



China 2024

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Current trends in academic cooperation

In the winter semester 2022/2023, a total of 42,541 Chinese foreign students were studying in Germany. Almost 97% of Chinese students come to Germany with the intention of graduating. Only 3.5% choose a temporary study visit.

According to the HRK Higher Education Compass, there are 1,317 higher education partnerships (as of June 2024) between Germany and China. Before coronavirus, around 8,000 German students were constantly enrolled in China each year. According to the Destatis report, there were 1,787 German students in China in 2022.¹ The majority of these attended a Chinese university as part of existing cooperation agreements with their home university.

China is increasingly pursuing a qualitative expansion of its science system to become a leading global power. Its university and research budget is now the second largest after the USA. The “Double Excellence Program” aims to bring a selection of universities and disciplines up to top international level in the medium term. Concerns about restricted academic freedom, data security and the unwanted outflow of knowledge are increasing on the German side and pose challenges for cooperation in teaching and research. The German Federal Government is increasingly promoting awareness and the ability of German academics to act in this area.

DAAD Activities

The DAAD is represented in China with a regional office in Beijing and two information centres in Shanghai and Guangzhou and is registered as an NGO. The DAAD's activities in China with view to individual funding are focused on supporting very good doctoral candidates and young academics. In addition, the DAAD's work focuses on developing programs for German universities with a strong practical orientation. One example is the “Language and Practice



- 1073 funding recipients from China (2023)
- ← 563 funding recipients from Germany (2023)

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DAAD Lecturers: 28 (15 occupied, 13 vacant)

in China” DAAD Graduate Scholarship funded by the BMBF. This enables German university graduates to gain further qualifications as specialists and managers with a connection to China through a combination of ten months of intensive language study in Beijing and a subsequent six-month practical phase.

The most extensive and ambitious German university project in China is the Sino-German University (CDH) at Tongji University in Shanghai. With its sub-institutions, the Sino-German College of Applied Sciences (CDHAW), the Chinese-German College for Postgraduate Studies (CDHK, since 1998), the Sino-German Institute of Vocational Education (CDIBB) and the affiliated Sino-German Campus (CDC), it is a showcase for German

¹ Destatis: statistischer-bericht-studierende-ausland-5217101237005.xlsx (live.com), last access: 26.6.2024.

education and research abroad and is intended to further promote Germany as a science destination.

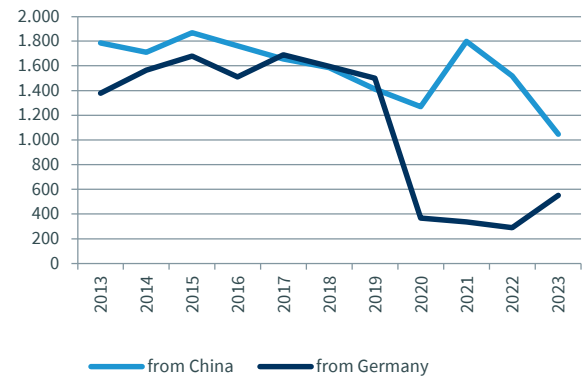
A particular focus of cooperation with the People's Republic of China is the development of the Rule of Law Dialogue (German Law in Asia), which was signed on 30

June 2000 between the Office for Legislative Affairs at the State Council and the Federal Ministry of Justice. The Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies in Nanjing and the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies in Beijing are among the most important institutions for academic legal cooperation.

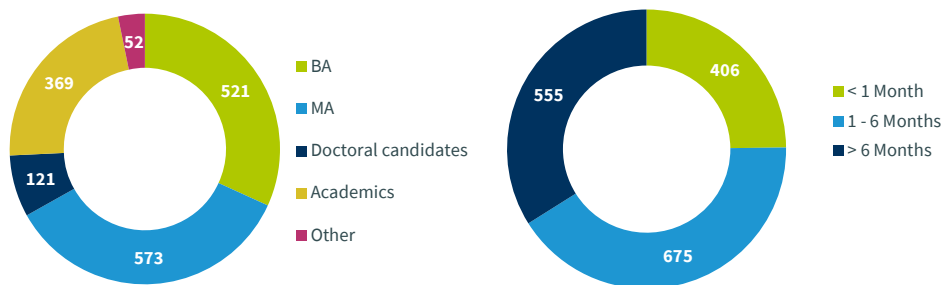
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	China	Germany
Sino-German-Postdoc Programme	93	-
Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP)	34	-
Project funding	China	Germany
Chinesisch-Deutsches Hochschul-kolleg (CDHK) at Tongji University	181	42
Support for students, graduates, participants in German degree programmes and binational German-foreign universities abroad for stays in Germany	194	-
EU	China	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	25	12

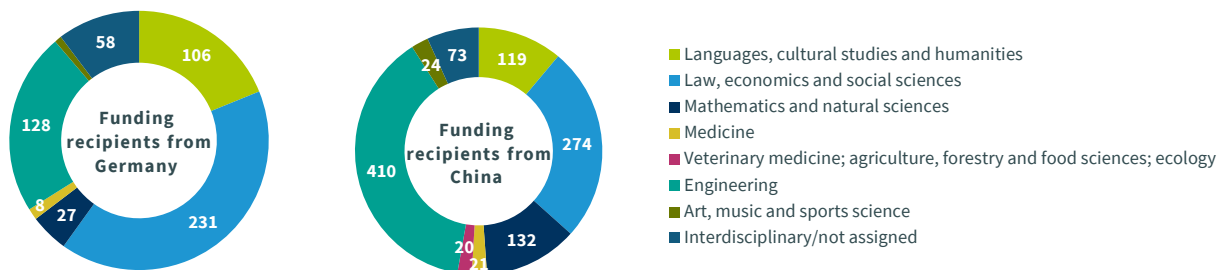
DAAD funding recipients China 2014–2023 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 (incl. EU mobility programmes)



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