

A photograph of a student in a lecture hall, wearing glasses and a grey shirt, writing in a notebook. The background is filled with other students, some looking at their phones or papers. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Higher Education in Germany – Recent trends

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HRK Hochschulrektorenkonferenz

German Rectors' Conference (HRK)

Voluntary association of state and state-recognized universities and other HEIs

268 member institutions which account for 94 per cent of students in Germany

Political and public voice of the HEIs

Forum for the process of forming joint policies and practices

- Agenda setting and advocacy at national and international level
- Service provision for member institutions



German Higher Education System

Legal Framework

Federal
government
and
State governments



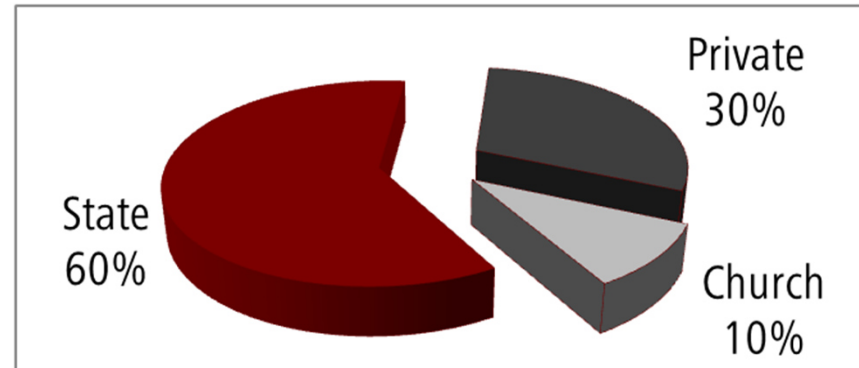
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Higher Education Institutions

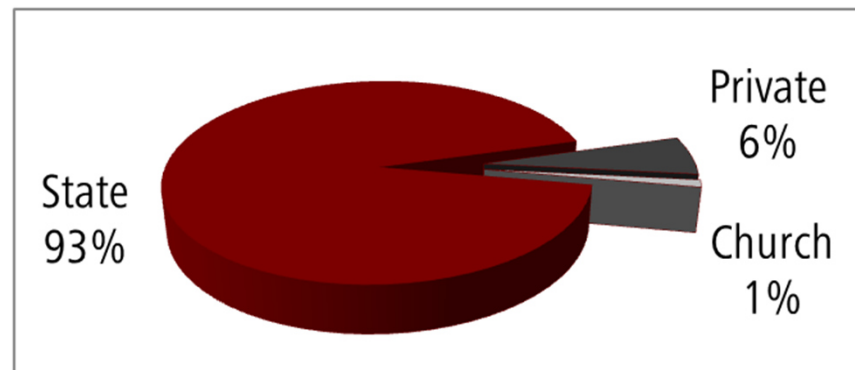
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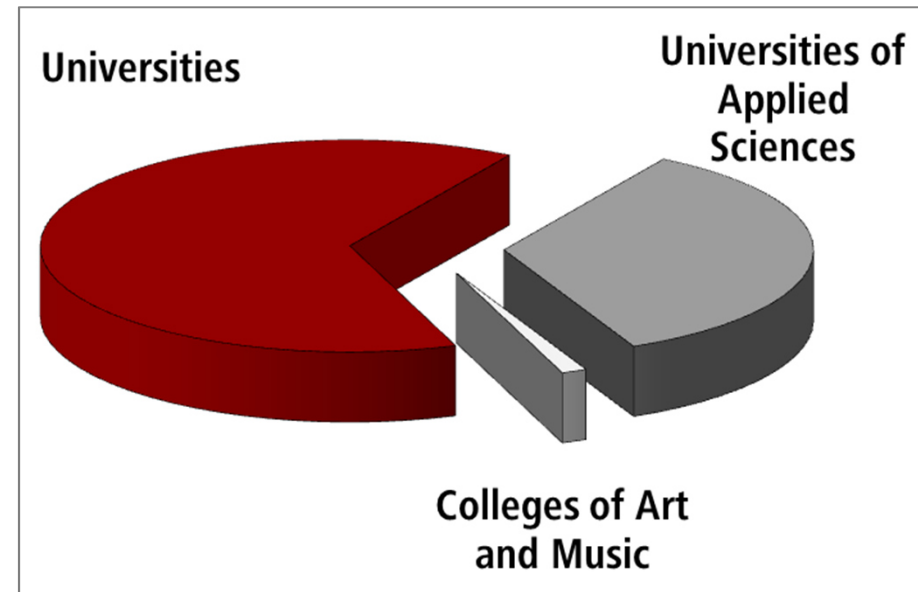
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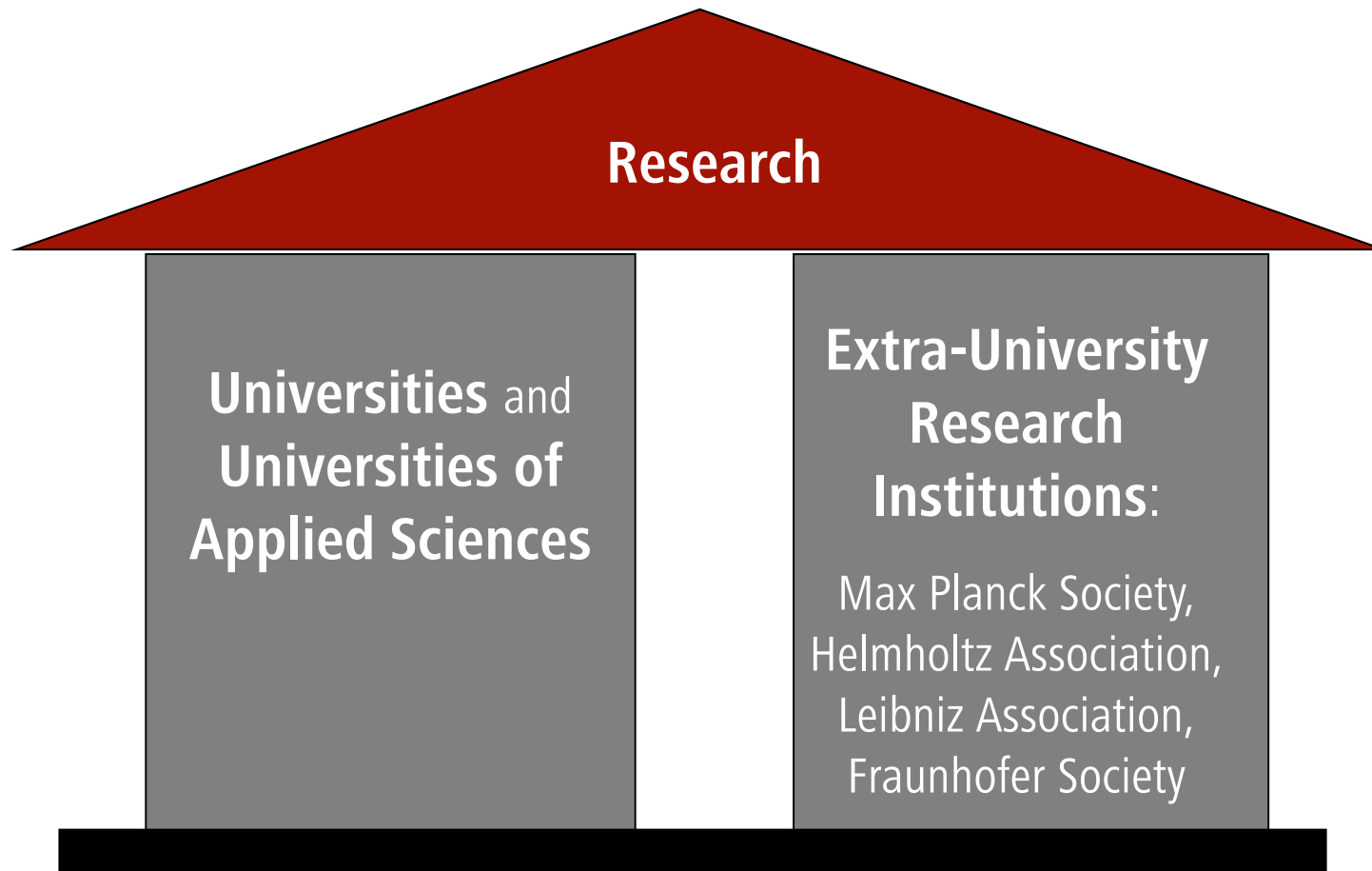
2.8 mio students in total (as per WS 2015/2016)



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German Research System

University Research and Extra-University Research are the two Pillars of the German Research System



Current Topics

- **Funding of Universities**
- **Autonomy of Universities**
- **Differentiation in the Higher Education System**
- **Excellence Initiative**
- **Doctoral Education**
- **New Media: Digitalisation in Teaching**
- **Academic Integration of Refugees**
- **Internationalisation**

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