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Current Trends in Science Cooperation

The number of Indian students in Germany has risen strongly over the past five years. In the 2020/2021 winter semester, there were 28,542 Indian international students at German higher education institutions. According to the German Rectors' Conference, as of May 2022 there were 449 cooperation arrangements in place between Germany and India.

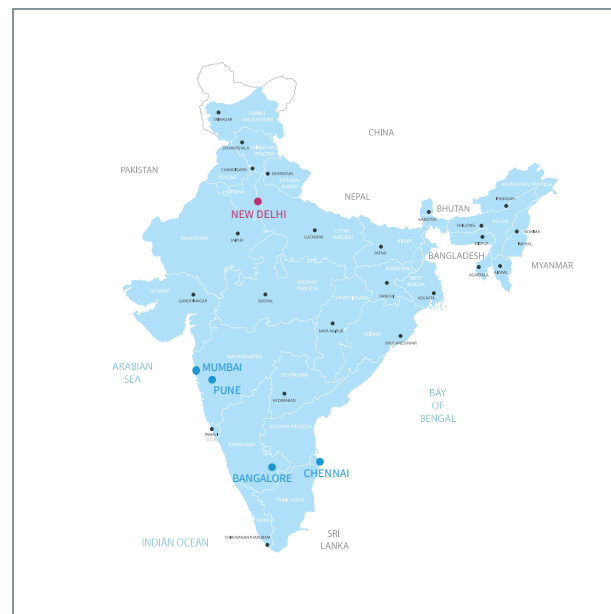
India's **National Education Policy (NEP)** became law in 2020 with the aim of restructuring the education system. For example, the system of affiliated colleges is to be scrapped while higher education institutions will be given full autonomy. Measures to promote internationalisation will also be implemented in the course of the reforms to higher education, such as setting up international offices at all institutions. A framework for higher education cooperation programmes has also been published. Work is underway on a credit transfer system which will facilitate greater student mobility between higher education institutions.

The **6th German-Indian governmental consultations** took place in 2022. The key overarching issues in the talks on cooperation were the energy transition, renewable energies, sustainable urban development, green mobility, recycling, climate protection, resilience and adaptation to climate change, agro-ecological transformation, biodiversity, environment protection and the sustainable use of natural resources. The governments also agreed to intensify collaboration around higher education and research.

DAAD Activities

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the travel restrictions associated with it, the number of German funding recipients travelling to India in 2021 remained at a low level. Indian students' interest in studying remains unchanged.

The DAAD is represented at several locations across India. There is a Regional Office in New Delhi, along with Information Points in Bengaluru, Chennai and Pune. There are also three standard lectureships at the University of Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Savitribai Phule Pune University.



→ 2581 funding recipients from India (2021)

← 95 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

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The DAAD's strategic priorities in India include:

- information and marketing for Germany as a research and higher education location
- scholarship programmes for high-performing students and early-career researchers and academics
- promoting German-Indian higher education cooperation
- supporting internationalisation at Indian higher education institutions
- promoting German through German studies and in the field of student support
- supporting alumni

The 'A New Passage to India' programme (ANPtl) was set up in 2009 and offers German higher education institutions a way to cooperate with Indian institutions on a broader basis. The programme currently consists of four programme lines:

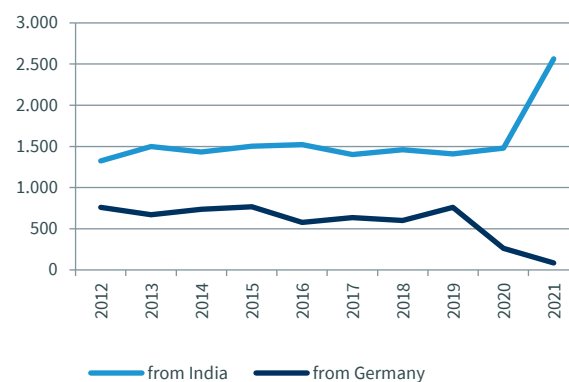
- 1) German-Indian partnerships 2020–2024 (DIP) (9 cooperation projects)
- 2) Indo-German Centre for Sustainability (IGCS) at IIT Madras (current funding period: 2019–2022)
- 3) Working Internships in Science and Engineering (WISE)
- 4) German-Indian higher education cooperation 2019–2023 (15 cooperation projects).

The German Centre for Research and Innovation (DWIH) in New Delhi provides a platform for thematic discussions and networking between the German and Indian research and innovation ecosystems. The Centre provides information and advice on research systems, funding opportunities, international research cooperation and the latest developments in science policy. The DWIH is part of an initiative by the Federal Foreign Office to promote internationalisation in science and innovation. It is run by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) along with 19 German research, higher education and funding institutions and companies active in research.

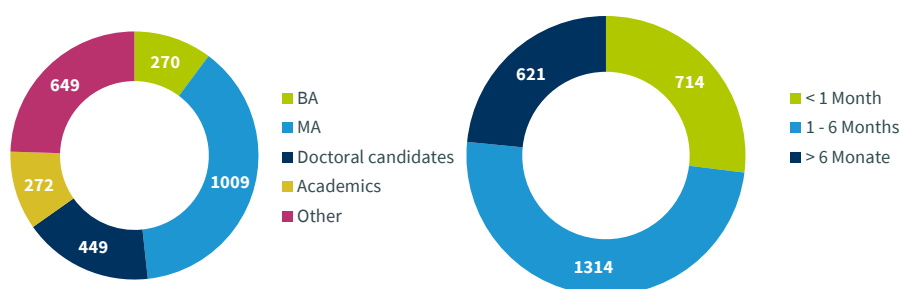
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	India	Germany
Research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics	140	-
Indian Master Sandwich Programme	32	-
Project funding	India	Germany
A New Passage to India	213	19
Integra – Integrating Refugees in Degree Programmes	487	-
EU	India	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	17	10

DAAD funding recipients India 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 (incl. EU mobility programmes)

