



Uruguay 2022

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Current trends in higher education cooperation

The Universidad de la República (UdelaR) is responsible for all university institutions in Uruguay. It answers directly to parliament. Its powers include deciding on the curricula of all other universities, of which there are four. All are located in Montevideo. The Universidad Católica del Uruguay (UCU), Universidad ORT and the Universidad de Montevideo (UM) are private Catholic institutions. The state Universidad Tecnológica (UTEC) was founded in 2012 to provide applied study programmes at locations in the interior of the country. Decentralisation is a major factor in Uruguay’s development. As a consequence, UdelaR has set up regional university centres in the east, north and north-west of the country.

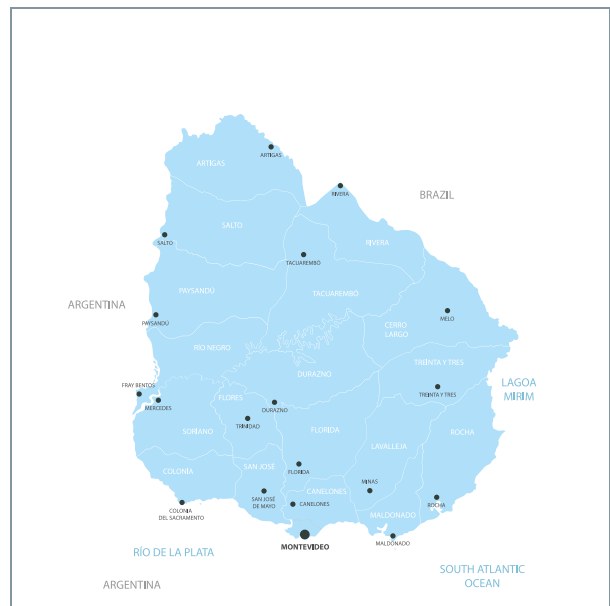
According to the latest UNESCO data, the five most popular destinations for students from Uruguay are Argentina, Brazil, the US, Spain and the UK.

Germany enjoys a sound reputation as a study location, particularly for engineering. However, the German language is generally regarded as a barrier. The HRK currently lists only 31 cooperation agreements between higher education institutions in Germany and Uruguay (July 2022). According to the Federal Statistical Office, 68 foreign students from Uruguay were enrolled at German higher education institutions in the 2021 summer semester.

DAAD Activities

The DAAD has been represented by a lectureship at Ude-laR since 2013. This currently offers German courses for students of all faculties through the university’s foreign languages centre.

The DAAD maintained a co-funded scholarship programme with the Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación (ANII) until 2020. This had to be closed down,



→ 30 funding recipients from Uruguay (2021)

← 11 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

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due in part to low numbers of applicants. Nevertheless, the DAAD intends to sound out the possibility of restarting its joint scholarship activities with ANII.

In terms of DAAD funding for individuals, the most important programmes include research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics, scholarships for students who attended German ‘PASCH’ schools abroad, and foreign scholarships for German students through the HAW.international programme.

Of the many different forms of project funding offered by the DAAD, higher education partnerships with Uruguay could benefit far more than is currently the case.

Examples of these include the SDG partnerships and the Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES) programme.

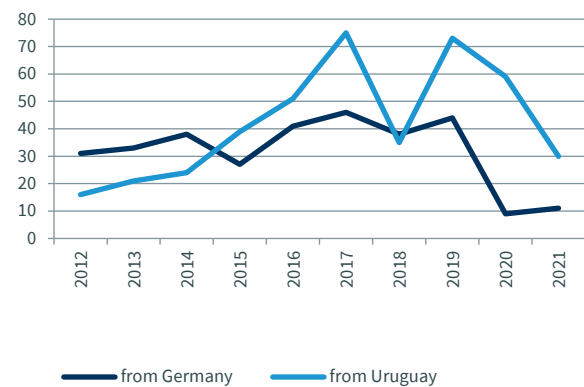
Covid-19 pandemic and associated travel restrictions. Only 41 individuals received funding in 2021, compared to 68 in 2019.

There has been a sharp decline in the number of funding recipients in both directions since 2020 due to the

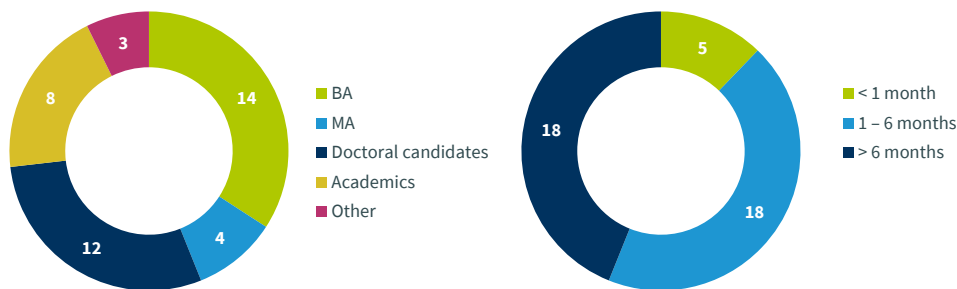
Selected funding programmes, by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	Uruguay	Germany
Research scholarships for international doctoral candidates and early-career academics	6	-
Scholarships for students who attended German 'PASCH' schools abroad	4	-
Internationalisation of universities of applied sciences	-	3
Project funding	Uruguay	Germany
Increasing mobility of students from German universities (PRO-MOS)	-	6
Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ): Higher education structures/management (DIES)	4	-
Alumni programme to support and engage foreign alumni	2	-

DAAD funding Uruguay 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 (not including EU mobility programmes)

