



Moldova 2022



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Student numbers

There are presently 24¹ higher education institutions in Moldova, with 59,700² students on roll. Women make up 58.8% of all students. In 2021, 1,680 students were enrolled on PhDs (not including foreign students).

In 2021, 522 foreign students completed PhDs. The majority (91%) were Romanian citizens, with Israelis (7%) making up the next largest group. Women accounted for 71.2% of foreign PhD students, an increase of 3.1 percentage points compared to 2020.

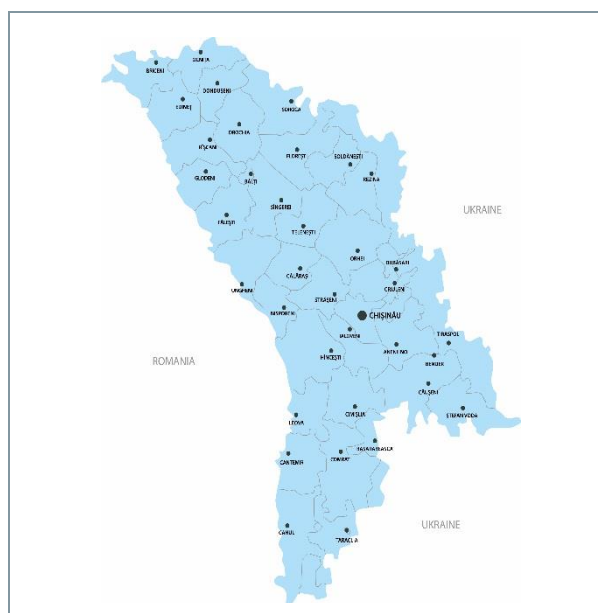
As a proportion of the total population, the cohort of students aged 19–23 has increased in recent years from 40% in 2015/16 to 46% in 2021/22. The number of higher education institutions fell from 31 to 24 in the same period. The number of PhD students rose from 1,556 in 2011 to 1,680 in 2021. Of these, the proportion of part-time PhD students rose more quickly and is now higher overall than full-time students (1,313 vs. 367 respectively in 2021).

Languages

Romanian is the administrative language. The Moldovan population generally speak Romanian and Russian. Teaching is usually conducted in Romanian or Russian. In foreign language teaching, English has displaced French, which dominated for decades. German ranks third among foreign languages. There are currently no known English-language study programmes.

Recognition of degrees

The Republic of Moldova joined the Bologna Process in May 2005. Since then it has implemented a range of reforms including the introduction of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) at all Moldovan higher education institutions.³ At present, 11 state higher education institutions are participating in Erasmus.⁴



→ 14 funding recipients from Moldavia (2021)

← 78 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

1 Lectureship: Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University in Chişinău

Moldova became a candidate for EU membership on 23 June 2022. The separatist Transnistria region of Moldova is not internationally recognised as a state. For this reason, Transnistrian educational qualifications must be recognised in the Republic of Moldova in order to be accepted abroad.

Academic cooperation with Germany

The HRK Higher Education Compass currently lists 21 cooperation partnerships between German and Moldovan higher education institutions. Two projects are currently funded through the DAAD's 'Eastern European Academic

¹ <http://erasmusplus.md/en/universities>

² https://statistica.gov.md/en/statistic_indicator_details/5

³ <http://erasmusplus.md/en/higher-education-moldova>

⁴ <https://univ.cc/search.php?dom=md&key=&start=1>

Partnerships' programme, while three 'East-West Dialogue' projects between German and Moldovan higher education institutions are receiving funding. The 'Go East Project Initiation Visits' programme was opened up to Moldova as a partner country in October 2022.

DAAD Activities

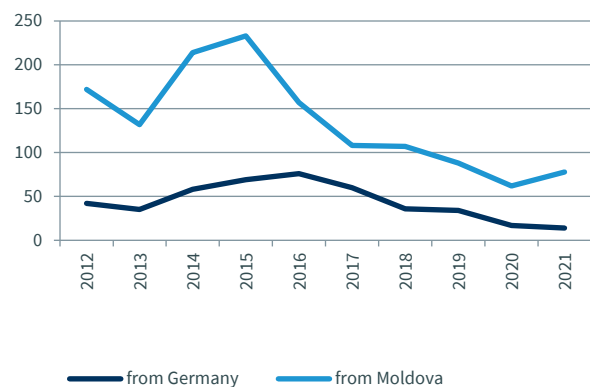
The DAAD has maintained a lectureship at the Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University in Chişinău since

1998. The Republic of Moldova is an ODA (Official Development Assistance) state and is on the DAC list of developing countries. In addition to the funding programmes financed by the Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, individual scholarships and higher education partnerships can be financed through the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

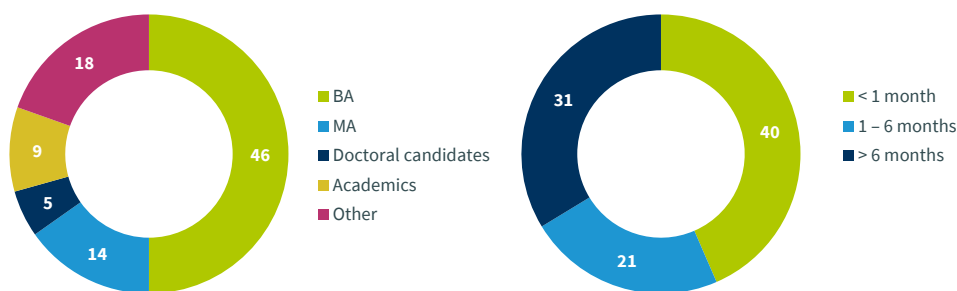
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	Moldova	Germany
Scholarships for foreign graduates and artists	9	-
'Go East' scholarships to promote mobility	-	11
Higher education summer and winter language course scholarships; Summer schools at higher education institutions in Germany	19	-
Project funding	Moldova	Germany
East-West Dialogue programme	11	1
Higher education partnerships with countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe	6	-
Integra – Integrating Refugees in Degree Programmes	10	-
EU	Moldova	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	10	1

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



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



Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2020 (including EU mobility programmes)

