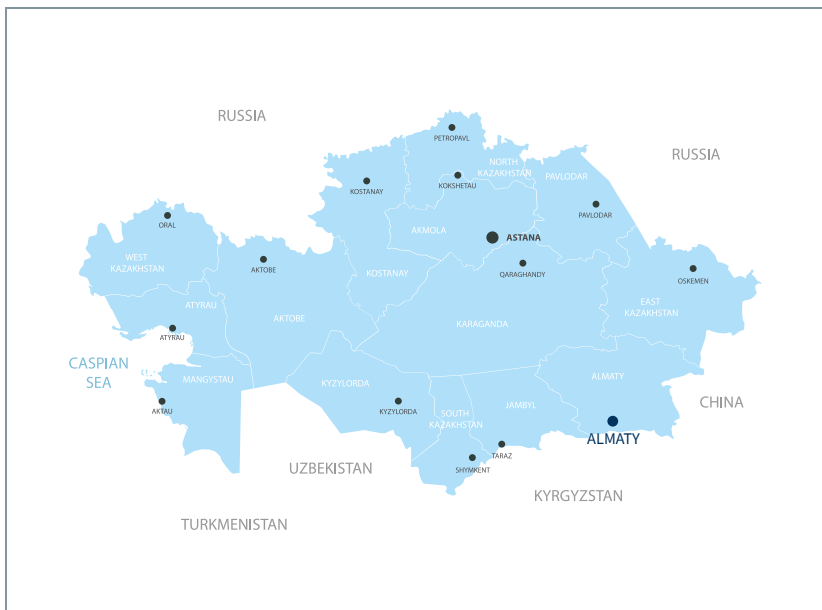




# Kazakhstan 2022

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→ 1,089 funding recipients from Kazakhstan (2021)  
← 72 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

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## Current trends in academic cooperation

In terms of security policy issues, Russia and China have become the key actors for the future of Central Asia and each is expanding its influence.

By contrast, Europe and the US are the key destination regions for education and science.

Education is considered a very important issue in Kazakhstan, although often only in terms of higher education. Nevertheless, the government is making increased efforts to strengthen vocational education and dual educational systems. The biggest problem facing vocational education is the continued absence of a link between theory and practice. Germany is offering important support here through the GIZ and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. German universities of applied science can access a wide range of potential areas of cooperation and new partnerships.

According to the German Rectors' Conference, as of August 2022 there were 96 cooperation arrangements in place between Germany and Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan's universities and higher

education institutions have been seeking to develop stronger international partnerships for several years. State regulators have also been calling for this development. There is considerable interest in studying in Germany, and there are very high levels of demand for partnerships with German higher education institutions.

German institutions are faced with challenges due to the language barrier and their own preconceptions of Kazakhstan, which is not well known as a country in Germany. From the Kazakh side, challenges arise from the fact that many requests for partnerships still often lack an adequate academic basis.

Academic cooperation is particularly worthwhile in the following disciplines: agricultural sciences and technical study programmes focusing on extracting and processing raw materials. Due to the country's geopolitical and cultural significance in Central Asia, cooperation on the social sciences is also worthwhile. The official trilingual policy of Kazakh, Russian and English could be an interesting area of

research for linguists and social scientists, as language teaching is highly dependent on local language policies. The Bolashaq government scholarships programme provides scholarships for highly talented candidates to study abroad cheaply. There is high demand for these scholarships.

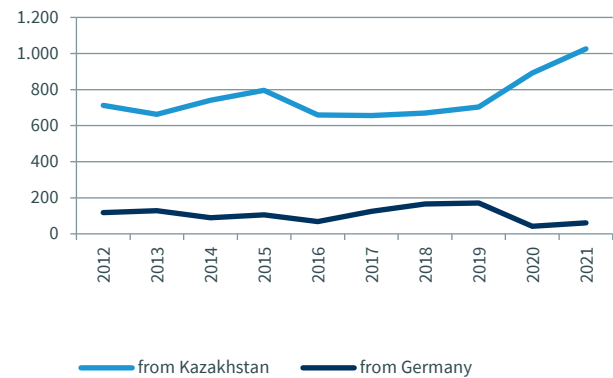
## DAAD Activities

Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

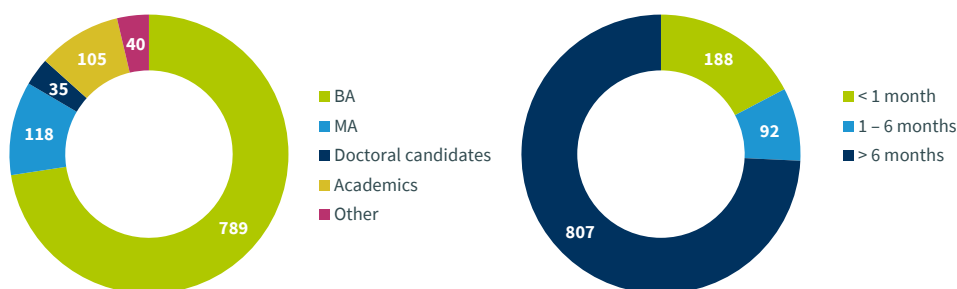
Individual funding	Kazakhstan	Germany
Higher education summer and winter language courses	64	-
Scholarships for foreign graduates and artists	29	-
Bolashaq scholarships programme (Kazakhstan)	15	-
Project funding	Kazakhstan	Germany
Deutsch-Kasachische Universität (DKU)	83	36
Scholarships for foreign students, DE study programmes abroad and at binational German-foreign HEIs in country	587	-
Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World	20	5
Degree Programmes in German (DSG); Subject courses in Central and Eastern Europe/South Caucasus Central Asia	7	4
EU	Kazakhstan	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	63	11

The DAAD's Information Centre (IC) in Almaty was transferred from Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University to the Deutsch-Kasachische Universität (DKU) in 2003. The IC will be closed at the end of 2022 to make way for a planned DAAD regional office in Central Asia. The post of director has been vacant since the spring of 2022.

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



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



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