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## Current trends in academic cooperation

The key starting point for the development of Namibia's higher education system was the foundation of the Academy for Tertiary Education in 1980. Five years later, three institutions emerged from the Academy. There was a university branch, out of which the modern University of Namibia (UNAM) emerged in 1992. There was also the Technikon and the College for Out-of-School Training. These latter institutions were transferred to the Polytechnic of Namibia in 1994, which was later renamed as Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) in 2015. UNAM and NUST remain Namibia's only state higher education institutions.

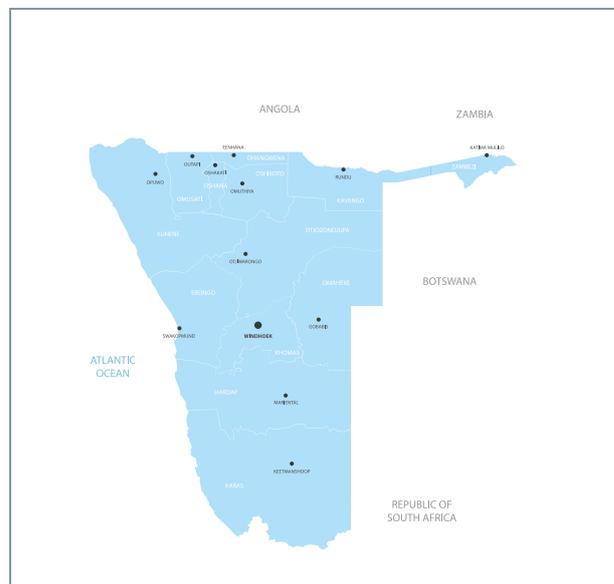
Given Namibia's limited academic landscape, academic relations with German universities are very pronounced. There are currently 57 higher education partnerships: 31 with UNAM and 25 with NUST. A further partnership is in place between the Gobabeb-Namib Research Institute and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (as of June 2022).

## DAAD Activities

In recent years the DAAD has stepped up its support for cooperation between German and African higher education institutions. Individual and project funding for Namibia focuses on developing the staffing and structures of African institutions and upholding academic quality. It also focuses on opening up potential partnerships in teaching and research that are of interest to German higher education partners.

In 2021 DAAD funding made it possible for 55 individuals from students to teachers to visit Germany. There were 133 funding recipients from Namibia studying, teaching and researching in Namibia, other African countries and Germany. With the exception of the last two years, German students who spent some of their academic education in Namibia were in the majority. The number of people from Namibia receiving funding for a visit to Germany

was lower. As such, Namibia joins South Africa as the only country in sub-Saharan Africa to achieve at least balanced mobility.



→ 139 funding recipients from Namibia (2021)

← 59 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

**Lectureship:** University of Namibia, Windhoek

In 2021, 16 German scholarship holders received funding through the **internationalisation of teacher training at German higher education institutions** programme alone. The programme is funded by the BMBF and commenced in 2019. Through the programme, the DAAD aims to help aspiring teachers from Germany gain intercultural skills and thereby prepare them for increasingly heterogeneous groups of learners. Funding recipients from Namibia particularly benefited from the **In-Region/In-Country Programme**.

This is financed by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and provides an opportunity for African scholarship holders to undertake

postgraduate study at a higher education institution in their home countries or at a well-regarded institution in Africa.

Given the modest scale of Namibia's higher education landscape, the number of higher education partnerships funded by the DAAD is considerable. The **Namibian-German Centre for Logistics (NGCL)** deserves particular emphasis. The Centre was opened in 2009 and is located at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST). The German partner is Flensburg University of Applied Sciences. In addition to its three bachelor's degree courses, the centre has also developed a master's degree course. It has trained well over 600 graduates since its foundation. The centre enjoys close links with the country's scientific sector, which made it possible for many graduates to successfully integrate into the local

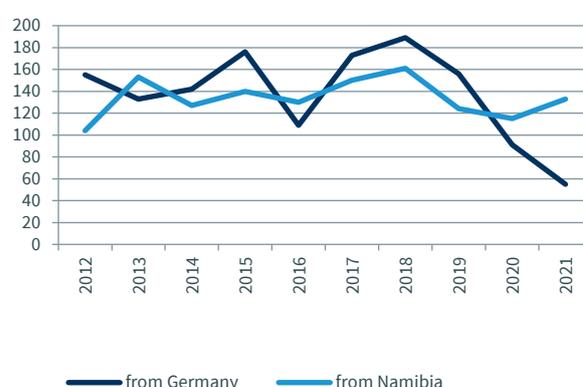
employment market. The NGCL is able to meet the increased demand for ongoing professional training thanks to logistics training courses that are designed to be financially sustainable. These are offered to staff from partner businesses.

The **'Partnerships for sustainable solutions with Sub-Saharan Africa'** programme, funded by the BMBF, has been running since 2016. Major partnerships between German higher education institutions and partner institutions in Namibia exist in the programme. The main thrust of the programme is to facilitate graduate training in specified research areas. From 2016 to 2021 these were the bio-economy, sustainable urban development and raw materials strategy. From 2021 to 2024 these areas are: the recycling economy, food production and processing, and transport and logistics.

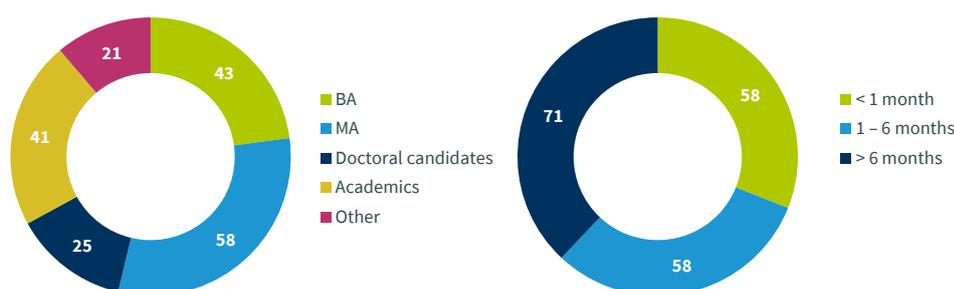
**Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients**

Individual funding	Namibia	Germany
Internationalisation of teacher training at German higher education institutions	-	16
In-Region/In-Country Programme	12	-
Project funding	Namibia	Germany
Centres of Excellence in Africa	26	-
Increasing mobility of students from German universities PROMOS	-	15
EU	Namibia	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	6	4

**DAAD funding Namibia 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)**

