



India 2025

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Current Trends in Academic Cooperation

There has been a sharp increase in the number of Indian students in Germany over the past five years. During the 2024/2025 winter semester, the number of Indian international students enrolled at German higher education institutions was recorded at 59,419. They formed the largest group of international students with an increasing tendency. According to the German Rectors' Conference, there are currently 505 higher education partnerships between Germany and India (as of September 2025).

India's **National Education Policy (NEP)** was enacted in 2020 with the objective of restructuring the education system. Measures with the aim of achieving internationalisation are currently being implemented as part of the ongoing university reform process. The establishment of international offices at educational institutions has been initiated, and a framework for cooperative higher education programmes has been issued. A credit transfer system is currently being developed that will facilitate enhanced student mobility between higher education institutions.

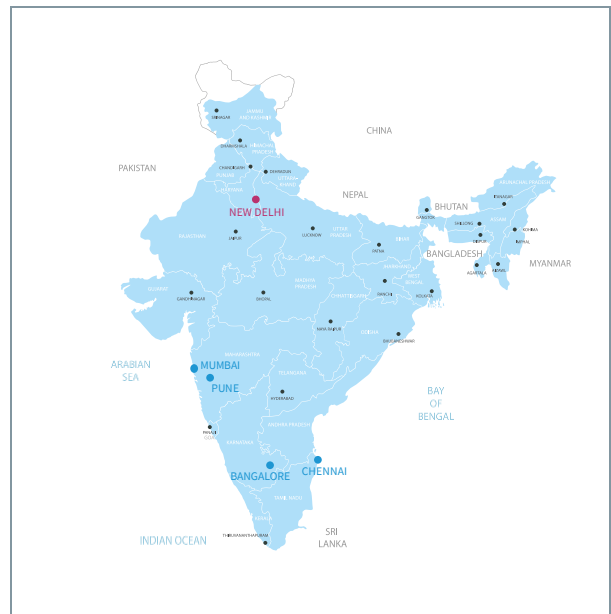
At the **7th German-Indian Government Consultations**, held in 2024, a range of key cross-cutting issues were identified, including cooperation in technology and innovation, labour and mobility, climate protection, green and sustainable development, and economic, defence and strategic cooperation. Furthermore, the commitment to foster close collaboration in higher education and research was praised, and a resolution was reached to further enhance this cooperation.

DAAD Activities

In India, the DAAD is represented by a **regional office in New Delhi**, Information Centres in Bangalore, Chennai and Pune, and three lectureships, one each at the University of Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the University of Pune.

The DAAD's strategic priorities in India include:

- information and marketing for Germany as a research and higher education location



- 4,657 funding recipients from India (2024)
- ← 353 funding recipients from Germany (2024)

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- scholarship programmes for high-performing students, early-career researchers and academics
- promoting German-Indian higher education cooperation
- supporting internationalisation at Indian higher education institutions promoting the German language through German studies and in the field of study supplementary language courses
- supporting alumni

In 2024, the DAAD supported exchanges between Germany and India by funding 353 Germans and 4,657 Indians. The number of Indian DAAD scholarship holders studying in

Germany rose in 2024, particularly as a result of the Campus Initiative project. Indian students' interest in studying in Germany remains unbroken.

The programme 'A New Passage to India (ANPTI)', which ran from 2009 to 2024, offered German higher education institutions the opportunity to cooperate with Indian institutions on a broad basis. In particular, the project 'Indo-German Centre for Sustainability (IGCS)' at the IIT Madras, which was funded as part of this programme, is intended to run even beyond the project funding period.

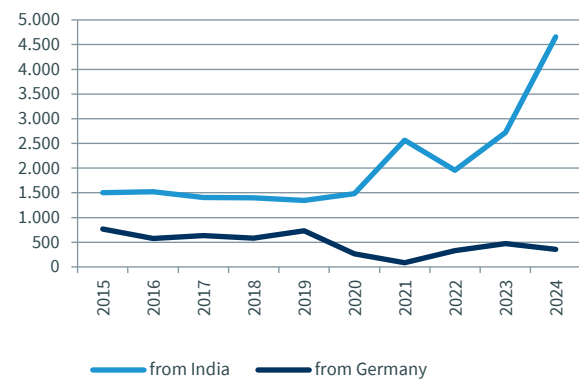
The **German Centre for Research and Innovation (DWIH) in New Delhi** provides a platform for thematic discussions

and networking between the German and Indian research and innovation ecosystems. The Centre provides information and advice on the 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 29 German research, higher education and funding institutions and companies active in research.

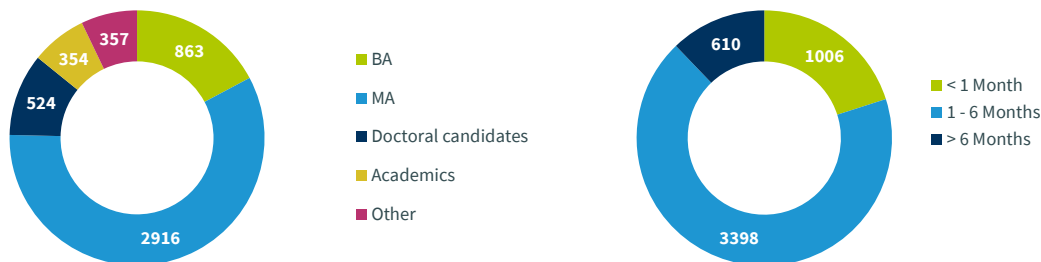
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	India	Germany
Research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics	125	-
A New Passage to India	204	-
KOSPIE	126	-
Project funding	India	Germany
Higher education excellence in development cooperation (exceed)	209	21
A New Passage to India	223	140
Campus-Initiative for International Talents	2,585	
EU	India	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	-	4

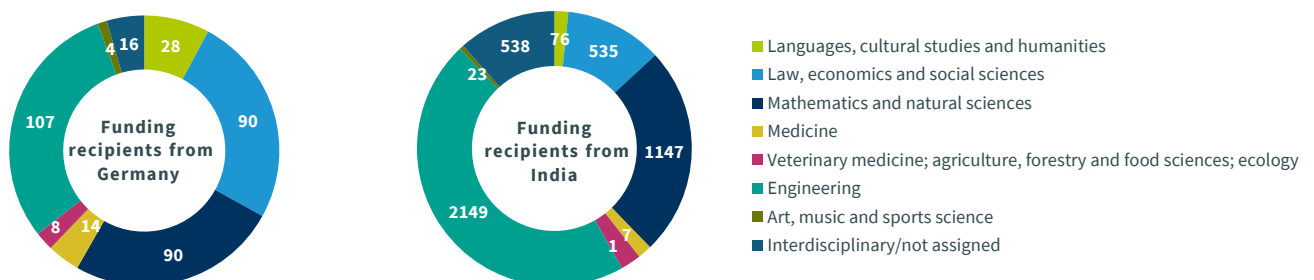
DAAD funding recipients India 2015-2024 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2024 (incl. EU mobility programmes)



Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2024 (incl. EU mobility programmes)



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