



## Turkey 2022

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→ 4,303 funding recipients from Turkey (2021)  
← 1,430 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

**DAAD Information Centres:**  
[Ankara](#) and [Istanbul](#)

**DAAD Lectureships:** 11 [in Ankara (3), Antalya (1), Bursa (1), Eskişehir (1), Istanbul (4), Izmir (1)]

### Current trends in academic exchange between Germany and Turkey

Over 7.56 million students were enrolled in higher education in Turkey in 2021. Student numbers are expected to rise further, along with increases in the range of courses offered and the number of universities. These developments are encouraged by the Turkish government. In this way, a new sub-category has been introduced to the higher education system with the identification of research universities.

The key countries of origin for foreign students in 2021 were Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Iraq, with Germany in fifth place. Germany ranked second behind the US for destination countries for Turkish students.

Turkey is an associate member of the EU Horizon Europe programme for research and innovation (2021–27). It is also an associate member of the Erasmus+ programme with equal participation rights. Further support for cross-border mobility and cooperation in science and innovation comes from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and also from YÖK, the Turkish Council of Higher Education.

### DAAD Activities

In 2021 the DAAD funded 4,303 individuals from Turkey to come to Germany. It also funded 1,430 German individuals in Turkey. The DAAD has maintained Information Centres in Istanbul and Ankara since 2000. Lectureships are also in place at these locations and at Bursa, Eskişehir and Izmir, in cooperation with local higher education institutions.

The Turkish-German University (TGU) in Istanbul is a major project with DAAD involvement. In the 2021/22 winter semester it offered 15 BA study programmes taught in German, English and Turkish. In the longer term the TGU aims to provide an education to around 5,000 students. DAAD long-term lecturers are also affiliated with the university.

### DAAD/TEV scholarships (MA scholarships for foreign graduates)

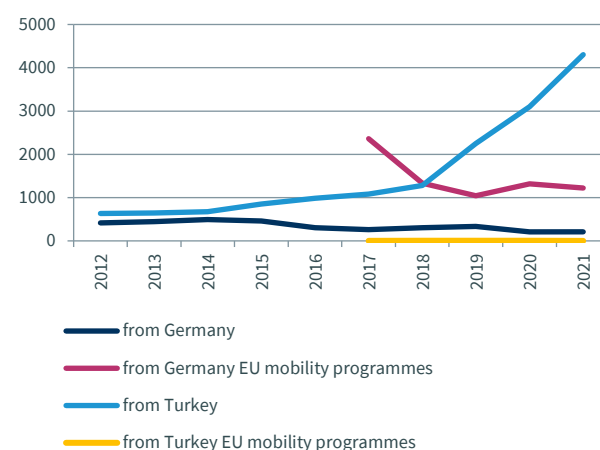
Under an agreement between the DAAD and the private Turkish Education Foundation (TEV), scholarships have been awarded annually since 1998.

These make it possible for Turkish graduates to complete a two-year master's degree at German higher education institutions.

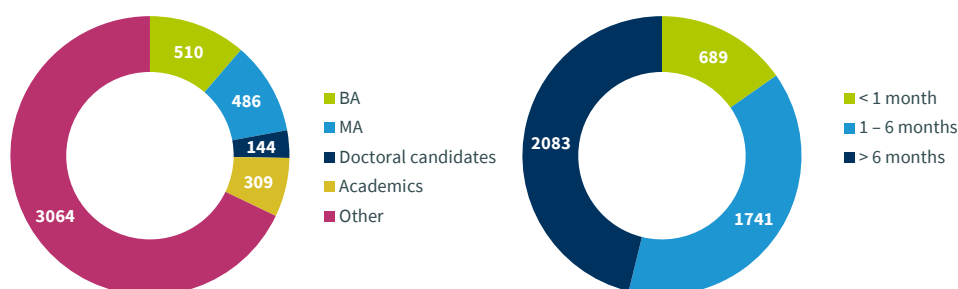
**Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients**

Individual funding	Turkey	Germany
Research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics	53	-
Joint Scholarship Programme for Turkish Graduates in Germany	166	-
Project funding	Turkey	Germany
Integra – Integrating Refugees in Degree Programmes	1,885	-
Turkish-German University (TGU)	417	104
EU	Turkey	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	-	1220

**DAAD funding recipients from Turkey, 2012–2021 (from 2017, including EU mobility programmes)**



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



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

