Quality of Life in Darmstadt

Darmstadt companies profit from the location in an international region with the Frankfurt airport only 15 min from the city limits. The direct connection to important federal freeways and generous train connections make Darmstadt an important center. The employees at Darmstadt companies appreciate the special atmosphere and high quality of life in the city at the edge of the Odenwald and Bergstrasse as well as the attractive and highly bearing landscape of the surroundings.

Statistics

Economic data
Wage and salary earners, total (2008) 121,100
Employees subject to social insurance contributions (31/12/2009) 87,554
Official unemployment rate (12/2009) 6.4 %

Biological|pharmaceutical branch
Employees (2005) 11,300
Percentage of total workforce 13.2 %
(German average 3.6 %)
Total turnover (2005) 3.2 billion €

Students in fields relevant for biology|pharmaceutics
TU Darmstadt (University)
Chemistry 846
Biology 702
Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences
Chemical engineering 296
Biotechnology 304
Promising branches: biological | pharmaceutical technology

Darmstadt City of Science – situated between Frankfurt and Heidelberg – is a prime location for innovative companies in Germany. The city boasts numerous research institutes such as the TU Darmstadt, one of the flagships of Germany’s university system. Therefore Darmstadt is considered to be „the brain“ of the Frankfurt RhineMain area, which is the leading center of Life Sciences in Germany. Darmstadt’s economic key clusters are: Biological & pharmaceutical technology, IT, mechatronics, (hair-) cosmetics, aviation & space industries.

Darmstadt City of Science is a traditional chemistry and pharmaceutical location. Darmstadt is home and headquarter of Merck KGaA (EMD). With a tradition of over three hundred years Merck is the oldest pharmaceutical company in the world. Merck acquired Serono in 2007. Today EMD Serono is a global leader in biotech with sales in over 90 countries.

But also other well-known companies such as Döhler and Evonik Röhm have developed to become successful companies on the global market with their state-of-the-art technologies. Excellent scientific research institutes in the direct vicinity, an excellent infrastructure and qualified employees provide the basic network for biological and pharmaceutical technology at this location.

Examples of biological and pharmaceutical companies

- AB Enzymes GmbH
- anamed Elektrophorese GmbH
- Applera Deutschland GmbH Applied Biosystems
- AppliChem GmbH
- Aquanova German Solubilisate Technologies GmbH
- Bayer Polymers Sheet Europe GmbH
- CytoPharma GmbH
- CytoTools AG
- DermaTools Biotech GmbH
- Döhler GmbH
- Evonik Röhm GmbH
- Evonik RohMax Additives GmbH
- Gamma Chemie GmbH
- Genetra Biotechnologische Geräte GmbH
- Genius Biotechnologie GmbH
- Hamilton Deutschland GmbH
- Imform GmbH
- L.O.T.-Oriel GmbH & Co.KG
- Merck KGaA / EMD Serono
- Mylan dura GmbH
- N-Zyme BioTec GmbH
- Premier Research Group 2 Ltd. & Co. KG
- Stoe&Cie GmbH
- Steigerwald Arzneimittelwerk GmbH
- SusTech GmbH&Co. KG
- TemplaTech GmbH
- VWR International GmbH
- Zedira GmbH

Location for economy and science

Quickly shifting focal points in biological and pharmaceutical technology require high flexibility in college education and within the companies. The TU Darmstadt as well as the Darmstadt University of Applied Science (h_da) both offer new courses of study in fields relevant for biotechnology. The graduates provide a pool of highly qualified personnel for the local biological and pharmaceutical companies. Darmstadt, the City of Science, is home of approx. 30 research facilities of high reputation – many of these are involved in research and development relative for biotech.

In addition to the classic courses of study in biology and chemistry, the TU also offers interdisciplinary specialties in biotechnology. In cooperation with the university, the biotechnical center in Darmstadt (BitZ) performs research in the fields of bionics, biomedicine and bio-mechanics.

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