Key research areas of higher education institutions
The research map covers all academic disciplines. The information is based on continuously updated data provided by the higher education institutions. There is no assessment of research strength in the sense of a ranking.

The research priorities are presented in brief descriptions. They are categorised into 14 subject areas that cover the entire spectrum of academic disciplines. Science-specific key terms enable users to find their way around quickly. The map can be searched using locations, federal states, subject areas and key terms or by entering keywords. In the advanced search, users can also filter by a specific university or university of applied sciences or by the type of the higher education institution.

German Rectors’ Conference
The German Rectors’ Conference (HRK) is the voluntary association of state and state-recognised universities in Germany. The member institutions are represented in the HRK by their executive boards and rectorates.

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Research Map
As the organisational centres of the national research system, the higher education institutions assembled in the HRK carry out the majority of scientific research in Germany. The aim of the research map is to record the vast diversity of research in an easily accessible manner.

On two separate maps, the HRK presents the key research areas of the universities (Universitäten) and the universities of applied sciences (Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften/Fachhochschulen). The two maps have an identical structure, both maps are available in German and in English.

The research map pursues a number of objectives. Presenting the priorities of research at German higher education institutions in a standardised and structured way, the map brings cutting-edge research to the attention of an international audience. It also serves to support the marketing and internationalisation strategies of German higher education institutions.

The research map is therefore an ideal starting point for anyone who wants to discover the diversity of research at higher education institutions in Germany. It also offers the opportunity to reach out to higher education institutions, names contact persons and refers to further websites.

Key research areas of the universities
As a rule, universities can independently designate up to eight research priorities. At least 25 professorships work together in one research priority.

Key research areas of universities of applied sciences
Universities of applied sciences can name up to three research priorities. The Research Working Group of the HRK’s Universities of Applied Sciences member group decides on the inclusion of research priorities. The inclusion of a fourth and fifth research priority is possible for particularly research-intensive universities of applied sciences.