KWR = Research & Science City

The Cologne Science Forum (KWR) was established as a network in 2004. In Cologne there are 14 institutions of higher education and 7 non-university research institutes contributing to the development of the city’s academic and urban potential. Funding and support from the City of Cologne and the Cologne Chamber of Commerce and Industry enables KWR to develop and implement a wide range of offers easily accessible to the city’s citizens.

KWR = Public Science

- **Science in City Hall**, portraying current research insights from Cologne
- **Themed Weeks in Cologne**, with excursions, lectures and public discussions
- **Science in Cologne’s Landmarks**, with presentations in unusual locations
- **Online Information** on current scientific issues, activities and events, as well as an overview of postgraduate studies

KWR = Economic Strength

Education, academia and research provides 46,000 jobs in the city, making it Cologne’s second-largest employment sector. A total of nearly 100,000 students contribute to the vitality of the city. Each year, up to 75% of the 14,000 graduates remain in Cologne as well-educated specialists for the city’s employers.

In total this amounts to the creation of 1.65 billion euros of economic power, fuelling the service, retail and other sectors.