



# Sri Lanka 2022

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## Current Trends in Science Cooperation

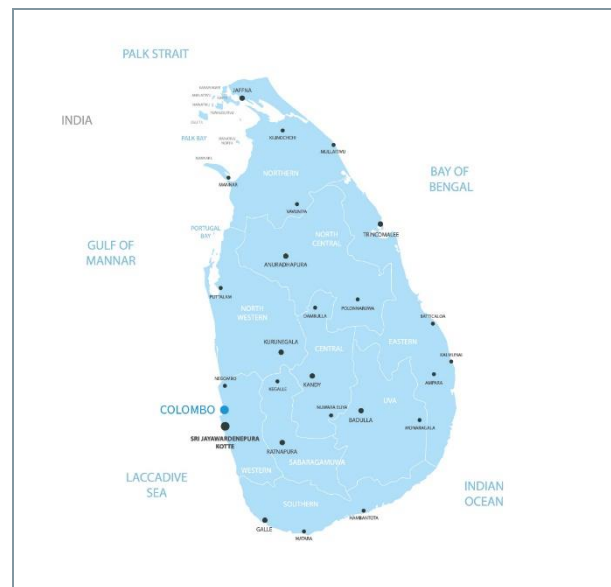
In the 2020/21 winter semester, there were 497 Sri Lankan international students at German higher education institutions. The most popular destinations for students from Sri Lanka are Australia, Japan, USA, Malaysia and the United Kingdom. Germany comes in 12th place. Sri Lanka is one of the few countries in the South Asia region where students can access higher education with only school leaving qualifications. The key countries of origin for international students in Sri Lanka are Myanmar, the Maldives, Bhutan, China and Vietnam. According to the German Rectors' Conference, as of April 2022 there were 16 cooperation arrangements in place between Germany and Sri Lanka.

## DAAD Activities

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the travel restrictions associated with it, the already limited numbers of German funding recipients travelling to Sri Lanka remained at a very low level in 2021.

The DAAD's New Delhi Regional Office is responsible for the DAAD's activities in Sri Lanka. Since 2017 the DAAD has been represented by an Information Point located within the German embassy in Colombo. The DAAD's work in Sri Lanka includes: marketing for Germany as a higher education and research location, awarding individual scholarships, supporting higher education cooperation projects, and alumni activities. It also shares knowledge and advises German higher education institutions.

The DAAD offers a range of standard programmes providing funding for individuals in Sri Lanka. Among the various scholarship programmes, scholarships for doctorates in Germany and Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS) are particularly popular. Through the EPOS programme, scholarships are awarded to students from developing and emerging countries for



- 161 funding recipients from Sri Lanka (2021)
- ← 8 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

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development-related postgraduate studies at German higher education institutions. After graduation the scholarship holders are expected to act as multipliers, taking active roles within international networks to contribute to solving challenges facing specific countries or regions, or global challenges. In 2021, 13 students from Sri Lanka received funding through the EPOS programme. In addition to this, seven research scholarships were awarded to early-career academics from Sri Lanka. Overall, there are high levels of interest in DAAD scholarships for individuals.

In the context of project funding, a large number of scholarship holders receive funding through the 'Lehramt.International' programme.

Three projects in Sri Lanka currently receive funding through the 'International Study and Training Partnerships' (ISAP) programme:

- Dresden University of Technology & University of Colombo (English language and literature)
- University of Gießen & University of Colombo (language and cultural studies)
- FH Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences & University of Moratuwa (architecture)

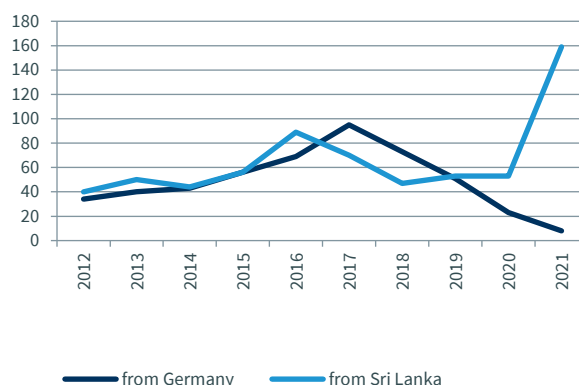
In April 2018 the DAAD and the National Science Foundation (NSF) signed a memorandum of understanding for a co-financed 'programme for project-related personal exchange' (PPP). Four projects currently receive funding through the PPP:

- University of Konstanz & University of Moratuwa: 'Developing Computational Grammars for the National Languages of Sri Lanka'
- University of Konstanz & University of Moratuwa: 'Fabrication of Bismuth-based hybrid perovskite solar cells'
- University of Göttingen & Open University of Sri Lanka: 'Metal organic frameworks for catalytic conversion of greenhouse gases'
- Leibniz-Institut für Photonische Technologien (IPHT) Jena & University of Peradeniya: 'Innovative multiplexed microarray system for detection of target site mutations associated with insecticide resistance'

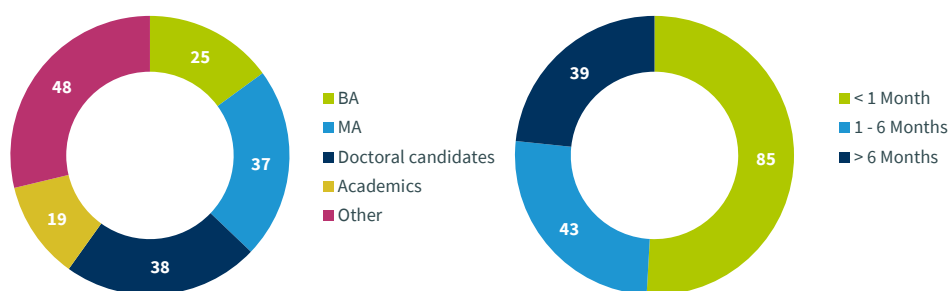
**Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients**

Individual funding	Sri Lanka	Germany
Research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics	7	-
Higher education summer and winter language course scholarships	7	-
Project funding	Sri Lanka	Germany
Internationalisation of teacher training at German higher education institutions	59	-
International Study and Training Partnerships (ISAP)	11	1
EU	Sri Lanka	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	2	-

**DAAD funding recipients Sri Lanka 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)**

