

Voluntary Scientific Year at the LZH increasingly popular



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- More and more FWJ students want to go into laser research
- Nine high school graduates started in 2018
- For the first time, two participants come from other states
- Necessary skills for research: electronics, soldering and coding
- FWJ sorgt für Nachwuchs am Wissenschaftsstandort Niedersachsen

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LZH | More and more high school graduates are applying for a Voluntary Scientific Year (FWJ) at the LZH. Nine successful applicants are actively involved in LZH projects until the end of August 2019 - for example, in the field of optical systems for space.

Done with the Abitur? Interested in science? Young people in who answer both questions with "yes" can apply for a FWJ place every year until 31 March. "In our department alone, 16 applications were submitted this year," reports Jan Steinbeck from the Laser Components Department at the LZH. Four young women and five young men started their FWJ in laser research on 1 September 2018.

Of the five participants in 2017, three subsequently started a STEM study. "We are very happy about this – not least with regard to the recently approved Excellence Clusters PhoenixD and QuantumFrontiers," says LZH Executive Director Dr. Dietmar Kracht. "We need young talents in optics and photonics. That is why the FWJ is an integral part of our promotion program for young talents. "

The FWJ is aimed at high school graduates who are interested in a vocational training or university degree in the field of natural sciences. More information (in German language) can be found at <https://www.mh-hannover.de/29718.html>.

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