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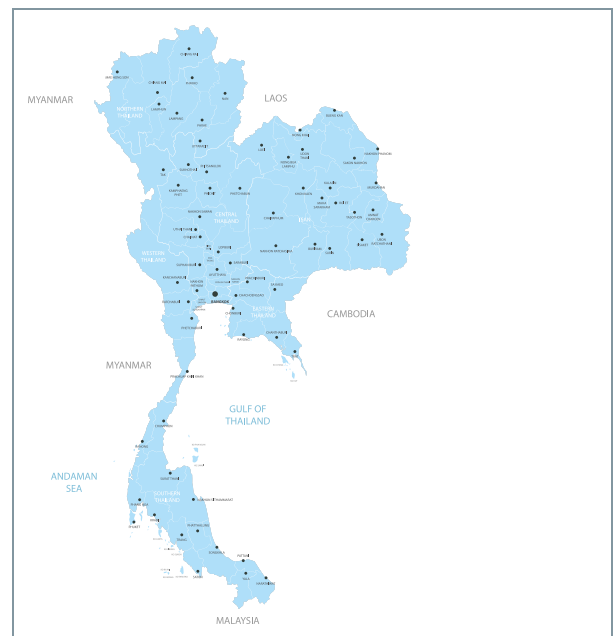
Current trends in academic cooperation

Responsibility for higher education in Thailand has been held by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI) since 2019. This change led to the redistribution of responsibilities for research scholarships. Efforts are being made to expand research funding to cover all higher education teachers with PhDs and members of research institutes. According to MHESI data from 2020, there are 156 accredited higher education institutions in Thailand, including full universities, technical universities, teacher education colleges, technical institutes and colleges. Of these, 84 are state-funded and 72 private. Over 2.1 million students are enrolled at these institutions. The proportion of practice-oriented study programmes is comparatively high at Thai universities, with vocational higher education playing a major role. Over 60% of Thai students are enrolled on bachelor's degree courses. Only 9% are working towards a master's degree, and 1% are studying for a doctorate. Around 29% of students graduate with a diploma.

Internationalisation at Thailand's higher education institutions is a key priority for the country's government and the sector itself. According to UNESCO, the most popular destinations for Thai students include Australia, the UK, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Germany. In the 2020/2021 winter semester, there were 881 Thai international students at German higher education institutions. The HRK lists 238 partnerships between Thai and German higher education institutions (as of July 2022).

DAAD Activities

Since 1999 the DAAD has been represented by an Information Centre at the German cultural centre in Bangkok. The DAAD also funds three standard lectureships in Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Khon Kaen. The lectureship in law at the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG) at Thammasat



- 263 funding recipients from Thailand (2021)
- ← 130 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

Information Centre: [Bangkok](#)

DAAD Lectureships: Chulalongkorn University, Chiang Mai University, Khon Kaen University, Thammasat University (until March 2022)

University has been vacant since March 2022. The CPG is funded through a foreign academic policy initiative run by the Federal Foreign Office. It is one of four Centres of Excellence in Research and Teaching around the world. The Centre's German partners are the faculties of law at Goe-the University Frankfurt, the University of Münster and the University of Passau. The position of teaching assistant at Thammasat University is currently vacant. Three short-term lecturer posts were funded in 2022: two in Bangkok and one in Chiang Mai.

Major programmes of individual funding include research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and

early-career academics and the Helmut Schmidt Programme.

Since 2013 the DAAD has provided project funding for a series of short-term lecturer posts at the Thai German Graduate School for Engineering (TGGs), located at the King Mongkuts University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB). It also funded a lectureship for mechanical engineering, simulation and design in the field of design theory in mechanical engineering. This funding ran from 2016 to 2020. TGGs arose out of a partnership with RWTH Aachen. It has established itself as a key centre for engineering studies beyond Thailand's borders. The DAAD's third

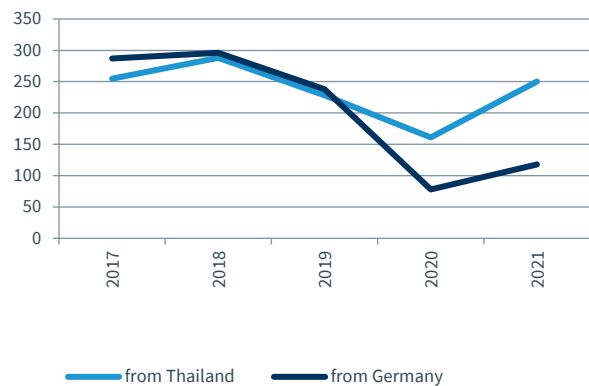
country scholarship programme provides funding for international exchange students from developing countries to study at TGGs. In their second year these students go to RWTH Aachen and undertake a work placement in Germany. They complete their studies in Thailand.

The DAAD works with the Thai Research Fund (TRF) to fund the Programme for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP). The Programme supported five projects with various Thai partners in 2021.

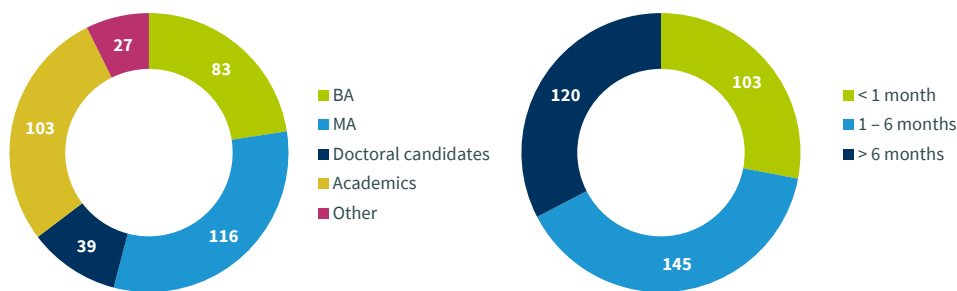
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	Thailand	Germany
Research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics	12	-
Helmut Schmidt Programme	8	-
Project funding	Thailand	Germany
DIES	43	-
Programme for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP)	6	6
Funding for students, graduates, students on German study programmes and binational German/foreign higher education institutions abroad	26	-
EU	Thailand	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	13	12

DAAD funding Thailand 2017-2021 (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)

