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Research for practical applications, that is the central task for the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. The research organization was founded in 1949 and conducts application-oriented research for the benefit of industry and the general public. Our contractual partners and clients are industrial and service companies as well as the public sector.

The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft currently operates 72 institutes and research units. More than 26,600 employees, most of them qualified natural scientists and engineers, work with an annual research budget of 2.6 billion euros, of which 2.2 billion euros is generated from contract research.

The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft derives approx. 70 % of the contract research revenue from contracts with industry and publicly funded research projects. Around 30 % is provided by the German federal and state governments as core funding, enabling the institutes to develop solutions for issues which will only become relevant to the industry and the public five or ten years later.

International cooperative projects with outstanding research partners and innovative companies around the world make for direct access to the most important scientific fields and economic areas of today and tomorrow. Thanks to its clear focus on applied research and key technologies that are relevant to the future, the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft plays a central role in the process of innovation within Germany and Europe. The impact of applied research goes far beyond any direct benefit for clients, since the Fraunhofer Institutes research and development efforts contribute to making Germany's regions, the country itself, as well as Europe, more competitive. They promote innovation, strengthen technological capabilities and improve the acceptance of modern technology, in addition to educating and training the next generation of much-needed researchers and scientists. The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft provides its staff with the chance for professional and personal development and the capability to reach high-ranking positions in their institutes, as well as in universities, companies and the society. Thanks to their practice-oriented education and the experience gained at Fraunhofer Institutes, our students find excellent entry positions and opportunities for development with corporate employers.

The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is recognized as a charitable institution. It was named after the scholar Joseph von Fraunhofer (1787–1826) from Munich. Fraunhofer found success in his life as a researcher, inventor and entrepreneur.

Fraunhofer locations in Germany

