



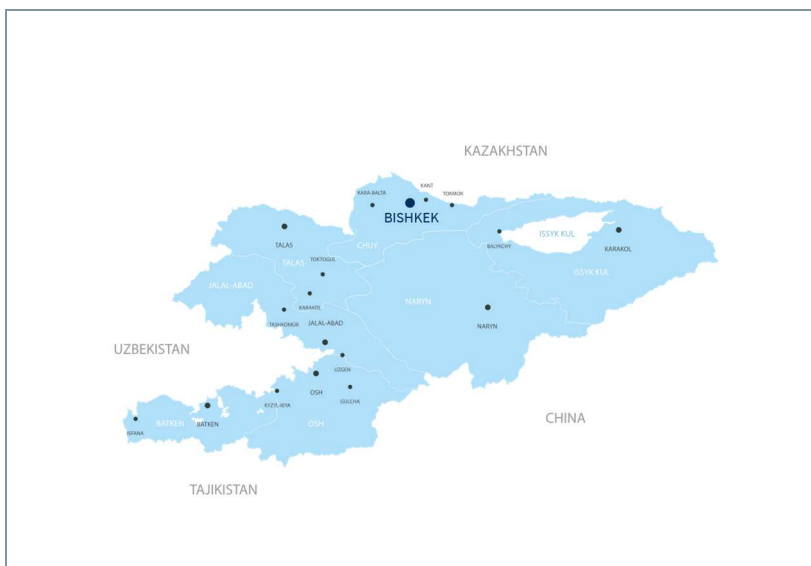
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- 389 funding recipients from Kyrgyzstan (2023)
- ← 85 funding recipients from Germany (2023)

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Current trends in academic cooperation

Due to the changed geopolitical situation as a result of the Russian attack on Ukraine in 2022, the countries of Central Asia are showing an increased affinity with Europe, combined with a willingness to intensify research policy dialogue and scientific cooperation. At the same time, there is a strategic reassessment of cooperation with the Central Asian countries from a German and European perspective. The German government, in particular the BMBF, is also planning to strengthen its efforts in the fields of science, research and education in the long term. Various delegations from Germany have already travelled to the region both in 2023 and 2024. There are currently 61 universities with 227,528 students. (Source: Stat.kg), with most universities and students located in Bishkek. For higher education institutions, the Education Law of 2009 guarantees the principle of self-administration of educational institutions. Universities can set their own curricula within the framework of state educational standards.

Kyrgyzstan is not a member of the Bologna Process but has gradually adapted its higher education system to the criteria of the European Higher Education Area since 2012. An ECTS-compatible assessment system has been introduced.

At the start of the 2022/2023 academic year, around 69,210 international students were studying in Kyrgyzstan. This is more than 35 per cent of the total number of students at higher education institutions in Kyrgyzstan. The largest group of 2022 intl. Students come from Uzbekistan (37,571), followed by India (15,306), Pakistan (8,407), Kazakhstan (2,178) and the Russian Federation (2,005) (source: Stat.kg).

The following institutions for further bilateral and multilateral science and research cooperation were listed in current recommendations (source: DLR-PT): *Kyrgyz State Technical University named after I. Razzakov, University of Central Asia (UCA), OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Institute Crossroads Central Asia, American University of Central Asia (AUCA), National Agency for Education as*

well as the *National Scientific and Practical Center for Control of Viral Infections*, Bishkek.

DAAD Activities

The DAAD has been represented by an IC in Bishkek since 2004, which provides information in four languages. The office was registered in 2023 and is expected to reopen as a regional office for Central Asia in early 2025. The two local staff in the office provide

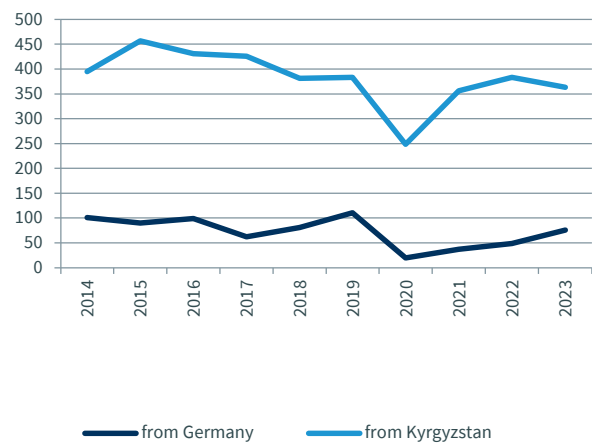
advice on studying and research in Germany as well as funding opportunities. The DAAD is also represented locally with three Lecturers and a DAAD Long-term lecturer at the OSCE Academy on the subject of political science and transformation research.

Important funding programmes for Kyrgyzstan include Eastern Partnerships, East-West Dialogue, Go-East and Erasmus Capacity Building and support within transnational education projects.

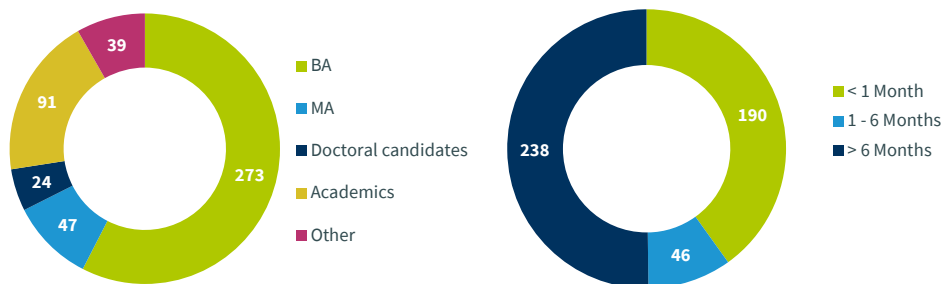
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients 2023

Individual funding	Kyrgyzstan	Germany
'Go East' mobility grants	-	31
Study Scholarships for foreign Graduates and Artists	12	-
Project funding	Kyrgyzstan	Germany
Scholarships for foreign students on German degree programmes abroad and at local binational German-foreign universities	143	-
German-language degree programmes (DSG); specialised courses in CEE/CIS	55	5
EU	Kyrgyzstan	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	26	9

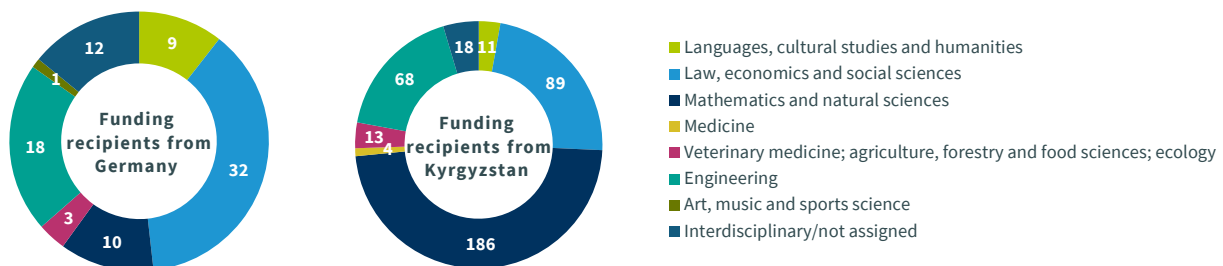
DAAD funding recipients Kyrgyzstan 2014–2023 (excl. EU mobility programmes)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 (including EU mobility programmes)



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



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