space tour" organised by the Chemnitz Children's University. On 21 June 2025, the budding students headed to Chemnitz's Stadthallenpark, where Simón Albers, the presenter of the science show Woosle Goozle on Super RTL, introduced them to various psychological phenomena. Senior citizens from the Chemnitz region were also able to continue their learning journey in 2025. The educational offerings for older learners included interdisciplinary lectures and language and smartphone courses. The topics covered in the lectures ranged from building materials of the future and digital forensics to the challenges and shortcomings in addressing the history of the GDR.

Dirk Schlesier from the Planetarium Halle (Saale) explaining astronomical phenomena at the Chemnitz Children's University.



The Krabbelkäfer day-care centre remains a home from home

Following a successful appeal to remain open, the Krabbelkäfer and Zwer-genland day-care centres on the Reichenhainer Straße campus will continue to welcome youngsters. The President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, and Chemnitz's Deputy Mayor for Social Affairs, Youth, Health, Culture and Sport, Dagmar Ruscheinsky, accepted an invitation from Krabbelkäfer to visit the centre. The day-care centre with an international outlook is closely linked to Chemnitz University of Technology. It cares for around 130 children, whose parents are often students and staff at the university.

New Inclusion Officer appointed at Chemnitz University of Technology

Kristin Pfündel from the Human Resources Department has been appointed by the Senate as Chemnitz University of Technology's Inclusion Officer. The appointment was made in consultation with the Representatives for Disabled Employees. In this role, she represents the university in matters relating to employing disabled people and will ensure compliance with the legal obligations set out in Book Nine of the German Social Code. These regulations are intended to promote the participation of individuals with severe disabilities in working life.



Focus group interviews conducted on inclusion and diversity

As part of its involvement in the Across European University Alliance, Chemnitz University of Technology invited students and staff to help shape an inclusive university culture. In moderated group discussions held on 29 October 2025, the event gathered experiences, perspectives and suggestions with a view to working together to make the university even more inclusive, equitable and sensitive to diversity.

Accolades

Chemnitz University of Technology Medal of Honour presented to Prof. Dr Uwe Götze

Prof. Dr Uwe Götze was awarded the Chemnitz University of Technology Medal of Honour on 4 November 2025. The award recognises his outstanding services to the university as Vice President for Transfer and Academic Qualification and Deputy to the President, as well as in his capacity as a member of the University Council and Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. His achievements include furthering the development of the Centre for Knowledge and Technology Transfer at Chemnitz University of Technology and establishing the research campus in Annaberg-Buchholz and TUclub, as well as his role in overseeing the MAIN Research Centre on behalf of the President's Office.



From left: Angela Malz, Director of the University Library; Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, President of Chemnitz University of Technology; and Dr Maike Lüssenhop, Deputy Equal Opportunities Officer at Chemnitz University of Technology.

Minna Simon Reading Room officially opened

Following a suggestion from Chemnitz City Council, the University Management of Chemnitz University of Technology decided to honour the textile worker Ernestine Minna Simon (1845–1902): At a ceremony on 4 April 2025, the reading room at the University Library was officially named after her. Ernestine Minna Simon was the first woman in Germany to lead a strike – at the former Chemnitz spinning mill, the site of today's University Library. Simon, who was 37 at the time, fought to improve people's extremely precarious working and living conditions, demonstrating a clear political stance while at the same time underscoring the importance of women's participation in politics.

New honour for long-serving staff

On 20 March 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology marked the start of a new tradition to honour staff for their long service. At a formal ceremony, the President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, and the Chancellor of Chemnitz University of Technology, Peter Bernshausen, presented certificates of appreciation to Lothar Kempe, Managing Director of the University Computing Centre, and Dr Andreas Müller, research associate in the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Computer Science, in recognition of their 40 years of service to the university. On 2 September 2025, ten more staff members were honoured at a ceremony to mark their 25th or 40th jubilees.



Lothar Kempe (second from left) and Dr Andreas Müller (second from right).



109 honorary diplomas awarded

At the opening of the 12th International Alumni Reunion on 10 May 2025, the President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, presented two diamond, 100 golden and seven silver diplomas to graduates to mark the 60th, 50th or 25th anniversaries of their graduation respectively. A total of around 270 graduates of Chemnitz University of Technology accepted the invitation to the Alumni Reunion. Many attended the TUCalumni Get-Together hosted by the university and the Society of Friends of Chemnitz University of Technology. One of the society's board members, Dr Michael Schmischke, gave an overview of the society's current goals and its support services that bridge the gap between the university and society.



Congratulations to graduating trainees and welcome to the new cohort

On 1 September 2025, at the kick-off meeting held at the Altes Heizhaus, Peter Bernshausen, the Chancellor of Chemnitz University of Technology, welcomed nine trainees who had begun their three- or three-and-a-half-year vocational training programmes at the university. They include two administrative assistants, two office management assistants, two industrial mechanics specialising in precision engineering, an electronics technician who will specialise in devices and systems, and two materials testers. The Chancellor also congratulated six graduates on successfully completing their vocational training – including three IT specialists, two administrative assistants and one office management assistant – and wished them every success for the future. Since completing their training, they have all stayed on at the university and are now working in the Central University Administration or the International Office. In total, Chemnitz University of Technology provided training in ten professions in 2025.

Class of '53 reunion: Memories of a special student cohort

Twelve graduates of the University of Mechanical Engineering, founded in 1953, returned to Chemnitz on 11 October 2025 to reminisce about embarking on their studies 72 years ago. They accepted an invitation from the organisers, Werner Bittrich, Erwin Feige and Lothar Schönfeld, to enjoy a meal at the restaurant Miramar. The President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, greeted the former students with a warm speech and thanked them for their many years of loyalty to the university.



266 keen runners from Chemnitz University of Technology join the city's Company Run

With a record 266 runners, Chemnitz University of Technology had a great turnout at the 20th Chemnitz Company Run on 3 September 2025. Wearing green T-shirts bearing the STAND TOGETHER #TUCgether campaign logo, the Chemnitz University of Technology team gave an impressive display of sporting mettle, team spirit and the joy of sharing the experience. The running enthusiasts were supported by, among others, the health insurer Techniker Krankenkasse, which funded the TUC running T-shirts.

Campus Development



New Laboratory and Sports Hall Complex handed over

A new laboratory and sports hall complex has been completed on the Chemnitz University of Technology campus on Reichenhainer Straße. The Chemnitz branch of the state-owned Sächsisches Immobilien- und Baumanagement (SIB – Saxon Property and Construction Management) oversaw the project. The complex was officially handed over on 29 September 2025. The new building comprises a three-pitch sports hall with a viewing platform as well as a laboratory block for the Institute of Human Movement Science and Health. With its modern equipment, the three-pitch sports hall complements the existing facilities, providing an ideal environment for hosting many different games, sports activities and competitions. The neighbouring laboratory building houses a suite of superbly equipped research labs and practical teaching laboratories across three floors. The measure was funded with resources from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and tax revenues based on the budget adopted by the Saxon State Parliament. A total of around 30.2 million euros was invested.

New Helium Liquefaction Facility inaugurated

On 15 July 2025, a new three-million-euro helium liquefaction facility officially opened at the Institute of Physics at Chemnitz University of Technology. It replaces plant that is more than thirty years old. Liquid helium is a cryogen, meaning it is ultra-cold with a boiling point of 4.15 Kelvin (-269°C), the lowest boiling point of any liquid. Many natural scientific experiments require temperatures of just a few Kelvin degrees above absolute zero. The sustainable new helium liquefier ensures that Chemnitz University of Technology has the necessary supply for many areas of its research. In addition, students can conduct experiments at low temperatures as part of the physics practicals on their degree programmes.



Fourth Common Room opened

Since November 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology has provided its students with an extra place to study, exchange ideas and work creatively together. The fourth and final Common Room is located on the campus at Erfenschlager Straße 73, meaning that every part of the university now has a common room. The Department of Construction and Technology and the Institute of Materials Science and Engineering at Chemnitz University of Technology developed a user-friendly concept specifically for this space. The establishment of common rooms was both a goal of the University Management Committee and a desire on the part of the students, which they had expressed in the TUCpanel student survey.

Partner University of Elite Sports

Chemnitz University of Technology offers exceptional athletes the ideal environment for combining their sporting careers with their studies. To this end, the university entered into a cooperation with the Olympiastützpunkt Sachsen (Saxon Olympic Training Centre) and the Allgemeiner Deutscher Hochschulsportverband (German University Sports Federation [adh]) in 2002. Since then, the university has supported a total of 164 top athletes.



Steven Richter is crowned Europe's best discus thrower at the 2025 European Athletics U23 Championships.

One of TUC's most successful athletes in 2025 was **Steven Richter**, who is studying Economics and won the gold medal in the discus throw at the European Athletics U23 Championships. Just a few days later, he took silver at the 2025 FISU World University Games. At the 125th German Athletics Championships, he finished second to qualify for the World Championships in Tokyo, although he unfortunately did not make it into the final.

Max Heß is studying Industrial Engineering and has been one of Germany's top track and field athletes for years. In 2025, he was named German champion in the triple jump for the ninth consecutive year at the German Indoor Athletics Championships. At the European Athletics Indoor Championships in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands, he became a medallist in the triple jump for the fifth time in a row. With a jump of 17.43 metres, he achieved the second-best distance of his career to take silver. In the summer of 2025, he became the German outdoor triple jump champion for the ninth time.

Amira Never is studying to become a primary school teacher. At the German Athletics Championships, she sprinted to a new personal best in the 100-metre hurdles and took the silver medal. **Steven Freund**, who is studying for a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering, won silver in the triple jump at the German Indoor Athletics Championships and bronze at the German Athletics Championships.

In the long jump, **Lea-Sophie Klik**, a student on the bachelor's degree programme in Media Communication, came seventh at the German Indoor Athletics Championships in Dortmund. Seventh place in the triple jump went to **Maximilian Starke**, a member of the state team and also a bachelor's student of Economics.



Benedikt Thomas Wallstein, who is studying for a bachelor's degree in Prevention, Rehabilitation and Fitness Sport, narrowly missed out on the final in the men's 100 metres at the German Athletics Championships, having been placed seventh at the German Indoor Athletics Championships and taking silver in the relay at the European Athletics U23 Championships. In the 200 metres, however, he beat his personal best twice, sprinting to third place. **Lukas Winkler**, who is studying Medical Engineering, came third in the hammer throw at the German Athletics Championships.

Dancer **Lisa Schaefer**, who is studying to become a primary school teacher, won the runner-up title in the Solo Show Adults category at the 2025 German Championships. As a member of the Arriba Showdance troupe from Coswig, she rounded off her season by winning the World Vice-Champion title in the Adults Show Dance category at the IDO World Championships in Castellanza, Italy. Just a few days later, she and the dancers from Tanzhaus "ad libitum" came fourth in the Modern category and fifth in the Jazz category at the World Modern and Jazz Championships in De Panne, Belgium.



Jonas Richter is studying Industrial Engineering and finished fourth in the 2024/25 Basketball Bundesliga season with his team, NINERS Chemnitz. Six new athletes began studying at Chemnitz University of Technology in the 2025/26 winter term and are receiving support under the Partner University for Elite Sport programme: Caroline Freitag (long jump and sprint), Emil Lorenz (free-diving), Gianna Schmieder (cycling), Lennart Mühlstädt (orienteering), Luca Petzold (cross-country skiing) and Aaron Nikolas Schubert (middle-distance athletics).

University Communications

Campaign launched: “My degree. My future. TU Chemnitz”

To boost its visibility beyond the local region, Chemnitz University of Technology has launched a campaign. The initiative is also intended to raise awareness of its home city, highlight its range of degree programmes and ultimately drive enrolment figures. “My degree. My future. TU Chemnitz” has been chosen as its title. It included targeting school-leavers from 26 towns and cities using large advertising posters. The message is also being spread via digital channels. Also forming part of the campaign is the website www.studium-in-chemnitz.de, which is designed to help students find a suitable degree programme and decide whether to enrol at the university.



Comprehensive information and guidance on studying in Chemnitz

In 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology provided prospective students with a wide array of advice and information services. For example, the Studying in Chemnitz portal (www.studium-in-chemnitz.de) sparks interest in the university, guides prospective students through the application process and supports them as they begin their studies. A dedicated site for exploring study options (<https://mytuc.org/studiengaenge>) enables prospective students to access detailed information on all the degree programmes on offer at Chemnitz University of Technology. A selection of videos about various degree programmes has been posted on Chemnitz University of Technology's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/tuchemnitz>) – the videos “Studying in Chemnitz” and “Starting your Studies” provide an excellent overview. Anyone wishing to find out more – whether about funding, life in Chemnitz or the content of their chosen programme – can visit the website www.tu-chemnitz.de/beratung to access a range of specialist advice and support services at Chemnitz University of Technology. The university's Student Service website also has a separate FAQ section that answers all the most commonly asked questions (www.tu-chemnitz.de/studentenservice/faq.php). In 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology's Central Course Guidance Service and Student Service were also on hand to provide further information, for example, by offering consultation sessions, including for parents. In addition, student advisers took part in numerous fairs, where they presented the range of degree programmes available at Chemnitz University of Technology.



Student recruitment with NINERS Chemnitz

At the third play-off match between the basketball teams NINERS Chemnitz and MLP Academics Heidelberg on 25 May 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology ran a variety of initiatives to attract applicants: An information stand with a wheel of fortune, the TUC popcorn van and a prize draw all drew a lively turnout. To boost the university's profile, eye-catching LED banners in the hall featured the slogan “Study at Germany's most popular university” and the platform www.studium-in-chemnitz.de.





TUC ambassador Selina Hartmann giving interested visitors a tour of the campus on the Open Day.

Around 4,000 prospective students attend the Open Day

The state-wide Open Day on 9 January 2025 was once again a big success for Chemnitz University of Technology. More than 4,000 prospective students took advantage of the wide range of information on offer, visited laboratories, listened to lectures and got a feel for the modern, friendly and international atmosphere at Chemnitz University of Technology. Many Chemnitz University of Technology students acted as ambassadors for their degree programmes, providing peer-to-peer advice and answering questions about their studies in a Q&A session. The campus tours proved very popular, with more than 300 people taking part.

Getting a taste of uni life at Chemnitz University of Technology

During the Campus Days from 13 to 17 October 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology gave pupils in Years 9 to 13 a fascinating insight into studying and daily life at the university. Perfectly in line with the slogan "Get a taste of uni life", they were able to attend lectures, seminars and tutorials, take part in workshops and subject-specific escape rooms, and join student-led tours of the campus and library, among other activities. The programme was complemented by a range of extra activities such as a creative discovery tour, information sessions organised by the Central Course Guidance Service and the International Office, a film night at the mitten-drin campus cinema, and sports activities. The Campus Days were coordinated by the TUCacademy project (funded by the European Social Fund and the Free State of Saxony) in collaboration with the Central Course Guidance Service and the Creative Centre at Chemnitz University of Technology.



TUCtag 2025: 3,000 guests attended more than 100 events

TUCtag – the Day of the University – returned to the campus on 10 May 2025, attracting more than 3,000 guests with a ten-hour marathon of events. Things kicked off with the 12th International Alumni Reunion and the Open Day. The Chemnitz Children's University once again opened its doors to junior students. TUCtag concluded with the Long Night of the Sciences. In total, there were more than 100 events on the programme to choose from.



Graduation ceremony

On 21 June 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology bid farewell to its graduates and new doctorate holders at the graduation ceremony at St. Peter's Church in Chemnitz. In total, more than 1,683 students had graduated between the end of the 2025 summer term and the time of the ceremony. They were joined by 133 doctoral candidates and four habilitation candidates who had been awarded their degrees.



Atmospheric TUCsommernacht party marks midsummer

Warm weather, delicious food, refreshing drinks and a great venue: the TUCsommernacht party on 21 June 2025 had all this and more. Several hundred guests enjoyed a special evening in the atmospheric ambience of the Böttcher Building, dancing to the beats of the university DJs, chilling out in deckchairs or enjoying some culinary delights. TUC's very own DJs Smirido, Flo van Fun, Takeshy Sinn and Dr Giuseppe Sanseverino guaranteed a great vibe on the shortest night of the year. In between the fun, the student dance initiative TUC tanzt managed to get a lot of the crowd on their feet for a salsa crash course.

Enrolment and start-of-year ceremony

Around 2,700 students embarked on their first term in the 2025 academic year. As part of the enrolment and start-of-year ceremony on 21 October 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology welcomed the new students in the Central Auditorium and Seminar Building. In addition to welcome speeches from the President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, the Deputy Mayor for Human Resources, Finance and Education of the City of Chemnitz, Ralph Burghart, and the Student Council, the programme featured performances by the Städtische Theater Chemnitz (Chemnitz Theatres) and TUC graduate and poetry slammer Annie Zach. In the foyer before and after the ceremony, the freshers were able to find out about the numerous opportunities and activities open to them in Chemnitz. There was also a silent party during which two TUC DJs, Dr Giuseppe Sanseverino and Luigi Ainaga, got guests up and dancing.





Festive magic at the TUC Christmas Market

On 3 December 2025, the TUC Christmas Market offered a host of festive activities for students, staff and visitors to the Chemnitz University of Technology. Highlights included the Krabbelkäfer nursery children's choir, the Christmas Chemistry Lecture, complete with some impressive experiments, and many other entertaining and hands-on activities. Craft stalls, horse-drawn carriage rides and live music – including performances by the University Choir and the TU Big Band – rounded off the programme.

University's expertise in demand in national media

Members of Chemnitz University of Technology appeared in the national media once again in 2025 (from left): Dr Benjamin Höhne, a representative of the Professorship of Comparative European Governance Systems, shared his thoughts on the 2025 Bundestag election and its implications in several contributions. In addition, on 2 June 2025, the TV channel Arte launched a new season of the science documentary series Agree to Disagree, which is hosted by Prof. Dr Bertolt Meyer, holder of the Professorship of Occupational, Organisational and Economic Psychology. Prof. Dr Birgit Glorius, holder of the Professorship of Human Geography with a Focus on European Migration Studies, who was elected Deputy Chair of the Expert Council on Integration and Migration in 2025, has also guested on several television and radio programmes.



A look to the future at the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers symposium

Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, President of Chemnitz University of Technology, gave a lecture on the topic "How Confident does Science Have to Be?" at the symposium organised by the Deutscher Hochschulverband (German Association of University Professors and Lecturers [DHV]) on 12 September 2025. Held in the Paulinum at the University of Leipzig, the event drew distinguished guests from the worlds of academia, business, the media and politics, including Saxony's Minister-President Michael Kretschmer. Together, participants discussed the pressing issues of our time under the banner of the symposium's theme, "A Society without Hope? Courage and Optimism as Categories for Shaping the Future".



Dance meets architecture

In the ARD-Kultur documentary Blende & Beton – Chemnitz, Capital of Culture, dance, photography and architecture come together on the university campus in a striking declaration of love. Berlin-based photographer Konrad Langer worked with a dance crew to showcase the university's modernist architecture around the Weinhold Building and the Central Auditorium and Seminar Building. The episode is available to stream on ARD until March 2032.

Chemnitz University of Technology as Host



Chemnitz becomes the “capital of measurement technology”

For four days from 19 to 22 May 2025, Chemnitz took centre stage in the international field of measurement technology when the IEEE International Instrumentation and Measurement Technology Conference (I2MTC), one of the world's leading specialist conferences on the subject, gathered in Germany for the first time – with Chemnitz University of Technology acting as host. The event was organised by the Professorship of Measurement and Sensor Technology (headed by Prof. Dr Olfa Kanoun) in collaboration with the Professorship of Smart Diagnostics and Online Monitoring at HTWK Leipzig and the University of Catania in Italy. Some 430 delegates from 40 countries gathered to discuss the latest research developments in the fields of data acquisition, sensors, communication and signal processing, as well as various areas of application.

The Ministry of Science makes a flying visit to Chemnitz University of Technology

On 9 September 2025, Prof. Dr Heike Graßmann, State Secretary of the Saxon State Ministry of Science, Culture and Tourism (SMWK), visited Chemnitz University of Technology. She was accompanied by Dr Walter Kühme, Head of the SMWK's Universities and Art Colleges Division. The meeting began with an in-depth conversation with members of the University Management. The President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, gave a presentation on the university, highlighting its latest achievements in research, teaching and the transfer of knowledge. The discussions also addressed current challenges such as budgetary issues and the university's future development. This was followed by an opportunity for the visitors to see the university for themselves. On a tour of the campus, they saw several initiatives in action at the MAIN Research Centre, the MERGE Research Cluster and in hydrogen research.



(From left): Chancellor Peter Bernshausen, Prof. Dr Uwe Götze, Vice President for Transfer and Academic Qualification, President Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, Prof. Dr Heike Graßmann, State Secretary of the Ministry of Science, Culture and Tourism (SMWK), Prof. Dr Anja Strobel, Vice President for Research and University Development, and Dr Walter Kühme, Head of the Universities and Art Colleges Division at the SMWK.

2025 Saxon Teaching Prize awarded at Chemnitz University of Technology

On 24 October 2025, the University Library at Chemnitz University of Technology provided the perfect setting for the presentation of the 2025 Saxon Teaching Prize. The Saxon Teaching Prize has been awarded every two years since 2014 by the Saxon State Ministry of Science, Culture and Tourism. It honours university lecturers who have made a significant contribution to good teaching through outstanding and innovative approaches.



Regional Conference of the German Association of Labour Courts held in Chemnitz for the first time

On 1 April 2025, the Deutscher Arbeitsgerichtsverband (German Association of Labour Courts) and the Saxon Higher Labour Court hosted their regional conference at Chemnitz University of Technology for the first time. A total of 120 delegates gathered in the University Library. Highlights included a welcome address by the Saxon Justice Minister, Prof. Constanze Geiert, and a lecture by Prof. Dr Sebastian Roloff on art and artistic freedom in employment law. In addition, the delegates were given a broad overview of the legal considerations involved in determining the employment status of artists.



(From left): Dr Holger Schrade, President of Hamm Higher Labour Court and President of the German Association of Labour Courts, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, President of Chemnitz University of Technology, Prof. Constanze Geiert, Saxon State Justice Minister, Prof. Dr Sebastian Roloff, Judge at the Federal Labour Court, and Dirk Eberhard Kirst, President of the Saxon Higher Labour Court.

The European Educational Research Association brings its Summer School to Chemnitz

From 2 to 6 June 2025, the Professorship of Vocationomics (headed by Prof. Dr Volker Bank) of Chemnitz University of Technology hosted the European Educational Research Association's (EERA) Summer School. The gathering was attended by 52 doctoral candidates in teaching and educational sciences from more than 20 countries. The conference delegates came from specialist societies across Europe, including those from the EERA's newest member states. As one would expect during Chemnitz's year as European Capital of Culture, the theme was culture. The event's main aim was to encourage researchers to be aware of the cultural background underpinning their own educational practices and to understand the cultural roots of their research within national and disciplinary contexts. The event secured the participation of distinguished researchers working in the field, including the EERA's President, Prof. Marit Honerød Hoveid from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim.



STAND TOGETHER

#TUCgether Campaign



Chemnitz University of Technology's STAND TOGETHER #TUCgether campaign continued apace in 2025 with a variety of events and formats. The aim is to send a clear message that the university stands united – above all against anti-democratic, authoritarian and totalitarian tendencies, racism, right-wing extremism and anti-Semitism, as well as wars of aggression that violate international law and acts of terrorism. In doing so, Chemnitz University of Technology voices its support for our free and democratic constitutional order, for tolerance, diversity and openness to the world, and for peaceful coexistence in a united Europe.

In February 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology was one of the supporters of the nationwide initiative #ZUSAMMENLAND – Diversity makes us strong, launched by the media outlets DIE ZEIT, Handelsblatt, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesspiegel and WirtschaftsWoche in collaboration with the media agency Ströer. On 20 February, DIE ZEIT published a full-page advert featuring the logos of numerous academic institutions supporting the current campaign – with Chemnitz University of Technology's logo among them.

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On 23 February 2025, Germany held a snap election for the 21st German Bundestag. As part of the #GehWählen (Go Vote) campaign, Chemnitz University of Technology called on its members and affiliates to exercise their voting rights. The #GehWählen campaign is backed by an alliance formed of Saxony's universities and student services organisations, the Conference of Saxon Student Unions and the Leipzig Science Network.

In 2025, the university also took part in the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of National Socialism (27 January) and Chemnitz Peace Day (5 March). On 9 November 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology commemorated the victims of the Reichskristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) at the memorial for the deported Jews of Chemnitz, which is located in the inner courtyard of the Böttcher Building.



To mark the third anniversary of Russia's war of aggression (24 February), Chemnitz University of Technology organised several initiatives to show its solidarity with Ukraine and the university's Ukrainian partner institutions: The Ukrainian national flag was hoisted on several flagpoles and, the Böttcher Building was lit up in its colours. The Chemnitz University of Technology logo also shone in blue and yellow on the university's homepage and across its social media channels.

Social-Media-Highlights

Which social media posts by Chemnitz University of Technology inspired the most people in 2025? The following overview is organised by platform and shows the top posts for each one. The key criteria for selection were reach and the number of video views.



Facebook @tuchemnitz

Posted to mark the graduation ceremony on 21 June 2025 at St Peter's Church in Chemnitz, the most popular post on Facebook was titled "Let's Graduate #TUCgether" (p. 35). The video compilation of Christopher Street Day festivities (p. 27) came in second. Third place went to the post celebrating the official opening of the Minna Simon Reading Room at the University Library of Chemnitz University of Technology (p. 29).



Instagram @tuchemnitz

In 2025, Chemnitz University of Technology delighted its Instagram followers with its reels, closely followed by the account's static posts. A reel from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology focusing on student life at the university received the most interactions by far. The second most popular post was a video compilation of the graduation ceremony at St Peter's Church in Chemnitz (p. 35). Third place went to a post on Christopher Street Day in Chemnitz (p. 27).



LinkedIn @tuchemnitz

The university's LinkedIn account focuses primarily on knowledge transfer, sharing information about events, and communicating with Chemnitz University of Technology alumni. Last year, the post on Chemnitz University of Technology's performance in the Global Employability University Ranking and Survey received the most likes (p. 4).



YouTube TU Chemnitz

Over on YouTube, the short video "University Open Week at Chemnitz University of Technology – Your Chance in August!" generated a great deal of interest. In the video, prospective students were invited to chat with TUC ambassadors and ask questions in a kind of living-room atmosphere. The video "Autonomous Modular Microrobots" attracted the second-highest number of views. This was followed in third by the video "Studying in Chemnitz, the European Capital of Culture 2025".



TikTok @tu_chemnitz

This Chemnitz University of Technology social media channel provides charming insights into the lives of students, presenting various everyday and typical situations. The split-screen video "Still No Plans after A-levels? Apply by 19 September and Get Off to a Flying Start at Chemnitz University of Technology!" proved particularly popular in 2025. It presents an entertaining look at student life at the university. An information post about the Open Day at Chemnitz University of Technology in January 2026 took second place. Third place went to a video about the first week of the 2025/26 winter term.



Contributions to the European Capital of Culture 2025



Joint invitation to the opening ceremony for Chemnitz 2025 – European Capital of Culture

In a joint video message, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, President of Chemnitz University of Technology, and Sven Schulze, Mayor of Chemnitz, invited everyone in Chemnitz, locals and visitors alike, to celebrate the opening of the Capital of Culture year. In the video, they expressed their excitement about the colourful programme planned for 2025, which involved more than 1,000 events across the city. They also took the occasion to emphasise their clear commitment to democracy, tolerance, diversity and openness to the world.

Spotlight on a democratic Capital of Culture

On 18 January 2025, Chemnitz officially kicked off its year as Capital of Culture. In a symbol of welcome to visitors to the city, Chemnitz University of Technology illuminated some of its buildings. Students and staff at the university also wore glow-in-the-dark wristbands featuring the TUC design to highlight their involvement in the varied programme for the opening ceremony and to express their support for the STAND TOGETHER #TUCgether campaign.



TUCculture2025: 35 Capital of Cul- ture projects funded

As part of the TUCculture2025 funding scheme, a total of 35 project initiatives were selected at Chemnitz University of Technology and awarded a total of 150,000 euros. They included ChemKitchen by the Institute of Chemistry, Threads of Memory by the University Library, and Soundscapes of Europe by the Faculty of Humanities and the Centre for Humans and Technology.



“Big C” – producing sustainable street furniture for the Capital of Culture

Inspired by the slogan “C the Unseen!” from Chemnitz’s bid to become European Capital of Culture, Prof. Dr Sandra Gelbrich and her team at the Institute for Lightweight Structures at Chemnitz University of Technology developed a concept for sustainable precast carbon concrete components. Working with partners, they came up with a special C-shaped seat. The first “Big C”, standing approximately 1.80 metres tall, was erected behind the canteen on Reichenhainer Straße; six more followed in the city.

Special collection displayed at the University Library: A Quarter of a Century of European Capitals of Culture

In 2025, the University Library of Chemnitz University of Technology presented a special collection entitled A Quarter of a Century of European Capitals of Culture. Around 750 books provided insights into the history, culture and highlights of the cities that earned the title between 2000 and 2025. Over the course of the year, the collection was expanded thanks to contributions from users.



Junior Professor Dr Thomas Laux (left) and Dr Ulf Bohmann, editors of the anthology Chemnitz 2025: Capital of Culture. Social-Spatial Explorations.

30 perspectives explore the social landscape of Chemnitz

In the anthology Chemnitz 2025: Capital of Culture. Social-Spatial Explorations, 30 authors – including many researchers from Chemnitz University of Technology – offer fascinating insights into the city. The 362-page anthology brings together contributions from the social sciences and cultural studies. Aimed at an audience with an academic interest, it will also appeal to anyone who wants to see Chemnitz in a different light. It is available in hardback and as an open-access publication.

Exhibition: Inventor Culture in Chemnitz and the Region

The exhibition Inventor Culture in Chemnitz and the Region was on display at the University Library from 3 March to 30 September 2025. It showcased the significant inventions developed at Chemnitz University of Technology and in the Chemnitz industrial region. The exhibition also examined how intellectual property has been protected in the form of patents, utility models, trademarks and designs. One notable exhibit was an indoor navigation system developed by a research team at the Professorship of Circuit and System Design. The system has already been brought to market under the spin-off Pinpoint GmbH. The exhibition was organised by the Chemnitz Patent Information Centre.





Special exhibition highlights the city's transformation

The special exhibition Tales of Transformation at Chemnitz Museum of Industry, which ran from 25 April to 16 November 2025, explored how six European industrial cities, including Chemnitz, are reinventing themselves. Among the displays was Chemnitz University of Technology, which illustrated how the Aktienspinnerei, a former spinning mill, was converted into today's University Library. The exhibition was based in part on urban research from Chemnitz University of Technology on the topic of "Making the City: Transformative Processes in (Post)Industrial Urban Spaces", led by Prof. Dr Cecile Sandten, holder of the Professorship of English Literatures.

Conference at Chemnitz University of Technology accompanies the opera project Rummelplatz

Chemnitz University of Technology was pleased to be a partner in the academic conference accompanying the world premiere of the opera Rummelplatz, based on the novel by Werner Bräunig. Held on 20 and 21 September 2025 at the University Library, the conference explored the theme "Fairground or Reality?".

Prof. Dr Bernadette Malinowski and PD Dr Christoph Grube from the Professorship of Modern German and Comparative Literature both gave presentations, as did Prof. Dr Frank Asbrock from the Professorship of Social Psychology.



Prof. Dr Anja Strobel (left), Vice President for Research and University Development at Chemnitz University of Technology, congratulates Anna-Lena Richter from Meissen on winning first prize for her photograph *Besondere Menschen* (Special People).

Photo competition highlights diversity in action

Some 24 people entered the joint photography competition Making Diversity in Action Visible, submitting a total of 44 photos between them. The contest was organised by Chemnitz University of Technology, the City of Chemnitz and European Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025 gGmbH. Five photographs won awards; the winner pictured here and nine others were subsequently exhibited at the University Library of Chemnitz University of Technology. They highlighted various perspectives on diversity, ranging from social and cultural pluralism to gender variance and inclusivity.

Chemnitz University of Technology supports the Chemnitz Art Collections' Munch project

The Professorship of General and Biopsychology at Chemnitz University of Technology (headed by Prof. Dr Udo Rudolph) was pleased to support the exhibition Edvard Munch. Fear at the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz (Chemnitz Art Collections). Linking art with psychological research, the exhibition involved a converted construction trailer called the "Pavilion of Fear", in which visitors were asked about their emotions. Their movement patterns were then recorded as they explored the museum. The project brought together art and science as part of the Capital of Culture year and offered insights into how to deal with fear.





A digital rediscovery of campus art

As part of the TUCculture2025 project Cataloguing and Digitalising Campus Artworks, the University Archives (headed by Stephan Luther) and the Professorship of Production Systems and Processes (headed by Prof. Dr Martin Dix) have recorded and digitalised university artworks and made them available online for viewing and research. The results were presented on 3 July 2025 in the "IdeenReich" (Kingdom of Ideas) forum at the University Library.

Chemnitz University of Technology takes part in the OstVISION Youth Conference

On 8 October 2025, the OstVISION Youth Conference invited young people from across eastern Germany to Chemnitz, the Capital of Culture. Their task was to imagine the future and come up with tangible ways to make Germany's eastern federal states an attractive place for young people to live and work. The event took "To Stay or to Leave? Prospects for Young People in the East" as its central theme. Also in attendance were the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and the Central Course Guidance Service at Chemnitz University of Technology.



"FUNKEN x TUC": Science meets art

From 20 to 24 October 2025, the FUNKEN Academy for Artistic and Technological Research, run by Klub Solitaer e. V., teamed up with the Research Centre for Materials, Architectures and Integration of Nanomembranes (MAIN), the MERGE Research Cluster and the Research Centre for Humans and Technology (MeTech), as well as experts from the fields of art and science. Together, they staged a series of bespoke interdisciplinary art-science workshops at Chemnitz University of Technology under the banner of "FUNKEN x TUC". The results of the workshops were presented at an exhibition on 12 November 2025.

Disunited / United – Taking a special journey through time

In collaboration with Chemnitz University of Technology, students and graduates of the Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig staged an exhibition titled Disunited / United in three locations: the University Library, the city's coach station and the Chemnitz Open Space meeting point and event location. The artworks on display from 24 October to 20 November 2025 explored the themes of social cohesion and political radicalisation, "we" identities and how they disintegrate, as well as the importance of civic engagement in defending the values of 1989. The exhibition was accompanied by a programme organised primarily by researchers from the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences at Chemnitz University of Technology.



A special event organised by the Literary Quintet on 28 October 2025 accompanied the exhibition Disunited / United.



New perspectives on migration

From 20 October to 28 November 2025, an exhibition at the University Library of Chemnitz University of Technology presented an unusual way to explore regional and urban history. New Beginnings – Upheavals: A Dialogue between Bremerhaven and Chemnitz highlighted the similarities between the two cities throughout their history, beginning with industrialisation in the 19th century. The exhibition was the result of a collaboration between the Professorship of Human Geography with a Focus on European Migration Studies (headed by Prof. Dr Birgit Glorius) of Chemnitz University of Technology and the German Emigration Centre Bremerhaven.



President of Chemnitz University of Technology attends the start of the European Peace Ride

Until 1996, the Peace Race was regarded as the “Tour de France of the Eastern Bloc”. In 2020, when Chemnitz was bidding for the title of European Capital of Culture 2025, the event was revived as the European Peace Ride to highlight European values such as tolerance, democracy and peace. The European Peace Ride set off from Passau on 11 September 2025. Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, President of Chemnitz University of Technology, and a delegation from South-West Saxony were there to wave off the approximately 250 cyclists as they made their way to Chemnitz.

Delegation from the University of Oulu (Finland) visits Chemnitz University of Technology

As part of the TUCculture2025 initiative, Chemnitz University of Technology welcomed a delegation from the University of Oulu, Finland, which is set to be European Capital of Culture in 2026. The visit was an opportunity to exchange ideas on cultural projects and future collaboration. Alongside providing a tour of the campus and staging a series of presentations, members and affiliates of Chemnitz University of Technology discussed science, art and urban development with their guests.



Society of Friends of Chemnitz University of Technology

New executive board elected

On 29 October 2025, the members of the Society of Friends of Chemnitz University of Technology elected a new executive board. The team consists of 14 members: Dr Michael Schmischke has taken over as chair, succeeding Dr Axel Weber. The aim of the new board is to foster networking between the university, businesses, alumni and students and to strengthen the transfer of knowledge through the affiliate institute TUCed – An-Institut für Transfer und Weiterbildung GmbH. Founded in 1991, the society has around 460 members.



The society's executive board includes (seated, from left): Dr Michael Schmischke, Kathleen Spranger, Peter Bernshausen, (standing, from left): Dr Axel Weber, Thomas Proksch, Prof. Dr Gerd Strohmeier, Katrin Hoffmann, Michael Schmidt, Sven Mücklich and Dr Dominik Schulz.

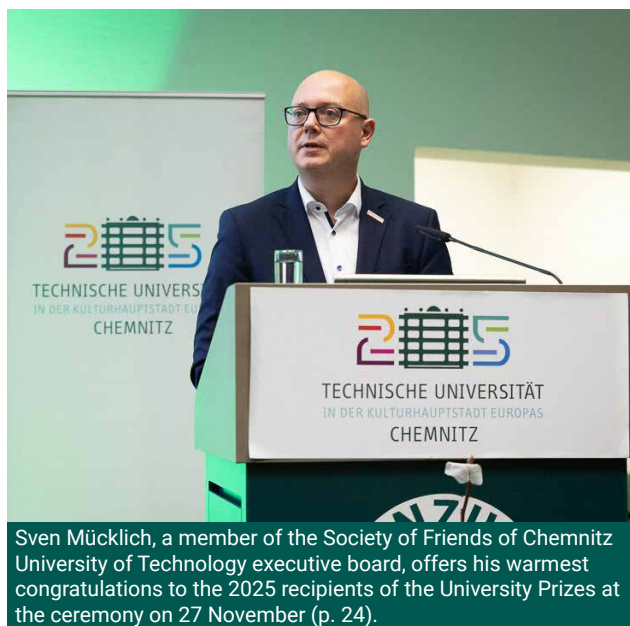


Friends society joins LinkedIn

In 2025, the Society of Friends of Chemnitz University of Technology created a LinkedIn account to strengthen its visibility and highlight its fundraising activities: www.linkedin.com/company/gdf-der-tuc. Among other things, it posts about students who have been awarded a Germany Scholarship, as well as university prize-winners and sponsors. Student initiatives and projects supported by the society are also celebrated, alongside insights into the life of the society.

Long-standing supporter of Chemnitz University of Technology

As in previous years, the Society of Friends of Chemnitz University of Technology once again supported numerous individual projects in 2025, providing a total of around 14,500 euros, in addition to awarding nine University Prizes and 20 Germany Scholarships. For example, it sponsored the university's photography competition Making Diversity in Action Visible during Chemnitz's year as European Capital of Culture. It also funded T.U.C. Racing e. V.'s participation in Formula Student competitions, not to mention numerous student events. Financial support was also provided for major events at Chemnitz University of Technology, such as the graduation ceremony, the Early Career Researchers' Day, the TUCsommernacht party, organising the enrolment and start-of-year ceremony, and the TUC Christmas Market.



Sven Mücklich, a member of the Society of Friends of Chemnitz University of Technology executive board, offers his warmest congratulations to the 2025 recipients of the University Prizes at the ceremony on 27 November (p. 24).

Facts and Figures



8,642 individuals –
of whom 4,067 were women –
were enrolled in the 2025/2026
winter term, including international
students on preparatory courses,
visiting students and students
on leave of absence.



6 **119 doctorates** and
habilitations were
completed in 2025.



33.9% of students
at Chemnitz University of Technology
in 2025 were international
students from 101 countries.



Large-scale research projects at Chemnitz
University of Technology in 2025 included
**3 DFG Collaborative Research Centres or
DFG Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios**
(1 as host university and 2 as co-applicant institution),
1 participation in a DFG Research Training Group,
4 DFG Research Units and
1 participation in another DFG Research Unit.



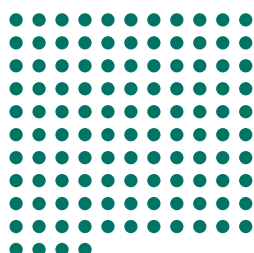
1,620 graduates
completed their studies at
Chemnitz University of Technology
in the 2025 examination year.



2,368
individuals worked
at the university,
around 46.9% of whom
were financed by
third-party funds.



5 ERC grants



Chemnitz University of Technology offered
114 undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes
in the 2025/2026 winter term:
39 bachelor's degree programmes and
71 master's degree programmes, including
15 work-based distance-learning and continuing education programmes,
as well as 2 diploma programmes and 2 state examination programmes.



3 core competencies of Chemnitz University of Technology address important questions for the future: Materials and Intelligent Systems, Resource-Efficient Production and Lightweight Construction, and Humans and Technology.



13 new companies were spun off in 2025 with the support of Chemnitz University of Technology, the SAXEED start-up network and TUClub. In addition, the university supported a further 58 start-up projects in Chemnitz.



There were **171 professorships** at Chemnitz University of Technology in 2025. The university also had 11 junior professorships.



64 Germany Scholarships were awarded in 2025.



112.5 million euros was received by Chemnitz University of Technology as a state grant in 2025.



91.6 million euros of third-party funding was secured by researchers at Chemnitz University of Technology in 2025.



1,285 projects received third-party funding in 2025.



1,627 publications by members and affiliates of Chemnitz University of Technology appeared in 2025 and can be found in the university bibliography.



1.1 million books and print journals and 560,000 items of digital media were made available by the University Library in 2025. 19,200 library users appreciated this.



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Studying at Chemnitz University of Technology was a very enriching experience for me. I particularly liked the supportive professors and the style of teaching, which is geared towards both practice and research. This has helped me develop both academically and personally. When I first arrived in Chemnitz during the Covid-19 pandemic, I felt a bit lonely, but over time I made friends with both international and German students. I also founded the Persian Students Union at Chemnitz University of Technology, and we continue to organise cultural events and celebrations together to this day (Instagram: psu.tuc). The international atmosphere and the general openness here are what make studying in Chemnitz so special for me.

Jalil Kargar Bideh (pictured) studied Automotive Software Engineering (M.Sc.)

Source: Instagram message to Chemnitz University of Technology

The best part of my studies: My experience with Computational Science has been challenging but rewarding. I gained valuable skills in programming and problem-solving, though the workload was heavy. Overall, the practical applications of the courses were the most enjoyable. It was a good experience.

Maira, studiert Computational Science (M.Sc.)

Quelle: StudyCheck

At first, I wasn't particularly keen on moving from Berlin to Saxony to do my master's degree, but that soon changed. That's because of TUC and everything the master's programme has to offer, including lots of great people and a diverse group of fellow students, extremely knowledgeable and helpful lecturers, fascinating topics to discuss and learn about, and so much more – I love being here and feel right at home! The KLIPP master's programme here offers excellent support and is very practice-oriented, so students can learn how to conduct psychotherapeutic sessions right from the first term. Of course, we all have to go through diagnostics and so on again, but the professors do their best to make it enjoyable!

Katharina, studying Psychology with a Focus on Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy (M.Sc.)

Source: StudyCheck

My Electromobility degree gave me a great deal of practical insights. I found the combination of electrical engineering, automotive engineering and sustainable energy particularly fascinating. Through small projects – such as building drive systems or analysing batteries – we were able to put what we had learnt into practice straight away. I think it's great that here we don't just cram theory but also get to see how electric vehicles work in practice and what challenges are involved in charging infrastructure and energy management. All in all, the course is really enjoyable, and you realise just how important the subject is for the future. Chemnitz University of Technology is very well equipped in terms of digital technology; all the course materials – and in some cases even entire lectures – are available online.

Jonas, studying Electromobility (M.Sc.)

Source: StudyCheck



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