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International Report 2024



Foreword



It is my great pleasure to present the 2024 International Report of the University of Vienna. In a year marked by geopolitical tensions, global conflicts, and political instability, the University of Vienna has remained dedicated to maintaining and expanding its international collaborations. This reflects our commitment to global engagement, academic excellence, and cross-cultural exchange, which collectively contribute to our strong performance in international university rankings. The University of Vienna has made consistent progress in these rankings, further solidifying its reputation as a leading academic institution.

At the core of our internationalisation efforts are **strategic partnerships**, which foster long-term collaborations with leading institutions worldwide to create opportunities for innovative research, academic mobility, and interdisciplinary exchange.

A notable highlight of this year was the **symposium on global health** with our Strategic Partner **Kyoto University**, held in June 2024 in Vienna. This event brought together leading researchers from both institutions to discuss pressing global challenges and explore innovative solutions.

Another notable development was the deepening of the collaboration with our Strategic Partner **University of Chicago**. The opening of the University of Chicago's **Paris Center** in November 2024, along with the launch of new joint initiatives, will further strengthen our joint research programmes and facilitate faculty exchange, enriching our international academic community.

The Central European network **CENTRAL** recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. While the University of Vienna is transitioning its coordinating role to Charles University in Prague, it will continue to play an active role in the network. This smooth transition marks the start of the next phase of this intensive collaboration among leading Central European universities, and it guarantees the continued success of cooperative research initiatives, interdisciplinary projects, and academic exchanges across the region. Noteworthy highlights included the **CENTRAL Leadership Program**,

in which graduate students visited cities such as Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, and Budapest to develop leadership skills and explore cultural diversity, as well as the anniversary conference **Imagining Central Europe**, which brought together over 50 researchers to discuss cultural and political developments in the region.

The European University Alliance **Circle U.** offers valuable opportunities for students, faculty, and researchers to collaborate across borders and remains a cornerstone of our internationalisation strategy. Circle U. fosters a spirit of innovation and interdisciplinarity in higher education. In Circle U., the University of Vienna is committed to promoting research collaboration and increasing the support for PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers. In parallel, we are continuously innovating and internationalising our educational offerings, with a focus on developing short-term, credit-bearing courses that provide flexible learning opportunities for students.

In recent years, the University of Vienna has established **18 internationally recognised Doctoral Schools**, which have attracted a considerable number of international PhD students. These schools contribute to a vibrant international research environment, foster interdisciplinary collaboration and support the development of early-career researchers. The University of Vienna is also continually expanding its offerings for postdoctoral researchers, with a particular focus on providing career guidance and fostering a sense of community. We currently support approximately 1,100 postdocs across our various departments. Collectively, the Doctoral Schools and the newly established Postdoctoral Programme underscore the university's unwavering dedication to promoting academic excellence and facilitating long-term career progression for its researchers.

We hope you find the report enjoyable.

Manuela Baccarini
Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs

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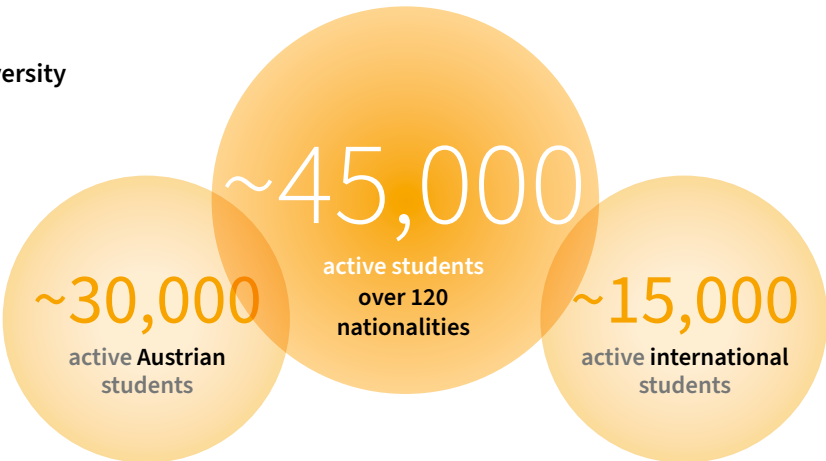
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Facts and Figures at a Glance

International Profile of the University of Vienna

Austria's Largest University
Academic year 2022/23



Top University

The University of Vienna is the best ranked university in Austria and numbers among the world's best 110 universities according to the THE World University Ranking 2025.



Excellence in Research: ERC Grants and Nobel Prize

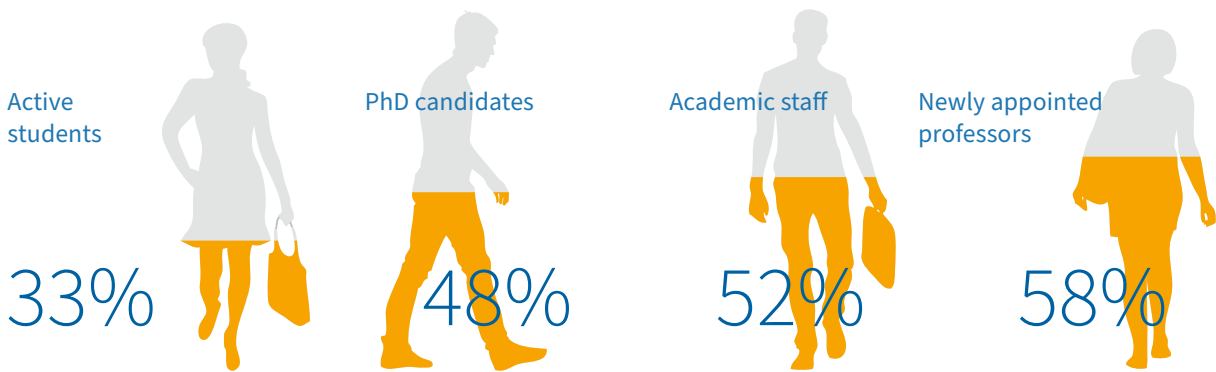
Since 2007, the European Research Council has awarded 146 prestigious ERC Grants to researchers at the University of Vienna for research projects with a high potential for innovation.

In 2022, the Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to quantum physicist **Anton Zeilinger**, Emeritus Professor at the University of Vienna.

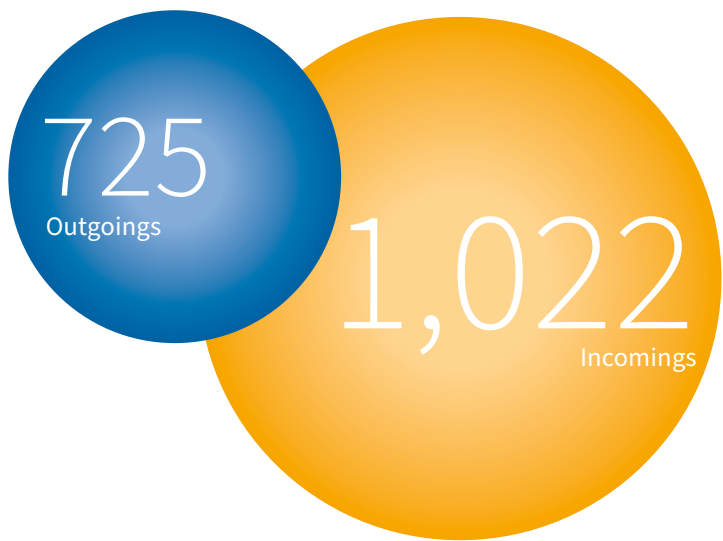


International Students and Staff

Percentages of students (2022/23) and PhDs/staff (2023/24) from abroad



Erasmus+ Programme (2023/24)

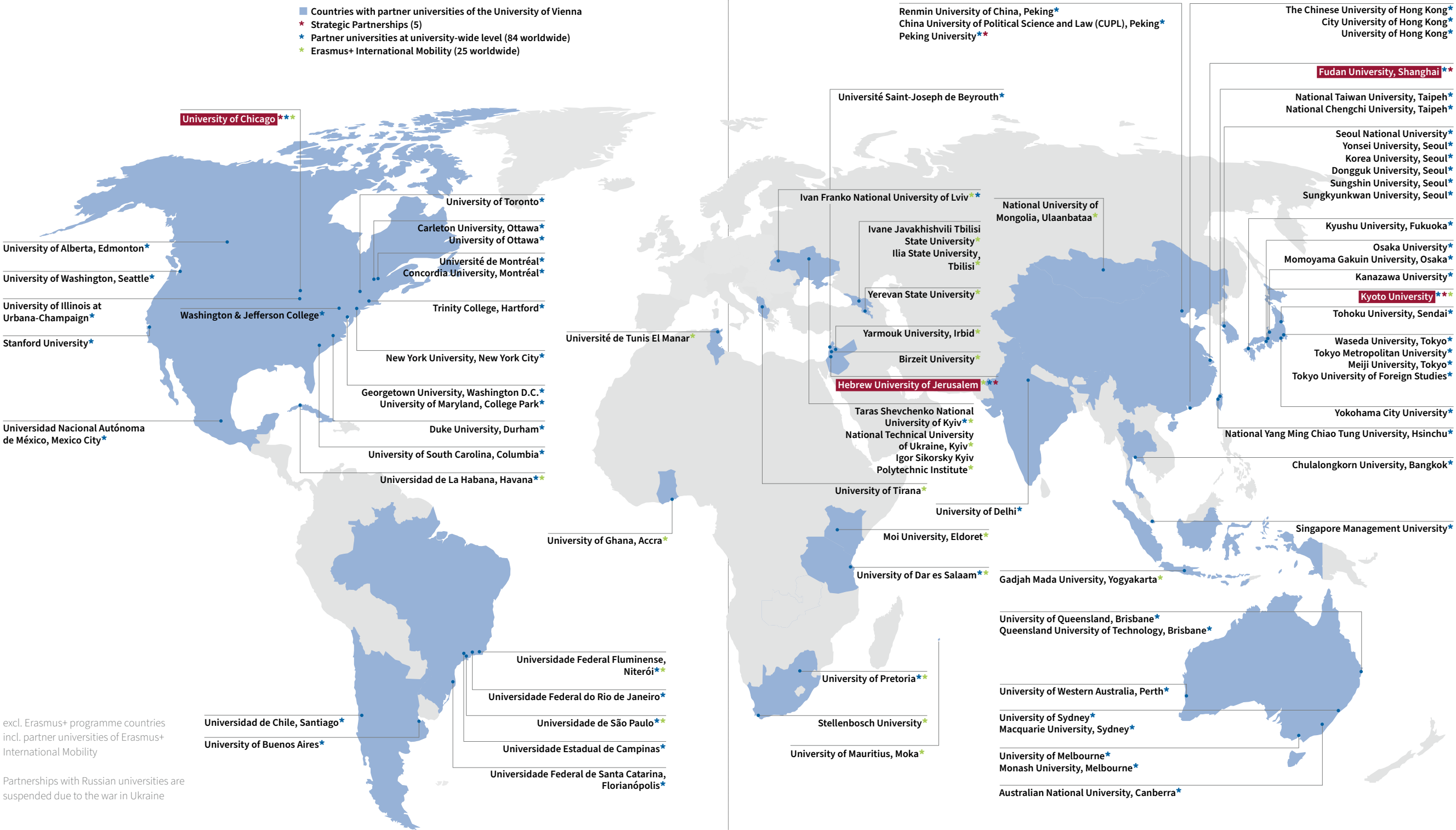


Erasmus+ Traineeships (2023/24)



Partner Universities outside Europe/EU at University-wide Level

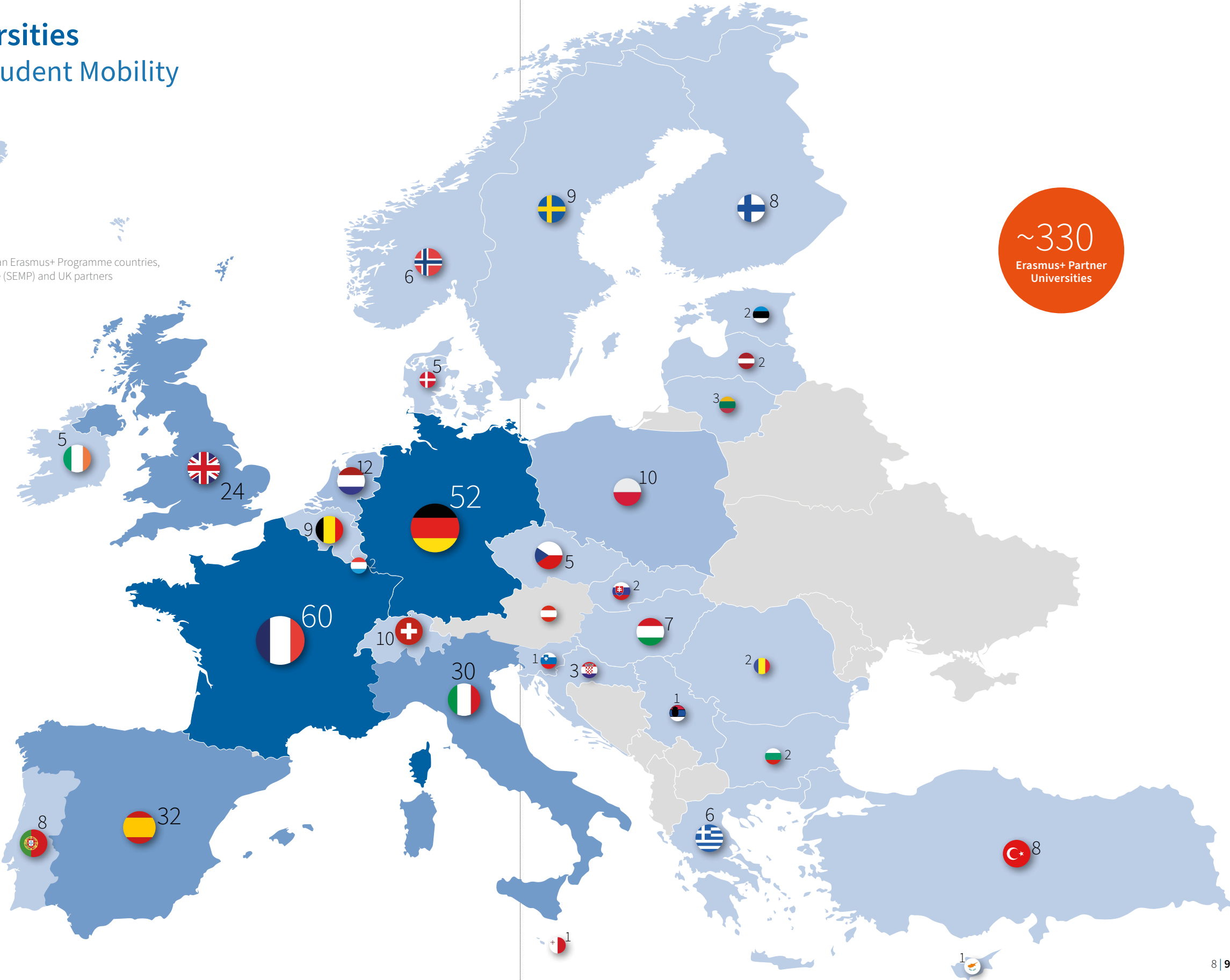
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Partner Universities for Erasmus+ Student Mobility

Number of partner universities in European Erasmus+ Programme countries,
incl. Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP) and UK partners

~330
Erasmus+ Partner
Universities



Highlights from the International Office 2024

The focus of internationalisation activities in 2024, in addition to efforts within Strategic Partnerships, remained on participation in European networks, particularly the Circle U. Alliance and the CENTRAL Network.

CENTRAL Network

The CENTRAL Network celebrated its 10th anniversary, with the University of Vienna passing its coordinating role to Charles University in Prague while remaining an active member. Highlights included the anniversary conference “Imagining Central Europe,” featuring over 50 researchers, and the CENTRAL Leadership Program, which took 28 Master’s and PhD students through Central European cities. Fourteen CENTRAL workshops on cultural-historical and interdisciplinary topics were held, complemented by a sports event in Prague.



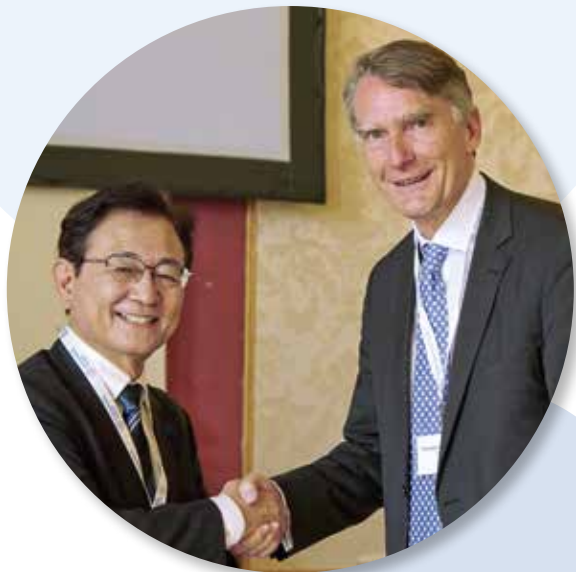
Circle U.

As part of the European University Alliance Circle U., the University of Vienna focused on fostering joint research collaborations, supporting early-career researchers, internationalising the curriculum, and diversifying mobility programs. In 2024, three projects under the Circle U. Seed Funding Scheme were led by the University of Vienna, and students made extensive use of the Alliance’s educational and event offerings (e.g., summer schools, the Entrepreneurial Change-Making Course, the CU.lympics event, and the Circle U. Model United Nations). Digital mobility formats were also utilised and further developed within Circle U. Additionally, the University of Vienna, as a work package lead, coordinated the development of new mobility programs for early-career researchers.



Strategic Partnerships

The University of Vienna intensified its scientific collaborations with strategic partner universities in 2024 through mobility and project funding. Notable among these efforts is the collaboration with the University of Chicago through the opening of the John W. Boyer Center in Paris, which serves as a platform for joint events and pilot projects. Another highlight was the symposium on global health held with Kyoto University. During the event, the university leadership and leading scientists from both universities discussed the topic of global health from the perspectives of microbiology, mathematical biology, medicine, social psychology, and more. As part of the Joint Research Grant Program between the University of Vienna and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, one project grant each was awarded in the fields of social sciences and economics. The partnership with Fudan University was extended and deepened through a workshop on applied mathematics and data science.



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Key Figures for Internationalisation Activities at the University of Vienna

Since 2008, internationalisation at the University of Vienna has been measured by a set of indicators relating to the areas of study and teaching, staff and research. The figures given are an attempt to quantify central aspects of internationalisation in these areas and to permit an annual comparison of the development of internationalisation activities.

Degree-seeking Students

Active students at the University of Vienna by country of origin

(Academic year 2022/23)

This important indicator measures the share of non-Austrian students in order to determine how attractive the University of Vienna is for international students as a place of education and research. **International students** constitute **33% of all active students** (> 16 ECTS), a slight increase compared to the previous year (2021/22: 32%), *see figure 1b*.

A Bachelor's, diploma or Master's programme is considered active if the student has acquired at least 16 ECTS credits in the respective academic year. A student may be enrolled in more than one active programme during the applicable academic year. Doctoral students are not included in these figures.

Students at the University of Vienna come from more than 120 countries. 90% of all active foreign students are from Europe, 6% from Asia, about 1% each from North and Latin America and Africa, and a handful of students from Australia/Oceania. The majority (56%) are from neighbouring countries. German students make up 40% of foreign students, while students from the Western Balkans account for over 8%.

Austria's largest university
Academic year 2022/23

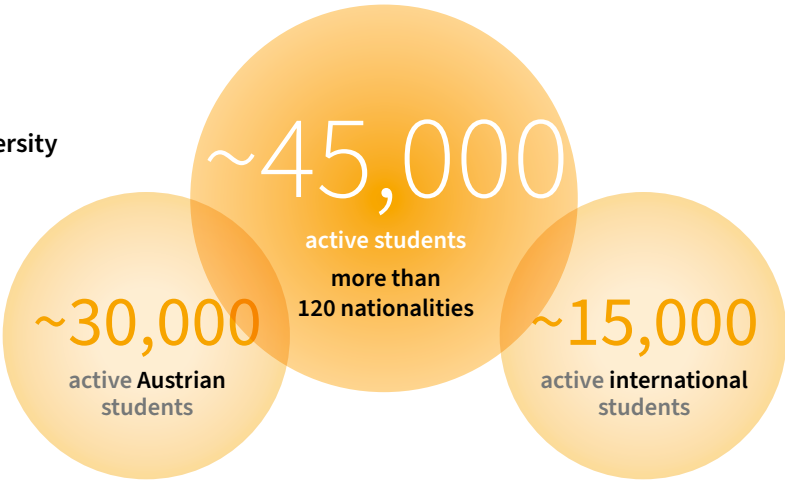


Figure 1a

Country	Active students (> 16 ECTS) ¹	Country	Active students (> 16 ECTS) ¹
Germany	6,082	Netherlands	74
Italy	1,092	Albania	65
Russian Federation	602	Belarus	59
Ukraine	575	Kosovo	58
Hungary	544	Belgium	56
Luxembourg	394	Georgia	49
Poland	364	India	48
Bulgaria	351	Ireland	48
Croatia	347	North Macedonia	48
Türkiye	336	Colombia	43
Serbia	330	Mongolia	43
Bosnia and Herzegovina	311	South Korea	39
Romania	296	Australia	38
Slovakia	275	Montenegro	38
Iran	159	Portugal	38
France	153	Egypt	37
Czechia	145	Japan	36
United States of America	145	Canada	35
Switzerland	139	Finland	35
Spain	120	Norway	35
Kazakhstan	118	Mexico	32
China	109	other countries	616
Syria	100	Active international students	14,922
Greece	98	Austria	29,789
United Kingdom	89	TOTAL (2022/23)	44,711
Slovenia	78		

¹ Definition of active students: please refer to page 12.

Source: Reporting System of the University of Vienna

Figure 1b

Active international students in % of all active students
academic years 2019/20–2022/23

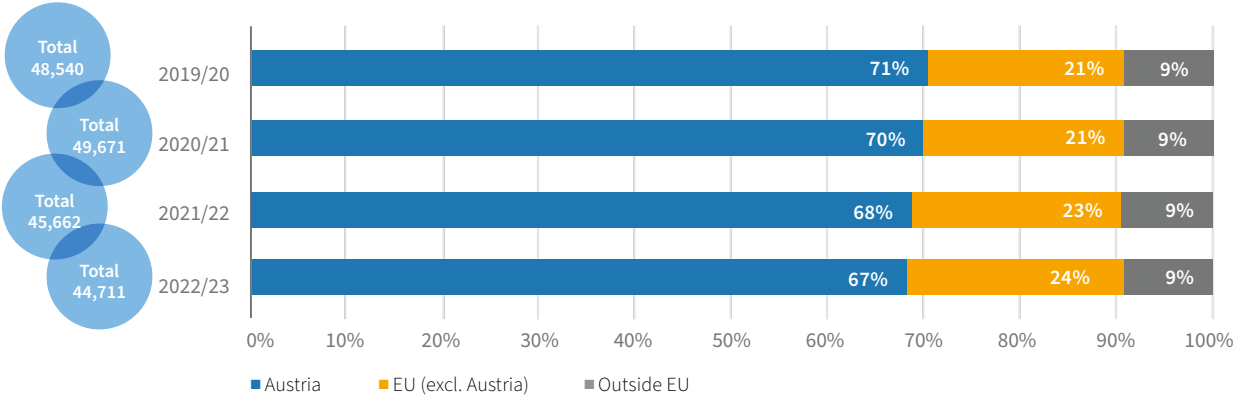


Figure 2

Doctoral students	Academic year 2023/24 total figures	Doctoral students	Academic year 2023/24 total figures
Germany	701	Luxembourg	15
Italy	233	Sweden	14
China	146	Kosovo	13
India	83	Belgium	12
Iran	71	Colombia	12
Russian Federation	70	South Korea	12
United States of America	62	Philippines	11
Spain	54	Thailand	11
Croatia	53	Australia	10
Türkiye	50	Bangladesh	10
Hungary	48	Ireland	10
France	46	Chile	9
Poland	42	Taiwan	9
Slovakia	40	Nigeria	8
Greece	38	Vietnam	8
United Kingdom	38	Ecuador	7
Switzerland	34	Finland	7
Romania	30	Lithuania	7
Ukraine	30	Georgia	6
Mexico	28	Kazakhstan	6
Serbia	28	Nepal	6
Bulgaria	26	Belarus	5
Netherlands	25	Denmark	5
Pakistan	25	Ethiopia	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	24	Syria	5
Czechia	22	other countries	122
Indonesia	22	International doctoral students 2023/24	2,519
Slovenia	22	Austria	2,779
Brazil	19	TOTAL 2023/24	5,298
Canada	16	International doctoral students 2022/23	2,456
Egypt	16	TOTAL 2022/23	5,275
Japan	16		
Portugal	16		

Source: Reporting System of the University of Vienna



In 2023/24, we had in total 5,298 doctoral students (including students from outside doctoral schools), of which 48% come from abroad (see figure 2). Every year we have around 800 newly admitted doctoral students, who are selected through a quality-based admission procedure.

Doctoral Schools at the University of Vienna

Training the next generation of researchers and supporting young talent to become independent and internationally competitive is a central mission of the University of Vienna. At present, the university hosts 18 doctoral schools that offer early-stage researchers the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge research within structured programmes. These doctoral schools attract young talent from all over the world. In total, we currently have 3,333 doctoral students in the schools.

PhD candidates benefit from excellent hosting conditions, e.g. quality team supervision and funding opportunities. This enables them to carry out excellent research and prepares them for a wide range of careers and responsibilities.



Lonneke Delpet

Doctoral candidate | Vienna Doctoral School of Historical and Cultural Studies

“The doctoral school is able to provide us with exactly everything we need, from whiteboards to courses that help us in writing our dissertation. The general atmosphere among the pre-docs is very amicable and supportive, which is a really nice environment to be in.”

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Doctoral Schools at the University of Vienna

- ▶ Advanced Research School in Law and Jurisprudence
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School of Historical and Cultural Studies
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School of Philosophy
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences
- ▶ UniVie Doctoral School Computer Science
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School in Physics
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School in Chemistry
- ▶ Vienna International School of Earth and Space Sciences
- ▶ Vienna School of Mathematics | Joint Doctoral School with TU Wien
- ▶ Doctoral School in Microbiology and Environmental Science
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School of Ecology and Evolution
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School of Pharmaceutical, Nutritional and Sport Sciences
- ▶ Vienna BioCenter PhD Program | Joint Doctoral School with the Medical University of Vienna
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School in Cognition, Behavior, and Neuroscience — from Biology to Psychology and the Humanities (CoBeNe)
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School of Theology and Research on Religion
- ▶ Vienna Doctoral School in Education
- ▶ Oskar Morgenstern Doctoral School (Business, Economics and Statistics)
- ▶ Doctoral School of Philological and Cultural Studies

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Michal Vyvlecka

Doctoral candidate | Vienna Doctoral School in Physics

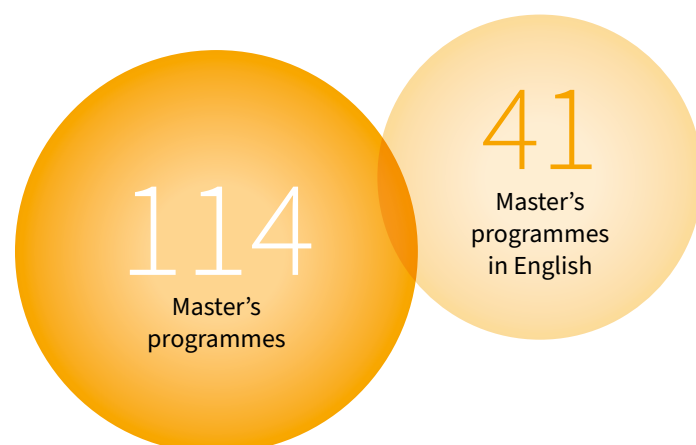
“The system of doctoral schools motivates PhD candidates to build a strong network between each other. Discussions between students across fields always push me to think about my research outside of the narrow perspective of my specialisation, which has already resulted in a few unique research projects.”

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Master's programmes in English

Figure 3

Of the 114 master's programmes at the University of Vienna, 41 can be studied entirely in English (= 36%). English-language master's programmes are not only attractive to international students, but also prepare the university's students for an international working environment in business and science.



Source: Intellectual Capital Report of the University of Vienna 2023, Indicator 2.A.2

univie: summer/winter schools

univie: summer/winter schools are short programmes (one to four weeks) offered during the lecture-free periods in February and from July to September. They are open to international and local students, with a focus on those studying towards a master's or doctoral degree. With the exception of the bilateral language schools, all programmes are offered in English.

univie: summer/winter schools are based on faculty initiatives and faculty research interests, while a certification process carried out by the International Office ensures that the short programmes meet the university's quality standards.

In the academic year 2023/24, one univie: winter schools and 17 univie: summer schools took place (nine short programmes in the humanities/social sciences, one in natural sciences, and seven bilateral language schools). The majority of participants were international students (~70%). 11 schools were held in Austria, and five abroad. One summer school took students to Austria, Serbia and Greece over a period of ten days. All univie: summer/winter schools are back to an on-campus setting with hybrid options available for some schools.

international.univie.ac.at/en/summer-and-winter-schools/



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Postgraduate Center: continuing education programmes

Apart from bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes, the University of Vienna also offers a broad range of professional education programmes including continuing education master's programmes and certificate courses. The Postgraduate Center is the university's competence centre for professional continuing education and lifelong learning. Its aim is to support people on their personal educational and career paths. It offers programmes in the fields of education and social care, health and natural sciences, international affairs and business, communication and media, and law.



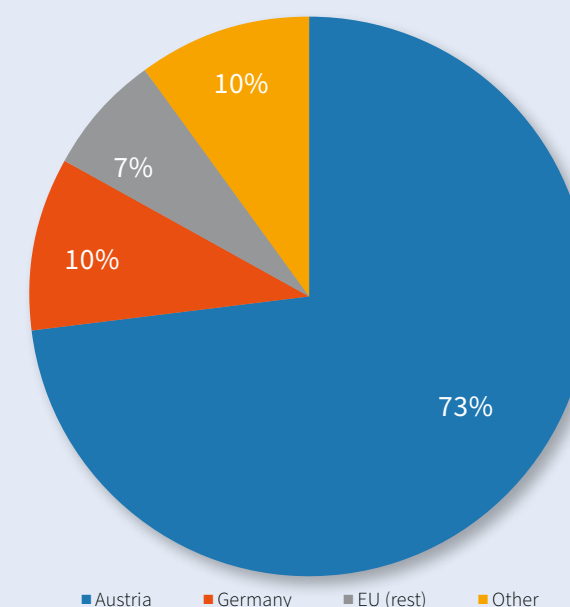
27% of them are from abroad. The continuing education programmes also offer opportunities for exchange stays abroad:

Most of the continuing education programmes can be completed in a part-time and hybrid format. Participants can choose from around 70 programmes. All programmes are research-based, interdisciplinary, high-quality, international and practice-oriented. A small-group setting enhances the practice-oriented teaching methods. In addition to theoretical, practical and skill-improving learning, participants build a personal network in their future field of work. Currently about 2,900 students attend a professional education programme at the University of Vienna.

For example, students of the master's programme "European and International Business Law" (LL.M) have the opportunity to participate in a student exchange with Stanford Law School or Santa Clara Law School in Silicon Valley, California. Furthermore, the Postgraduate Center offers extension lectures and workshops free of charge as open learning formats. They are a contribution of the University of Vienna to our knowledge society and successful lifelong learning.

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Postgraduate Center
Students by country of origin
As of winter semester 2023/24



Source: Postgraduate Center/Reporting System of the University of Vienna

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Credit Mobility Credit mobility can be defined as a limited period of study or traineeship abroad (in the framework of on-going studies at a home institution) for the purpose of gaining credits. After the mobility phase, students return to their “home institution” to complete their studies.

Graduates of the University of Vienna 2021/22 with stays abroad during their studies

In a survey, Statistics Austria asked all 9,298 students who graduated in the academic year 2021/22 whether they had studied abroad during their studies. 894 (10%) had spent time abroad during their studies. This represents a further decrease in the percentage of graduates with experience abroad during their studies (2020/21: 13%), see figure 4a.

The pandemic-related global travel restrictions that began in spring 2020 presumably play a significant role in the renewed decline in this key figure. In order to re-invigorate mobility after the pandemic, Erasmus+ has introduced new short term mobility programmes, in some cases in combination with virtual components (e.g. Blended Intensive Programmes, see page 19).



Figure 4a

Graduates of the University of Vienna 2021/22 with stays abroad during their studies², broken down by discipline³

	Stays abroad during their studies	No experience abroad	Graduates with stays abroad in % of all graduates with stays	Graduates with stays abroad in % of the graduates in this discipline
Natural sciences	249	2,875	28%	8%
Social sciences (incl. Law)	216	1,287	24%	14%
Humanities (incl. Theology)	425	3,754	48%	10%
Technical sciences	4	120	0.4%	3%
TOTAL 2021/22	894	8,053	100%	10%
TOTAL 2020/21	1,272	8,453	100%	13%

² Statistics Austria poll pursuant to UHSTAT 2

³ System of disciplines according to the ÖSTAT classification

Source: Statistics Austria survey; calculation: International Office

*response rate: 96% (8,929 questionnaires were returned)

*percentages do not necessarily add up to 100% due to rounding

With regard to the number of graduates from the various disciplines, graduates of social sciences and humanities were the most mobile. Although the social sciences registered a slight increase in total numbers, percentage wise there has been a decline in mobility in all disciplines compared to the previous year.

Figure 4b

Graduates of the University of Vienna 2021/22 with stays abroad during their studies⁴, broken down by stage of studies

	Stays abroad during their studies	No experience abroad	Graduates with stays abroad in %
Bachelor	329	4,829	6%
Master	348	2,381	13%
Diploma (pre-Bologna)	136	543	20%
Doctoral Degree	82	282	23%
TOTAL 2020/21	894	8,035	10%
TOTAL 2019/20	1,272	8,453	13%

⁴ Statistics Austria poll pursuant to UHSTAT 2

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The stage of studies and the type of curricula significantly influence the probability of a stay abroad. Generally speaking, it can be observed that a higher percentage of graduates from diploma, Master’s and doctoral programmes complete a stay abroad than graduates from Bachelor’s programmes, see figure 4b. This can easily be explained by tighter curricula at Bachelor’s level and the students’ ambitions to complete their studies within the shortest possible time.

Erasmus+ student mobility



The university offers several mobility programmes for students that allow them to spend one or two semesters at a partner university. The best-known programme is the Erasmus+ Student Mobility Programme (for periods of study abroad in Europe). In recent years, the University of Vienna has been among the top European universities in terms of numbers of outgoing and incoming students within this programme. Mobility numbers for student exchange within Europe are mostly back to pre-pandemic levels. The total number of outgoing students decreased from 814 (in 2022/23) to 725 (in 2023/24). The number of incoming students shows a slight increase to a total of 1,022 (in 2023/24) compared to 988 (in 2022/23).

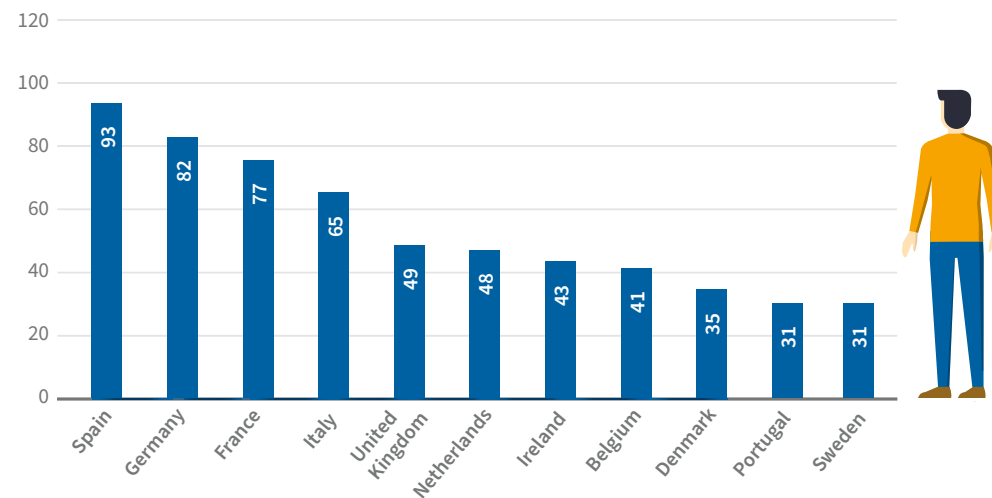
Blended Intensive Programmes (“BIPs”)

The new Erasmus+ programme generation (2021–2027) includes opportunities for blended mobility, e.g. the new Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs). These initiatives have greatly profited from the breadth of experience gained during the pandemic in terms of distance learning. In the academic year 2023/24 the University of Vienna participated in 16 such BIPs in different disciplines with more than 100 outgoing students to partner universities in Germany, Romania, Czechia, Norway, Portugal, Cyprus, Ireland and Belgium. We expect that virtual mobility, especially blended mobility with online and face to-face phases at a host university, will continue to increase.

Figure 5a

Erasmus+* outgoing students by destination (Top 10)

Academic year 2023/24; absolute numbers



* including Switzerland (SEMP; Swiss-European Mobility programme)

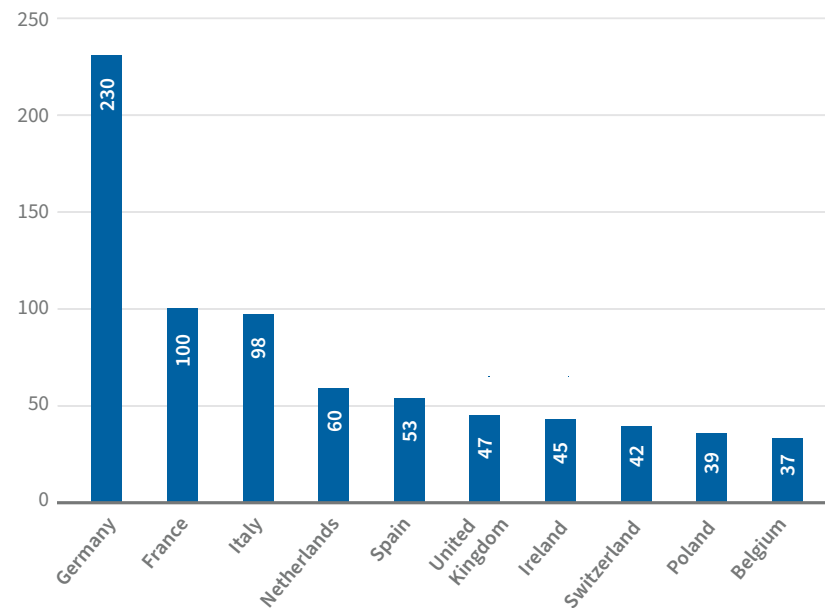
Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

725 students of the University of Vienna benefitted from an Erasmus+ stay abroad in 2023/24. The most popular destinations in the Erasmus+ Student Mobility Programme are Spain, Germany, France, and Italy; these countries account for over 40% of all outgoing students [see figure 5a](#).

Figure 5b

Erasmus+* incoming students by country of origin (Top 10)

Academic year 2023/24; absolute numbers



* including Switzerland (SEMP; Swiss-European Mobility programme)

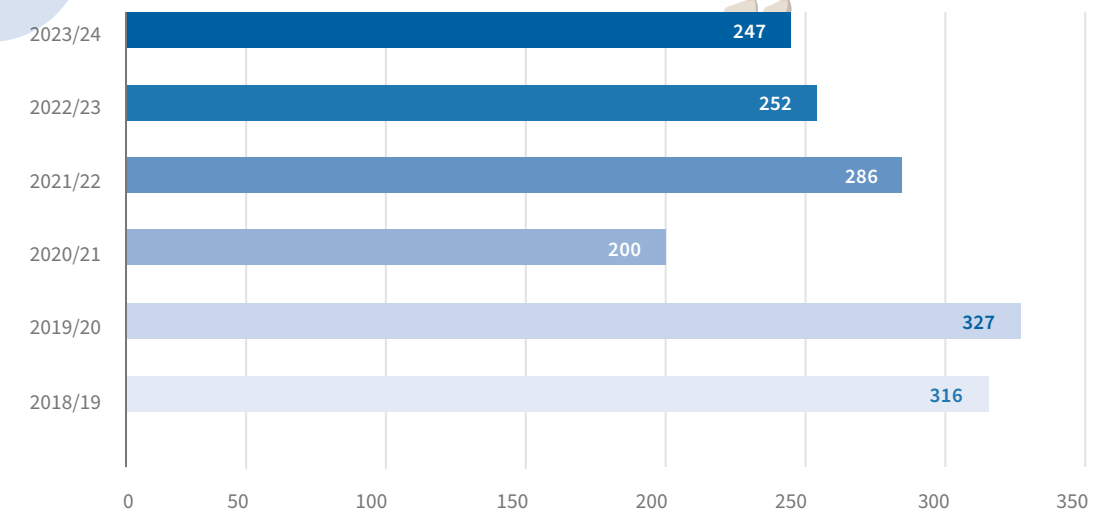
Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

1,022 international students studied at the University of Vienna under the Erasmus+ Student Mobility Programme in 2023/24. The top 5 countries are: Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain. 53% of all incoming Erasmus+ students come from these five countries, [see figure 5b](#).

Erasmus+ traineeships

Within the Erasmus+ programme, students of the University of Vienna can also apply for a scholarship for a self-organised traineeship relevant to their studies in one of the European countries which participate in the Erasmus+ programme. The constant popularity of this programme can be explained by its flexibility: applications are possible all year long (no application deadlines), the time required for processing applications is short, and students can choose how long their traineeship will be (at least 2 months). After seeing a significant drop in application numbers in 2020/21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the number of submitted applications for Erasmus+ traineeships has recovered since. However, current numbers still lag behind pre-pandemic levels, [see figure 6](#). In 2023/24, 247 students did an internship abroad. Germany continues to be the most popular destination, where more than 40% of all internships were carried out. Spain and France complete the top 3.

Figure 6

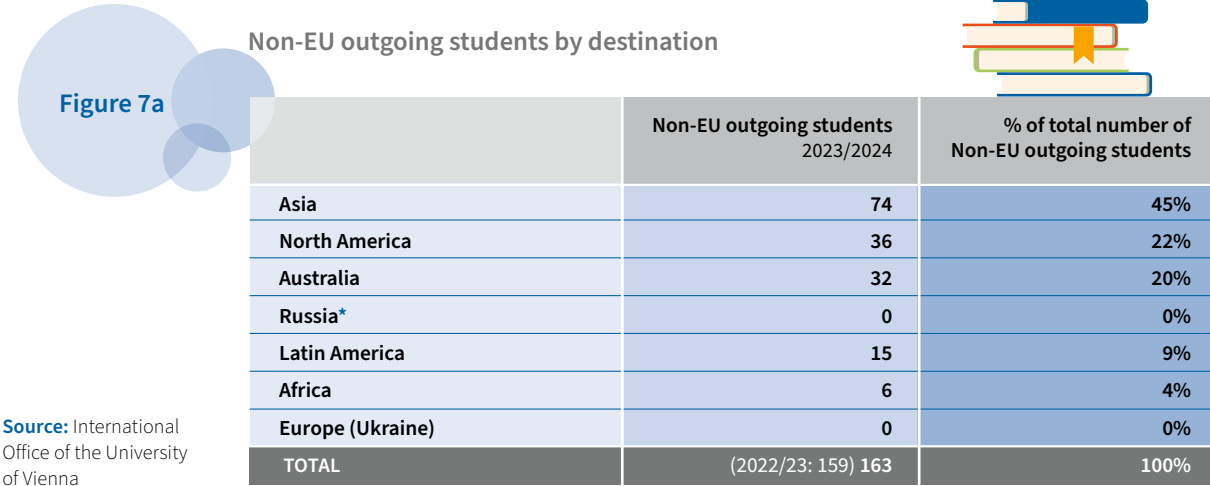


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Non-EU Student Exchange Program

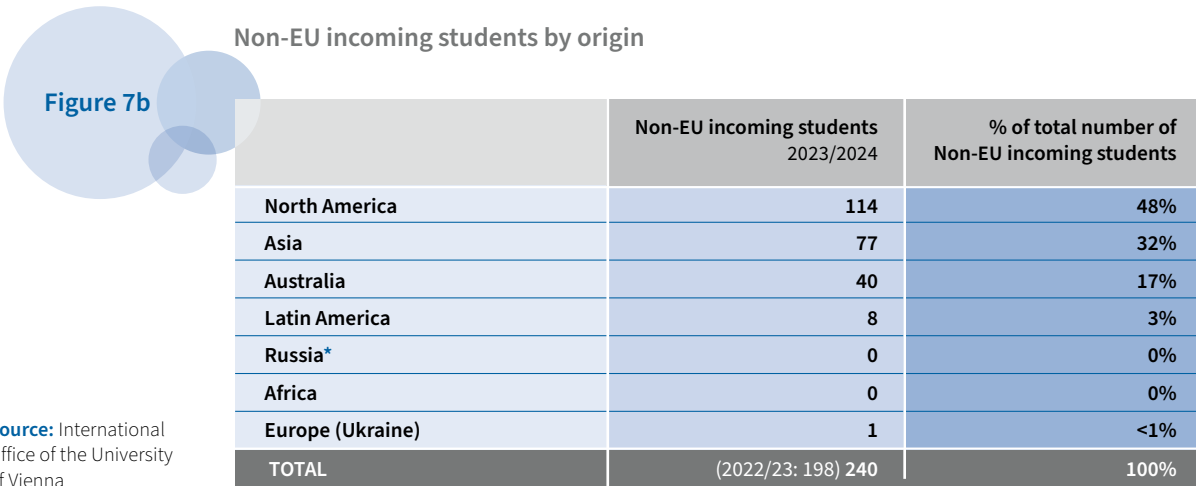
An important element of the University of Vienna’s mobility programmes is the Non-EU Student Exchange Program. This scheme has supported student exchange since 1992 with universities outside of the EU. With 163 students of the University of Vienna spending time overseas in the academic year 2023/24, the numbers of outgoing exchanges within this programme now exceeds pre-pandemic levels (2019/20: 151), whereas 240 incoming students studied at the University of Vienna under this programme, also exceeding the pre-pandemic level (pre-pandemic level: 2019/20: 228), see figures 7a and 7b.

The most popular destinations are Asia and North America, which account for 66% of all outgoing students within the Non-EU Exchange Program. Exchange to Australia has fully resumed and ranks among the top 3 destinations again. We were also able to welcome numerous incoming students from Australia. Exchanges with China have recovered after pandemic-related restrictions were lifted. However, due to the ongoing Russian invasion and resulting war in Ukraine in addition to the volatile situation in the Middle East (Israel, Lebanon), exchanges to these countries have been suspended for the time being.



Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

* Exchanges with Russia are currently suspended due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

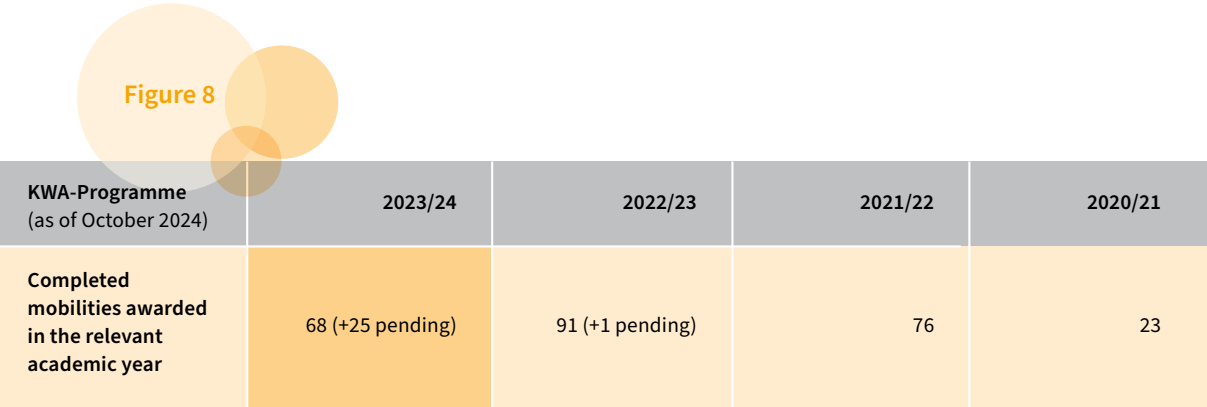


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Short Term Grants Abroad (“KWA-Programme“)

The KWA-Programme (short-term grants abroad) provides funding for Master’s and PhD students if they need to conduct research (e.g. laboratory work, field studies, research in archives, libraries, academic collections, etc.) outside Austria as part of their diploma/ master’s thesis or dissertation (duration: between 2 weeks and 3 months).

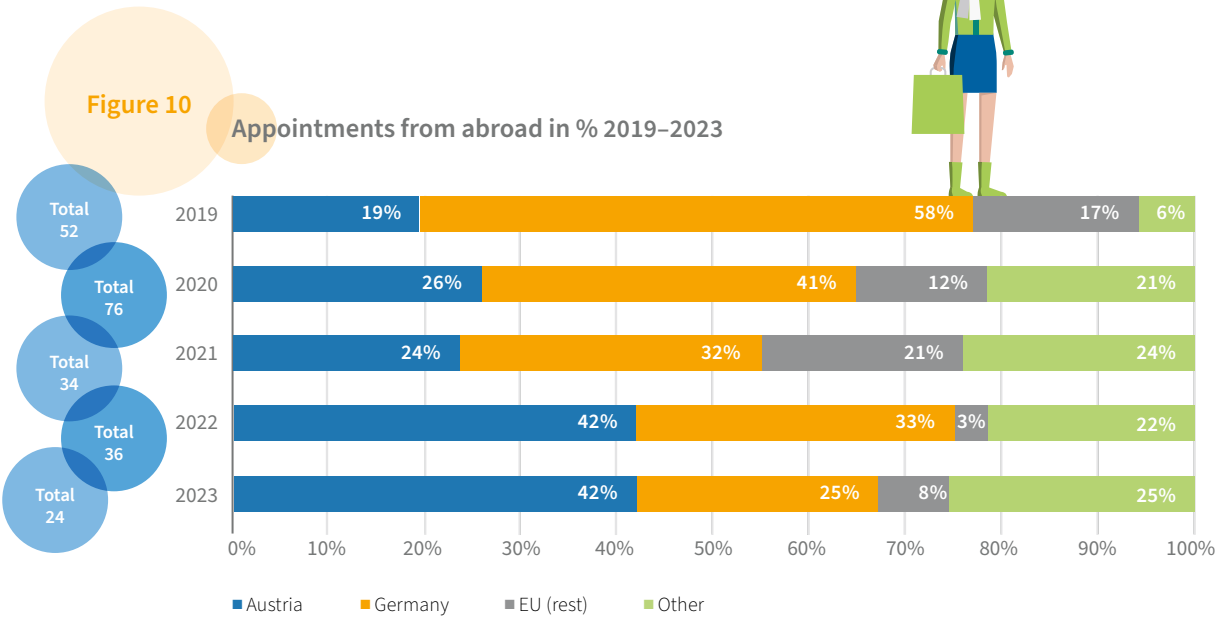
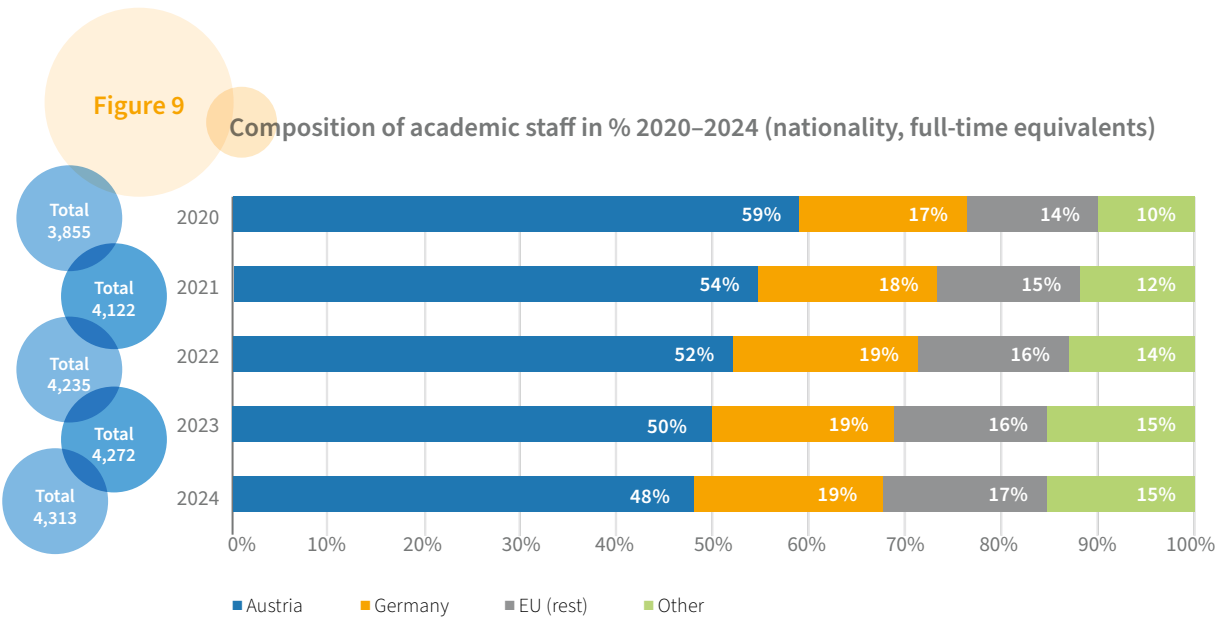


Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

In the academic year 2023/24, 93 students of the University of Vienna were awarded a KWA grant to conduct research abroad for their final thesis. This represents a constant level compared to the last academic year, but an increase of approximately 18% compared to 2021/22. Of the 93 scholarships awarded in the current academic year, 48 are already completed and 25 are still pending, see figure 8. Students conducted research through the KWA programme in 40 different countries in the academic year 2023/24, most of them in the United States (13), Germany (8) and Italy (7).

Teaching and Staff

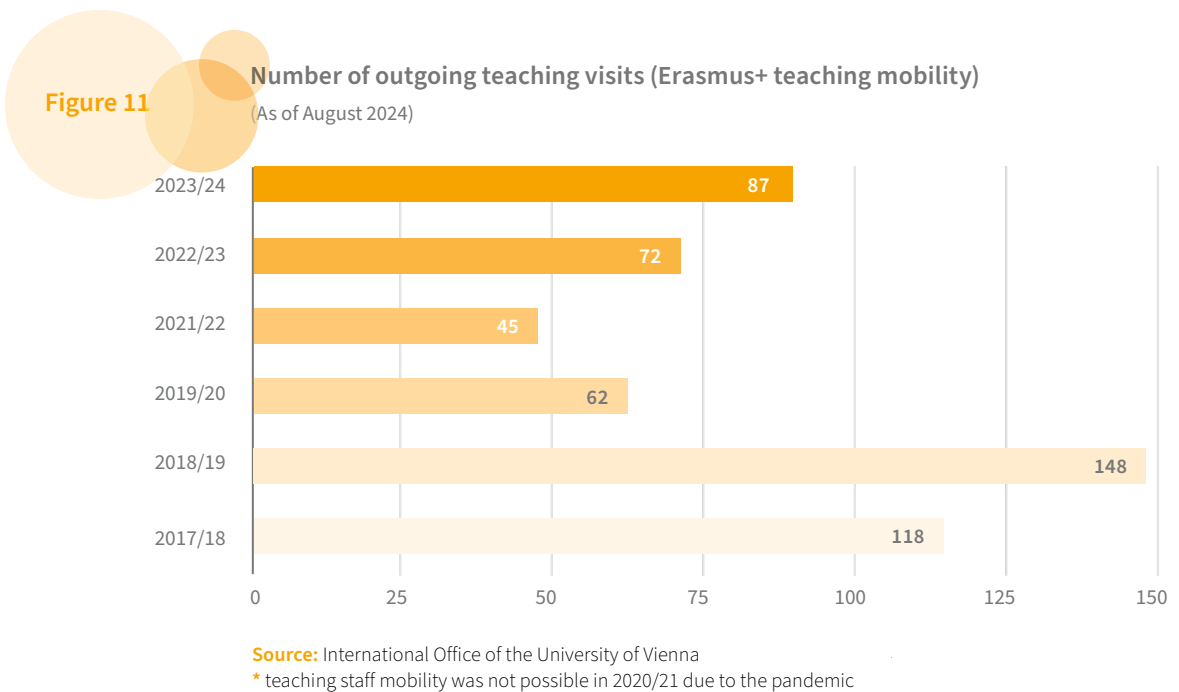
Over the last few years, the share of international academic staff has risen steadily. Currently, half of academic staff come from outside Austria, [see figure 9](#).



58% of the professors appointed in 2023 were appointed from universities or other institutions abroad, clearly demonstrating that, in this regard, the University of Vienna has achieved its goal of becoming attractive to international academics. Over a third of all appointments were from EU countries other than Austria (with a significant emphasis on Germany) and 25% were from outside the EU, [see figure 10](#).

Erasmus+ teaching mobility

Erasmus+ teaching mobility is one of the core mobility schemes in the Erasmus+ programme. It offers short term teaching visits for the University of Vienna’s teaching staff to Erasmus+ universities in the EU. After the slump during the pandemic, interest in the programme has noticeably increased again. However, mobility numbers remain well below pre-pandemic levels. A total of 87 teaching mobilities were carried out in 2023/24 (58% of mobilities carried out in 2018/19).



Erasmus+ staff training mobility

The Erasmus+ staff training programme gives university staff the opportunity to acquire work-related knowledge in other Erasmus+ programme countries. In 2023/24, the number of Erasmus+ training mobilities increased from max. 20 annually in the past to 77. The main reasons for this increase are the opening of the programme to academic staff at UNIVIE in autumn 2023 (previously, only administrative staff could participate), and the increased cooperation with partner universities in the Circle U. Alliance. 29 of the mobilities had Circle U. universities as their destination in connection with administration, research, and teaching.

Partnerships

Currently, the University of Vienna has a set of 84 partners at university-wide level, see figure 12. Bilateral university-wide partners include the five strategic partner universities: the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the University of Chicago, Kyoto University, Fudan University and Peking University. Further partners outside Europe include, among others: Stanford University, University of Queensland, University of Toronto and Seoul National University.

Figure 12

Number of partner universities by continent (As of September 2024)

	Partners at university-wide level	Erasmus+ partners for student mobility (incl. international mobility)
Africa	2	6
Asia	32	7
Australia	8	0
Europe (incl. Russia*)	17	337
Latin America	8	3
North America	17	1
TOTAL	84	354

Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

* partnerships with Russian universities are suspended due to the war in Ukraine

The University of Vienna follows an internationalisation strategy which involves developing only a limited number of partnerships, but ensuring that these are of high impact. At university-wide level, the University of Vienna strives for cooperation with top-class universities in Asia, North America, Australia and Europe. In addition to the academic reputation of the partner university, common research and teaching interests and existing faculty links are a prerequisite for the conclusion of an agreement with a partner university.

In Europe, the strategic focus of the University of Vienna's cooperation is on multilateral strategic partnership networks, such as the CENTRAL network (Eötvös Loránd University Budapest, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Charles University Prague, University of Warsaw, University of Vienna) and Circle U., a European University Alliance with eight other research-intensive partner universities from across Europe (Aarhus University, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, King's College London, Université de Paris, University of Belgrade, University of Louvain, University of Oslo and University of Pisa).



Research

Figure 13

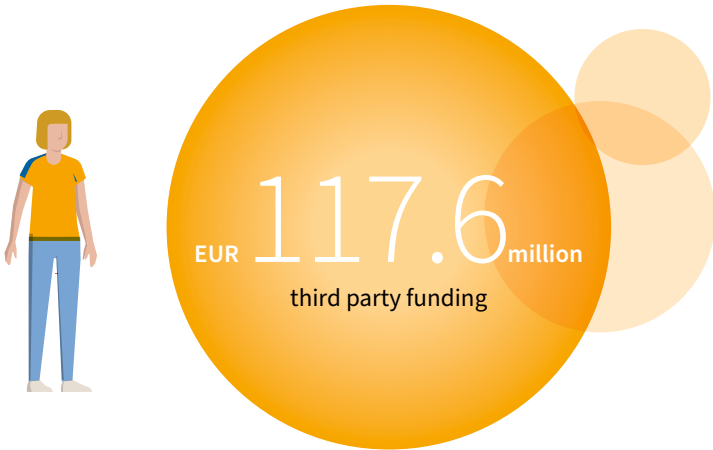
Internationally funded research projects
Total amount of third party funding



Projects funded by	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Austria	62,016,555€	59,442,241€	64,210,104€	70,545,135€	76,577,940€
EU-countries (rest)	20,110,382€	19,783,226€	24,768,426€	33,221,739€	37,102,783€
other countries	1,756,013€	1,350,406€	2,375,820€	3,758,006€	3,895,652€
Project TOTAL (in EUR)	83,882,949€	80,575,873€	91,354,350€	107,524,880€	117,576,375€

Source: Intellectual Capital Report of the University of Vienna 2023, Indicator 1.C.1

The University of Vienna was more successful than ever in attracting R&D projects in 2023. This can be seen as proof of our researchers' increased efforts to acquire third-party funding, but also as the result of the appointment of numerous top researchers. The revenues from R&D projects climbed to a record level of EUR 117.6 million – an increase of EUR 10.1 million or 9,3% compared to 2022, see figure 13.



International co-publications

The strong international orientation of research at the University of Vienna is reflected in the number of international co-publications (see figure 14a and b). The number of international co-publications (Web of Science) remains high (2023: 71.5% International co-publications, constituting a top score in an international benchmark).

Figure 14a

Publications (ARPPBC inkl. ESCI) with international co-authors
in the Web of Science

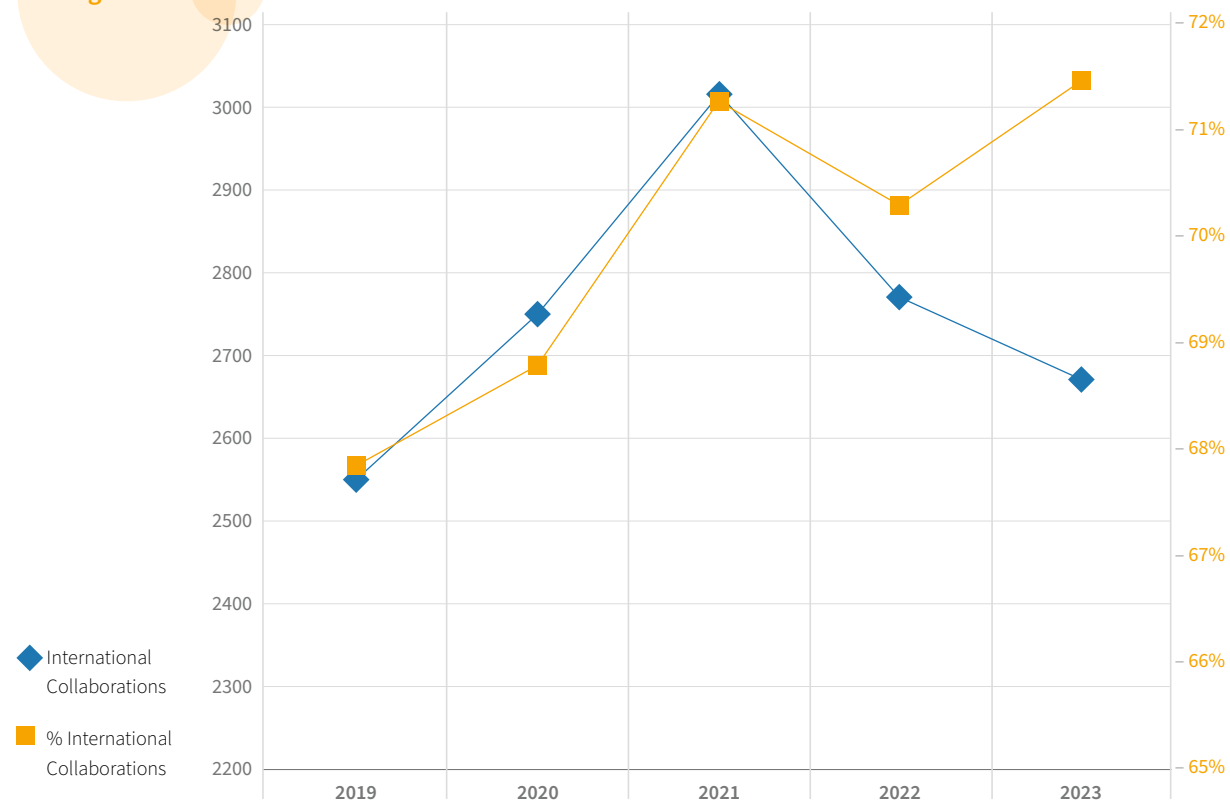


Figure 14b

Publications with international co-authors in the Web of Science

Publication Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Web of Science Documents	3,742	4,002	4,238	3,926	3,728
International Collaborations Total numbers	2,536	2,751	3,021	2,773	2,666
International Collaborations % of all collaborations	68%	69%	71%	70%	72%

Source: Web of Science Core Collection including the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and InCites (analytical tool). Data retrieval July 2024.



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