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Current trends in the higher education cooperation

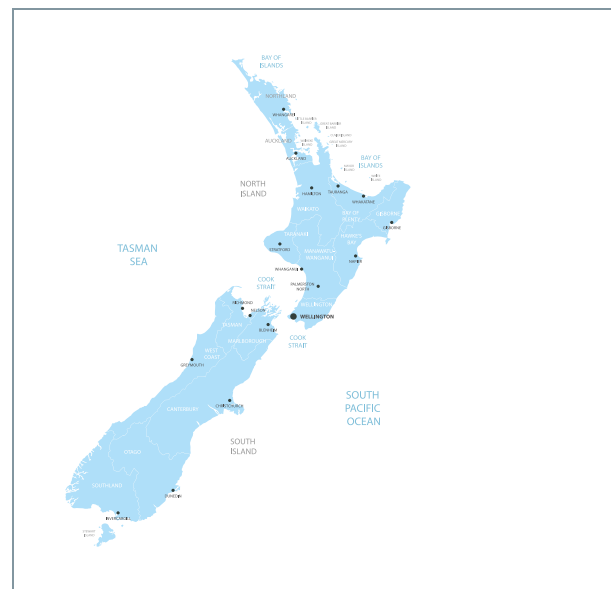
In the winter semester 2022/23, 94 foreign students from New Zealand were studying in Germany. According to the German Rectors' Conference, there are currently 130 university partnerships between Germany and New Zealand (as of February 2024).

New Zealand has eight state universities, 18 universities of applied sciences, three wānangas (Maori higher education institutions) and nine state research organisations. Seven crown research institutes (CRI) were set up by the government in 1992 as corporatised entities that carry out application-oriented research. There are also 105 private institutions.

In recent years the government has instigated significant increases in funding for STEM subjects. The focus for the natural sciences is on applications, and interconnections with business are deliberately sought out. Space travel has also gained considerable significance as a research area, with commercial unmanned space flight playing an increasingly important economic role. At the same time, New Zealand is rich in biodiversity and natural environments. Working in cooperation with Germany there is much interest in the climate and renewable energy. Green hydrogen is seen as a field with potential for future development.

Education in New Zealand is a major component of the economy and export factor. Spending on education accounted for 6 per cent of GDP in 2020, substantially more than Germany, at 4.7 per cent. (Source: UNESCO; OECD average: 5.1 per cent). As in Australia, fees paid by foreign students make a significant contribution to funding higher education institutions.

Depending on subject and degree level (undergraduate/postgraduate studies), these range from 22,000 up to 74,400 NZD per year for international students (roughly 13,240 – 42,000 euros p/a). The government subsidises tuition fees for New Zealand students. An agreement has been in place with the DAAD since 2020, whereby DAAD scholarship holders whose courses last at least ten



- 19 funding recipients from New Zealand (2022)
- ← 47 funding recipients from Germany (2022)

DAAD Lectureships: [University of Auckland](#), [University of Canterbury \(Christchurch\)](#)

months are exempt from international tuition fees (this does not apply to the PROMOS programme).

DAAD Activities

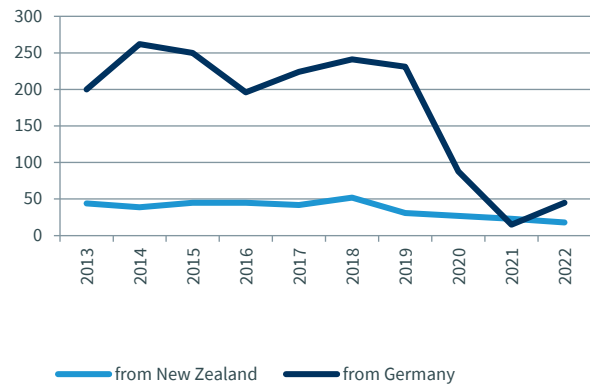
A DAAD lectureship has existed at the University of Auckland since 2006. Another lectureship was set up at the University of Canterbury, in Christchurch, in 2021.

In addition, a new PPP (Programme for Project-Related Personal Exchange) was signed by the DAAD and Education New Zealand (ENZ) in November 2021. In April 2022 the programme announced its first call for applications for funding in 2023 and 2024. Scholarships for foreign graduates and artists are particularly significant in terms of individual funding.

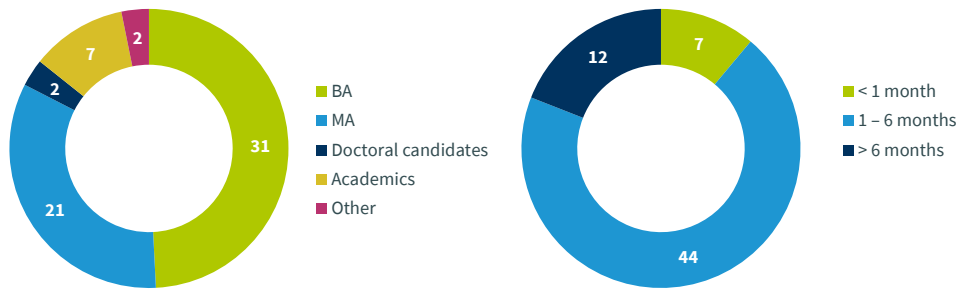
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	New Zealand	Germany
Scholarships for foreign graduates and artists	4	-
Short-term scholarships to promote foreign early-career academics and researchers	2	-
Project funding	New Zealand	Germany
Increasing mobility of students from German universities (PRO-MOS)	-	22
Internationalisation of universities of applied sciences	3	3
EU	New Zealand	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	1	2

DAAD funding New Zealand 2013-2022 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2022 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2022 (incl. EU mobility programmes)

