



## Republic of Korea (South Korea) 2022

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### Current trends in academic cooperation

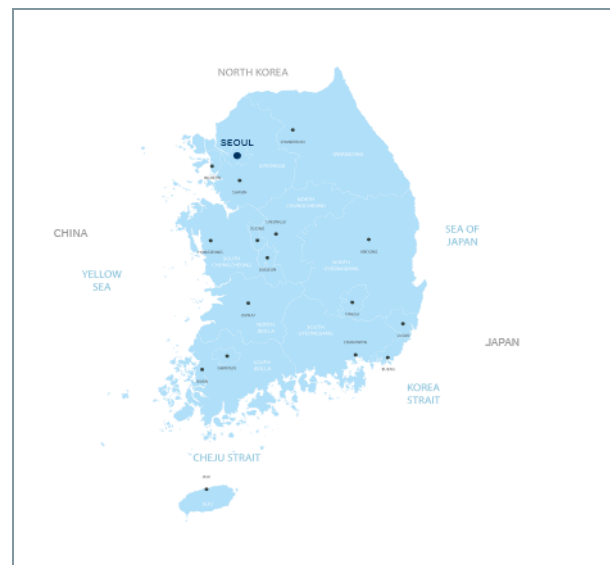
According to data from the South Korean ministry of education, there were a total of 426 tertiary education institutions in the country in 2021, including 191 universities. Of these, 50 are research universities, 10 are colleges of education, and 45 are (academic) 'Graduate School Colleges'. These should not be confused with the 1147 similarly-named 'Graduate Schools', which provide a practice-oriented education. In addition to these, there are 21 distance learning universities. In 2021 there were 90,464 lecturers in the South Korean tertiary education sector.

South Korean governments have been pushing forward the internationalisation of the country's higher education system since the 1990s. In terms of the anglicisation of study programmes, the country remains the forerunner in the region of East Asia. According to UNESCO, by far the most foreign students came from the People's Republic of China, followed by Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Japan and Nepal in 2019. By far the most South Korean students studied in the US in 2019, followed by Japan and Australia. According to this survey, Germany was in 6th place, ahead of France but behind the UK in the international rankings.

South Korea has a varied landscape of partnerships with Germany. In the 2020/2021 winter semester, there were 5,462 South Korean international students at German higher education institutions, despite the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the German Rectors' Conference, as of July 2022 there were 590 cooperation arrangements in place between Germany and South Korea.

### DAAD Activities

The DAAD is represented by an Information Centre (IC) in Seoul. In addition, there are six Lectureships at Yonsei University, Chung-Ang University (half timetable), Seoul National University, Korea University (law), Keimyung



- 504 funding recipients from South Korea (2021)
- ← 818 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

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**DAAD Lectureships:** Pusan National University, Busan; Keimyung University, Daegu; Korea University, Seoul; Chung-Ang University, Seoul; Seoul National University, Seoul; Yonsei University, Seoul

University Daegu and Busan National University. The DAAD's funding priorities focus on partnership structural programmes and the German language, literature and culture through DAAD lectureships and local lectureship programmes. It also funds South Korean PhD students and postdocs, while supporting Korean studies and Korea-related research priorities in Germany. It also focuses on further expanding the alumni network. The funding has existed since 1952, and in recent years the majority of scholarships have been awarded to German students of law, economics and social studies, followed by language and cultural studies. Among South Koreans, the majority of scholarships were for languages and cultural

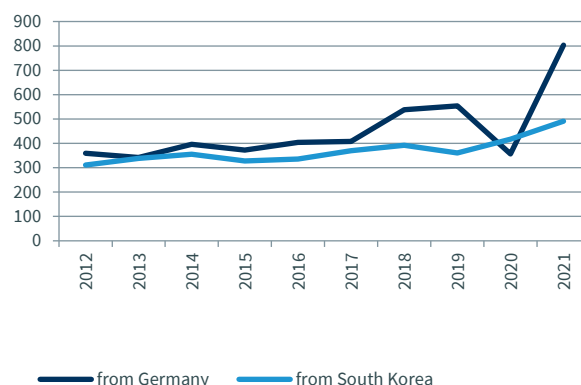
studies, followed by art, music and sports science. Recent years have seen a pleasing increase in DAAD-funded academic exchanges with South Korea. Even during the pandemic, the DAAD funded 504 South Koreans and 818 Germans in 2021. Working with South Korean partners, the DAAD is more strongly involved in trilateral/multilateral projects in this region than elsewhere, such as through the 'Partnerships with Japan and Korea' programme.

In partnership with the Chung-Ang University in Seoul, the DAAD jointly funds a Center for German and European Studies (ZeDES Seoul). This is part of a global network funded by the DAAD with partner centres in North and South America, Europe, Russia, Israel, Japan and China. The centre works in particularly close partnership with neighbouring countries.

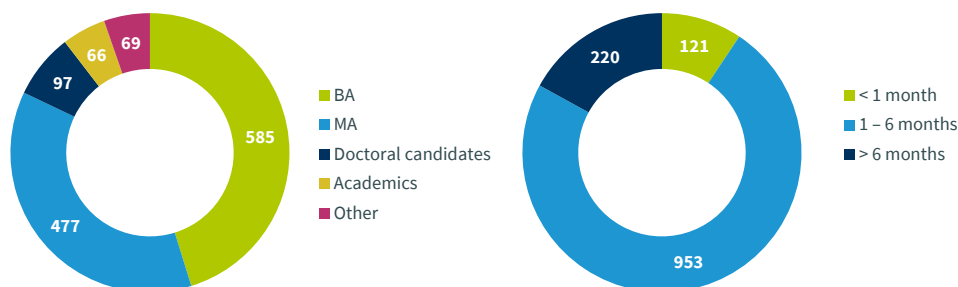
**Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients**

Individual funding	South Korea	Germany
Scholarships for foreign graduates and artists	40	-
Internationalisation of universities of applied sciences	-	47
Research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics	28	-
Project funding	South Korea	Germany
Centre for German and European Studies	51	-
Partnerships with Japan and South Korea	-	7

**DAAD South Korea 2012-2021 (not including EU mobility programmes)**



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



**Subject distribution 2021 (including EU mobility programmes)**

