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## Volkswagen steps up commitment to Formula Student and supports six university teams at Hockenheim

→ Prof. Dr. Stefan Gies, Patron of Formula Student Germany:  
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Wolfsburg – Volkswagen is stepping up its commitment to the international design competition Formula Student Germany (FSG). This year, Volkswagen is supporting six university teams which are entering nine racing cars – more than ever before. The Wolfsburg company is focusing on two categories: "Driverless" for autonomous vehicles and "Electric" for racing cars with electric drive systems. Just before the works holidays, Volkswagen invited the selected racing teams to a warm-up training session at its Ehra-Lessien proving grounds for initial test laps and the fine tuning of their cars. Formula Student Germany is to be held on the Hockenheimring from August 7 to 12, 2018.



Training at Ehra-Lessien: Volkswagen invited students to its proving grounds for practice laps and fine tuning



At the start in Hockenheim: Volkswagen is supporting six university teams in Formula Student Germany 2018 (Video summarizes last year's Formula Student event)

"Formula Student Germany is an international meeting point for talented budding engineers, which is why we are continuing our team sponsorship program with selected university racing teams. Volkswagen is focusing on two technologies: autonomous driving and electric vehicles," says Prof. Dr. Stefan Gies, Head of the Mid-and Fullsize Series Group at Volkswagen and FSG Patron. "In addition, Formula Student is a very good preparation for challenging tasks at Volkswagen."

Volkswagen has a dual mission at Hockenheim. Engineers from the company will be acting on an honorary basis as jury members around the circuit and in the team pits. In addition, technology experts and Volkswagen Human Resources representatives will be available for discussions in a race truck if students wish to obtain information on jobs

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and entry possibilities at Volkswagen. The Volkswagen race truck with its roof terrace will provide the best possible view of the race.

Volkswagen is supporting the following teams (in alphabetical order):

- Bremergy (University of Bremen): "Electric" racing car
- DUT Racing Team (Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands): "Electric" racing car
- Ecurie Aix (RWTH Aachen University): "Electric" and "Driverless" racing cars
- e-ignitionTeam (TUHH - Hamburg University of Technology): "Electric" and "Driverless" racing cars
- HorsePower Team (University of Hanover): "Electric" and "Driverless" racing cars
- Lions Racing Team (Brunswick University of Technology): "Electric" racing car

In Formula Student, each team enters a vehicle which it has developed and built itself. It is not necessarily the fastest car that wins but the best overall package. Several assessments by the jury form part of the final result. The cars have to complete circuits and slaloms as well as endurance, acceleration and energy efficiency tests. Business and cost plans are also considered.

At Hockenheim, 118 university teams with about 3,500 students from more than 20 countries will be competing with each other in Formula Student Germany from August 7 to 12, 2018.

### Formula Student Germany

Formula Student Germany (FSG) is a design competition for teams of students from around the world. The competition is to be decided at the Hockenheimring on August 12, 2018. The event is being organized by the Formula Student Association, which is supported by VDI, the Association of German Engineers. Further information is available at [www.formulastudent.de](http://www.formulastudent.de).

**Note:** This text and photos are available at [www.volkswagen-media-services.com](http://www.volkswagen-media-services.com). You will find a brief report on Formula Student Germany 2017 on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

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