For a strong science region based on multifaceted cooperation
Bonn Research Alliance (BORA)

In 2018, the Bonn Research Alliance (BORA) was founded as an initiative by the University of Bonn to provide the science region with a powerful structural underpinning based on established collaborations and strong network formations. BORA is also a key measure in the successful Excellence Strategy.

The network currently encompasses 12 scientific institutions:

Cooperation

At the basis for cooperation are numerous existing interactions within the framework of research initiatives such as clusters of excellence, collaborative research centers, research groups or graduate schools, joint activities in teaching, the involvement of junior researchers, joint use and development of infrastructure as well as cooperation in appointments, dual career topics and much more.
In the future, these joint activities, a key factor in the institutions’ performance, will be given more structure and a stronger underpinning. This will enable the network to compete even more successfully for talents at all career levels. The scientific community in the region shares a common goal to recruit, foster and retain international talents and young excellence locally.

Visibility

BORA will present joint successes in clusters, projects, research areas, overarching processes and structures collectively on a website. In addition, agile communication via social media (especially LinkedIn and Twitter) will highlight joint successes, vacancies and activities.

Fields of Collaboration

Three fields of collaboration have been identified:

1. Fostering excellent young researchers
2. Recruiting and retaining the best minds
3. Common approach to research infrastructures

In 2023 a staff unit was set up to intensify cooperation with the university in these areas.

BORA collaborations will be discussed strategically among the leaders of the network members and implemented cross-dimensionally together with various organizational units involved in each case.
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