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Current Trends in Academic Cooperation

The number of Bangladeshi students in Germany has increased more than tenfold over the past ten years. Despite the pandemic and associated travel restrictions, 5,126 Bangladeshi international students studied at German higher education institutions in the 2020/2021 winter semester. According to the German Rectors' Conference, as of March 2022 there were 14 cooperation arrangements in place between Germany and Bangladesh.

DAAD Activities

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and associated travel restrictions, the number of German funding recipients in Bangladesh in 2021 effectively remained at zero. By contrast, the numbers of students, academics and researchers from Bangladesh who received funding rose by 65% compared to last year. The majority of these received funding through projects at German higher education institutions such as Integra and STIBET.

The DAAD is represented by one Information Point (IP) in Bangladesh, coordinated by the New Delhi Regional Office. The DAAD's work in Bangladesh comprises marketing for Germany as a higher education and research location, awarding individual scholarships, supporting higher education cooperation projects, and alumni activities. It also shares knowledge and advises German higher education institutions.

In terms of individual funding, the DAAD primarily funds Bangladeshi students and researchers through research scholarships for international PhD students and early-career academics and researchers, and through Development-Related Postgraduate Courses for academics and managers. In 2015 the DAAD started offering in-region scholarships to students from Bangladesh and Nepal to study for master's or doctoral degrees at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B). The aim is to train early-career higher education lecturers and academics in



→ 429 funding recipients from Bangladesh (2021)
← 2 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

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fields of particular importance to development, such as renewable energies, climate change and public health. This also aims to prevent braindrain from the region. The DAAD funds master's degrees for up to two years and doctoral degrees for up to four years. Furthermore, the higher education summer school programme was first opened up to students from Bangladesh in 2020.

The 'German-Bangladesh Higher Education Network for Sustainable Textiles' project, which was delivered by GIZ and DAAD, concluded in 2019/2020. Three cooperation projects are currently receiving DAAD funding from various programmes:

- Cologne University of Applied Sciences & Independent University Bangladesh (technology in the

- tropics), 'CRND-exceed' (2020–2022), other partner countries: Egypt, Ethiopia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sudan, Vietnam, Zambia
- Cologne University of Applied Sciences & Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) (Mathematics and Natural sciences - other), 'Master Program Natural

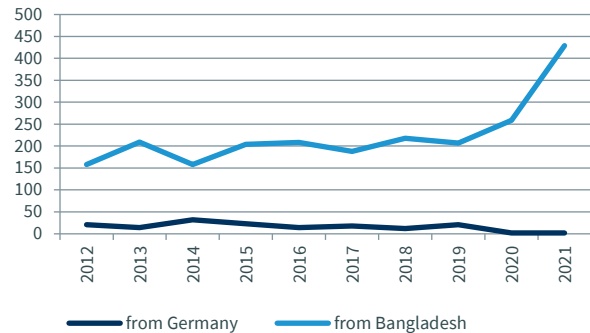
Resources Management for DRR and CCA' (2019–2022), other partner countries: Indonesia, Vietnam

- Heidelberg University & Gono Bishwabidyalay University (Radiology), 'Supporting the education of medical physicists in Bangladesh' (2018–2021)

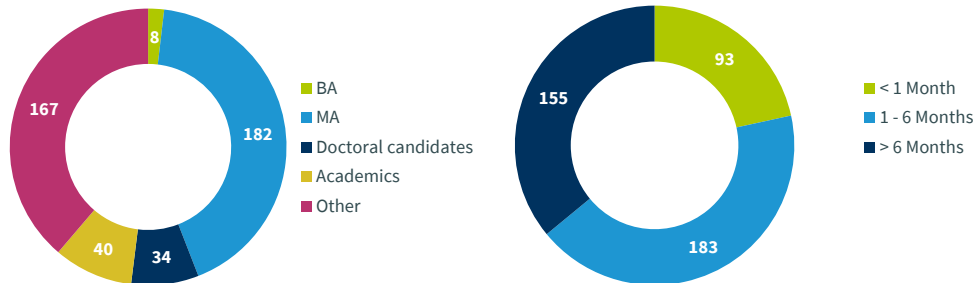
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	Bangladesh	Germany
Research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics	12	-
Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS)	40	-
Project funding	Bangladesh	Germany
Integra – Integrating Refugees in Degree Programmes	147	-
Scholarship and mentoring programme for foreign students and PhD students at German higher education institutions (STIBET)	101	-

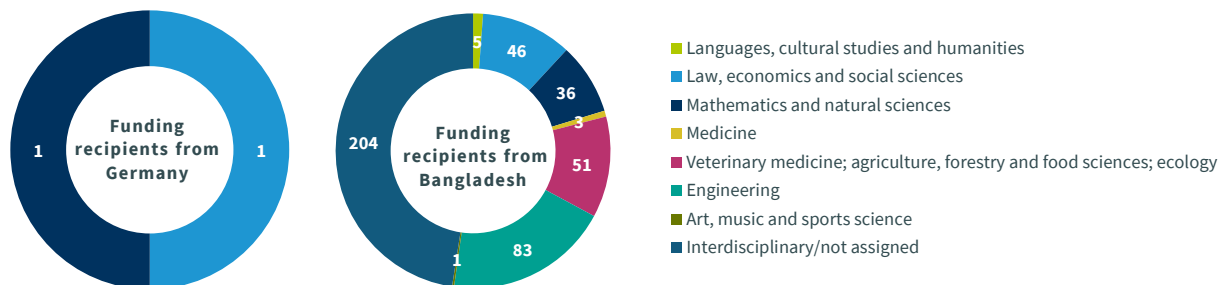
DAAD funding Bangladesh 2012–2021 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2021 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2021 (not including EU mobility programmes)



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