



Taiwan 2022

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Current trends in academic cooperation

Taiwan had 149 higher education institutions in 2021, with around 1.1 million students on roll. A key issue is the international competitiveness and associated internationalisation of Taiwanese higher education institutions. The five-year 'SPROUT' project for higher education commenced in 2018 and will run until 2022. It aims to boost the quality of Taiwanese universities and increase their international competitiveness. The National Development Council also aims to make Taiwan a bilingual region by 2030. As part of this, higher education institutions are encouraged to develop more English-language courses and study programmes and to recruit international researchers. There are also plans to develop bilingual beacon academies in specific subjects including high technology, finance and public health. The key universities are also to gradually become bilingual. The 'Taiwan Huayu Bilingual Exchanges of Selected Talent' programme (BEST) was set up in 2021 to promote cooperation with Europe and the US around Chinese language teaching.

The Taiwanese Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), which is responsible for higher education institutions, was renamed in July 2022 as the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC): www.nstc.gov.tw

The number of Taiwanese students in Germany has more than doubled since 2014. In the 2020/21 winter semester, there were 2.687 Taiwanese international students at German higher education institutions, despite the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the German Rectors' Conference, as of May 2022 there were 317 cooperation arrangements in place between Germany and Taiwan.

→ 261 funding recipients from Taiwan (2021)

← 93 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

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DAAD Activities

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the travel restrictions associated with it, the number of German funding recipients remained at a particularly low level. By contrast, the number of Taiwanese funding recipients more than doubled from the previous year.

The DAAD has been represented by an Information Centre in Taipei since 2000. The primary role of the Information Centre is to provide:

- information for Taiwanese students, academics and researchers about study and research in Germany;
- advice on funding opportunities from the DAAD and other German funding organisations;
- support for German students and higher education institutions with international mobility and higher education cooperation;
- support and advice for alumni.

The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) (formerly the Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST)) is the DAAD's key partner for academic cooperation in Taiwan. The DAAD's work with the NSTC includes the provision of two scholarship programmes. The *Sandwich PhD Scholarship Programme* (Taiwan government scholarships programme) makes it possible for Taiwanese PhD candidates from all subjects to spend part of their studies in Germany and to attend an additional German course. The *Taiwan Summer Institute Programme* funds German and Taiwanese students and graduates to spend a two-month practice visit to a research institute in the host country.

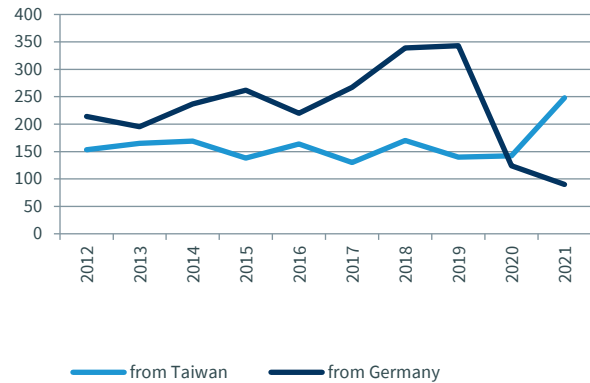
The *Programme for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP)* is a particularly important element of project funding. Working in partnership with the NSCT, around a dozen projects with Taiwanese higher education partners are funded each year. These aim to intensify joint research

with a particular focus on improving the qualifications of early-career academics from Germany and Taiwan.

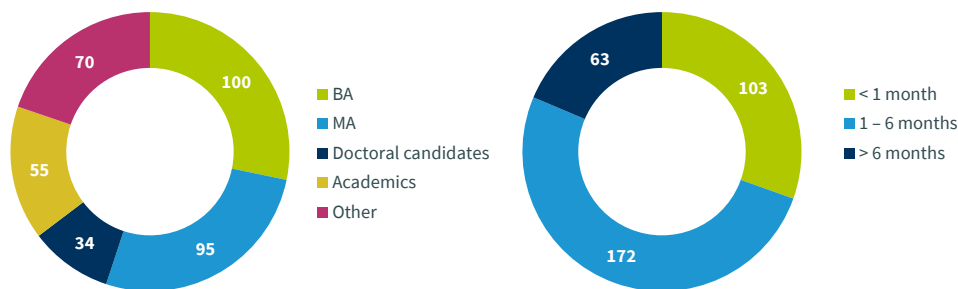
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	Taiwan	Germany
Taiwan Summer Institute Programme	2	-
Government Scholarships Programme Taiwan	1	-
Project funding	Taiwan	Germany
Programme for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP)	-	6
UAS.International	55	2
EU	Taiwan	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	3	13

DAAD funding Taiwan 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)

