



# Turkmenistan 2024

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→ 31 funding recipients from Turkmenistan (2023)  
← 2 funding recipients from Germany (2023)

**DAAD Lecturers:** Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, Ashgabat;  
D. Azadi Turkmen National Institute of World Languages, Ashgabat

## Current trends in academic exchange

In November 2022, the President of Turkmenistan, Serdar Berdimuhamedov, signed the law ratifying Turkmenistan's accession to the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC) for qualifications in higher education in the European region. Turkmenistan's accession to the LRC is expected to further integrate Turkmen higher education into the global education and scientific community.

Eight universities in Turkmenistan were included in the *THE Impact Ranking-2023*:

- International University for Humanities and Development
- Engineering and Technological University of Turkmenistan benannt nach Oguz Khan
- State Energy Institute of Turkmenistan
- Institute of Telecommunications and Informatics of Turkmenistan
- Turkmen Agricultural Institute
- Turkmen State Institute of Architecture and Construction
- Turkmen State Institute of Economics and Management

- International University of Oil and Gas benannt nach Yagshygeldy Kakaev

Apart from three exceptions, all universities are located in the capital, Ashgabat. As the universities are unable to meet the demand for places, many Turkmen study abroad. According to the figures published by UNESCO on the mobility of Turkmen students, the Russian Federation was the main host country, followed by Turkey, Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. It can be assumed that the current war in Ukraine will lead to shifts – Hungary and China have now become very important host countries. Germany is not one of the important host countries, which is also due to Germany's rigid enrolment requirements.

Contact with a Turkmen university must be established through diplomatic channels, namely via the respective diplomatic mission, the Turkmen Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education.

There are currently four higher education partnerships between Turkmenistan and Germany in the HRK database. Only two German universities are actively involved. In Turkmenistan, a national Erasmus+ office is actively providing information about funding and participation opportunities via [www.erasmusplus.org.tm/en/](http://www.erasmusplus.org.tm/en/).

## DAAD Activities

The DAAD funding and cooperation figures between Germany and Turkmenistan have been low for years.

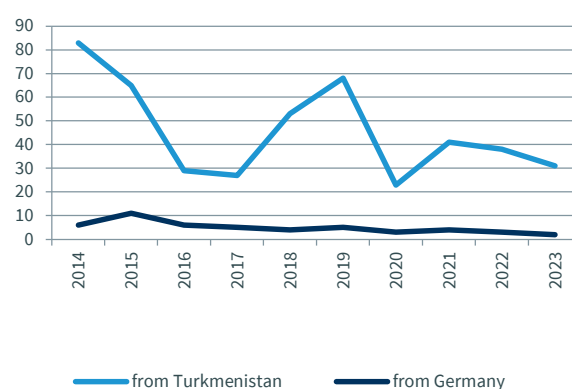
The DAAD has been represented in Turkmenistan with Lecturers since 1997. Since the academic year 2011/2012, the DAAD has continuously maintained two regular lecturer positions in Ashgabat. Currently, one Lecturer is funded at the Institute for International Relations and one at the D. Azadi Turkmen National Institute of World Languages.

In addition, there is a teaching assistant position at the Turkmen Medical University, which is currently vacant.

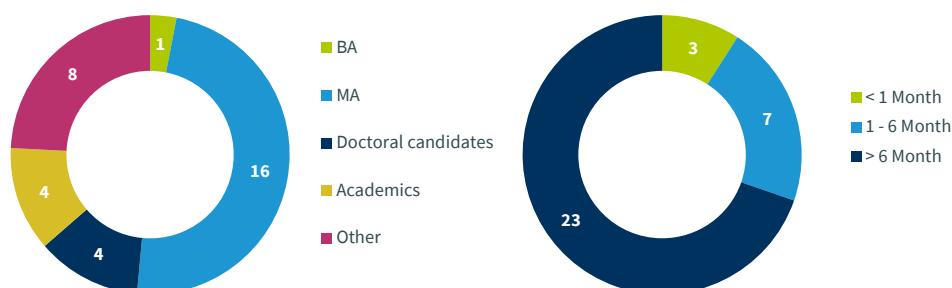
**Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients 2023**

Individual funding	Turkmenistan	Germany
Study Scholarships for foreign graduates and artists	14	-
Research grants for foreign doctoral candidates and young scientists	3	-
Project funding	Turkmenistan	Germany
East-West-Dialogue	1	-
Integra - Integration of refugees into specialised studies	7	-
EU	Turkmenistan	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	-	-

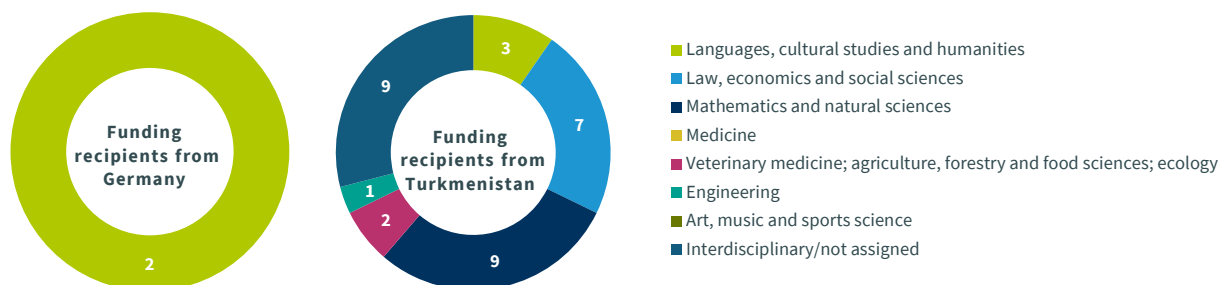
**DAAD funding recipients Turkmenistan, 2014-2023 (excl. EU mobility programmes)**



**Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 by academic status and funding period (incl. EU mobility grants)**



**Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 (incl. EU mobility grants)**



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