



**Prof. Dr.-Ing.**  
**Jens SCHNEIDER**

**Rector**

Jens Schneider was appointed Rector of TU Wien on 01.10.2023. A passion for science, innovation and their practical implementation in people's lives is a common thread running through Jens Schneider's career. After earning his doctorate in civil engineering from TU Darmstadt in 2001, Jens Schneider was drawn to the private sector, where he worked in engineering offices in structural design and project management on major international projects. He also became a certified expert in glass construction.

Equipped with this practical experience, Jens Schneider returned to academia in 2007. After serving as a professor at the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences and as a lecturer at the Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences, he became Professor of Structural Mechanics and Design at TU Darmstadt in 2009. In addition to research work on glass, he focuses on energy-efficient construction and bridge dynamics. Establishing his own engineering firm for facade and structural design in 2011 allowed him to successfully combine his academic and entrepreneurial pursuits. At the same time, he began to engage in university leadership at TU Darmstadt: from 2017 to 2020, he was Dean of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and founded the Glass Competence Center (GCC) before being appointed Vice President for Transfer and Internationalization at TU Darmstadt in 2020. In this role, he was responsible for coordinating the European University Alliance "Unite!" and developing the internationalization strategy and the transfer strategy TU Darmstadt "xchange".

Jens Schneider actively participates in scientific and standard committees focused on glass and glass structures and was deputy chairman of the DIN committee "Glass in Construction" for 13 years, head of the working group for the development of the Eurocode Glass and editor-in-chief of the trade journal Glass Structures & Engineering.

His commitment to research, teaching and business has been honored several times, ranging from the "Athene" prize for good teaching at TU Darmstadt to recognition for his commitment to the glass community at the Glass Performance Days to recognition at the German Engineering Award and the German Design Award for the Energy Efficient Factory building (ETA Factory) on the TU Darmstadt campus.

Jens Schneider has felt a deep connection to Austria since his youth, fueled by his enthusiasm for Austrian literature, particularly the works of Robert Musil and Heimito von Doderer. His enduring passion for the mountains, which continue to inspire and captivate him, further strengthens this bond.

In addition to his work as rector, Jens Schneider teaches glass construction at TU Wien. He places great importance on nurturing young talent and is deeply committed to connecting the education of the next generation with the principles of European integration.

Jens Schneider views TU Wien, as part of TU Austria, as a center of excellence that uniquely combines science, technology, and innovation. He recognizes its enormous international potential and envisions a key role for the university in the global research and innovation landscape.

