

International Report 2023





Foreword

The year 2023 brought significant global challenges, including troubling events in Ukraine and the Middle East and unprecedentedly fast developments in climate change and artificial intelligence. As Austria's largest institution for research and education, we are dedicated to addressing these challenges and actively seeking solutions. Maintaining and expanding international relationships to increase scientific collaboration and mutual understanding among people of different nationalities is a key element of this strategy.

Several successful internationalisation initiatives took place in 2023.

We achieved full membership in the European University Alliance Circle U. in November 2023 and launched an associated Erasmus+ project. Within Circle U., a committed group of scientists and educators, the Circle U. academic chairs, develop innovative research and teaching programmes addressing grand challenges such as climate, democracy, and global health through interdisciplinarity. This aligns perfectly with the strategy of the University of Vienna, and in 2023 we contributed to these efforts by appointing six Circle U. academic chairs.

In the central European network CENTRAL, we concentrated on strengthening ties among the partners, for example with a webinar series on artificial

intelligence, designed for both academics and professionals to share their experience and provide best practice examples to create frameworks and strategies for dealing with new technology in the academic world. The series offered expert training opportunities for academic and administrative staff.

After the long stagnation caused by the pandemic, we also resumed and intensified collaboration with our Strategic Partner Universities, with a variety of joint activities and projects in research and in teaching.

And last but not least, in 2023 the University of Vienna achieved its all-time best result in several international university rankings, including position 119 in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking. Additionally, the THE Student magazine ranked the University of Vienna 11th in a list of the most international universities worldwide. Two new Doctoral Schools were established in 2023, bringing us to a total of 17 Doctoral Schools that draw young talent from across the globe, significantly enhancing our international visibility. With over 30% international students and 50% international staff, the University of Vienna is proud to be an attractive destination for international students and scientists.

Manuela Baccarini
Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs

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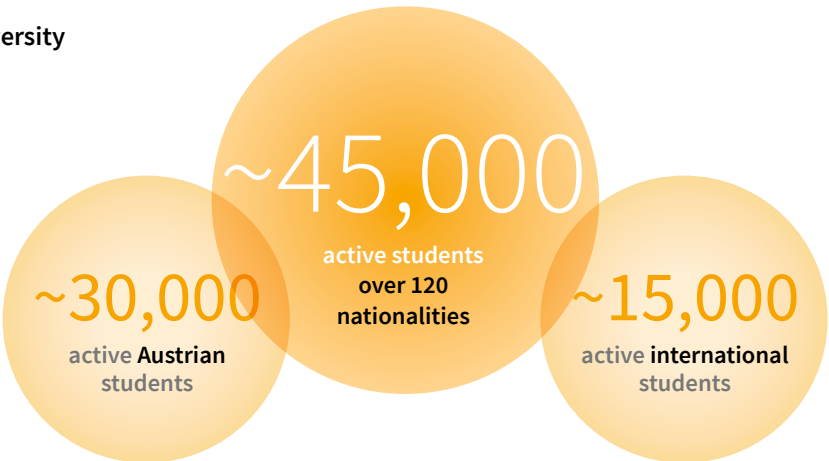
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Facts and Figures at a Glance

International Profile of the University of Vienna

Austria's Largest University
Academic year 2021/22



Top University

The University of Vienna is the best ranked university in Austria and numbers among the world's best 120 universities according to the THE World University Ranking 2024.



Excellence in Research: ERC Grants and Nobel Prize

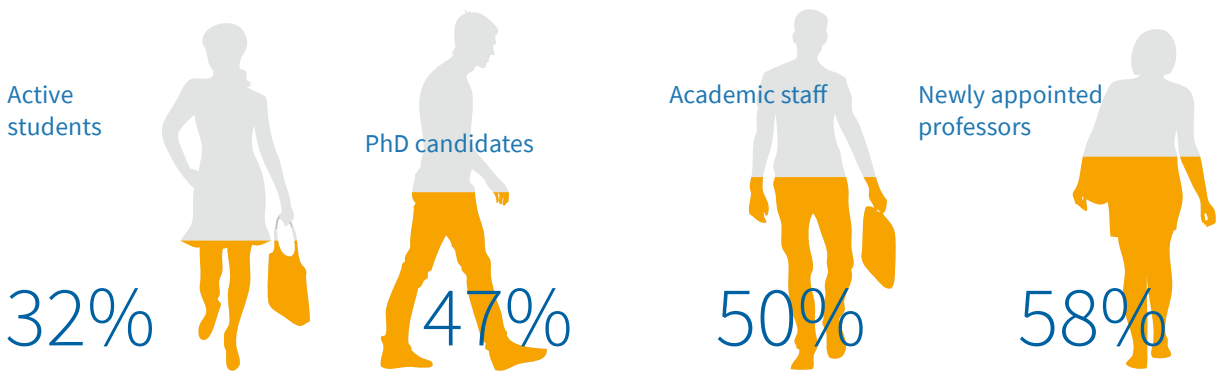
Since 2007, the European Research Council has awarded 127 prestigious ERC Grants to researchers at the University of Vienna for research projects with a high potential for innovation.

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

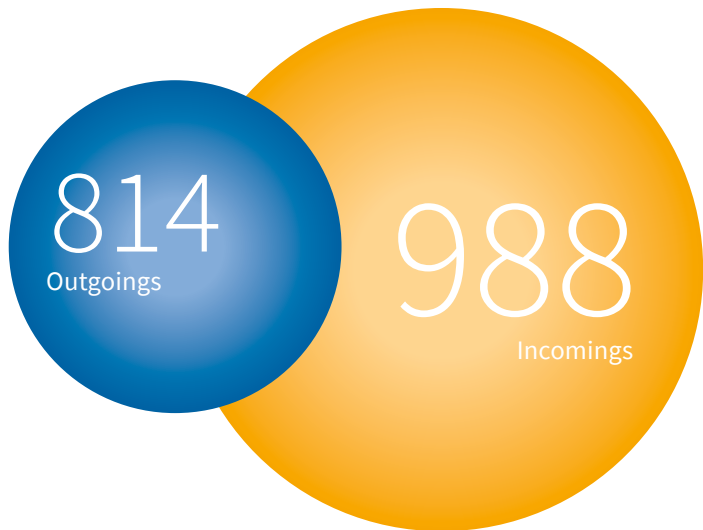


International Students and Staff

Percentages of students (2021/22) and PhDs/staff (2022/23) from abroad



Erasmus+ Programme (2022/23)

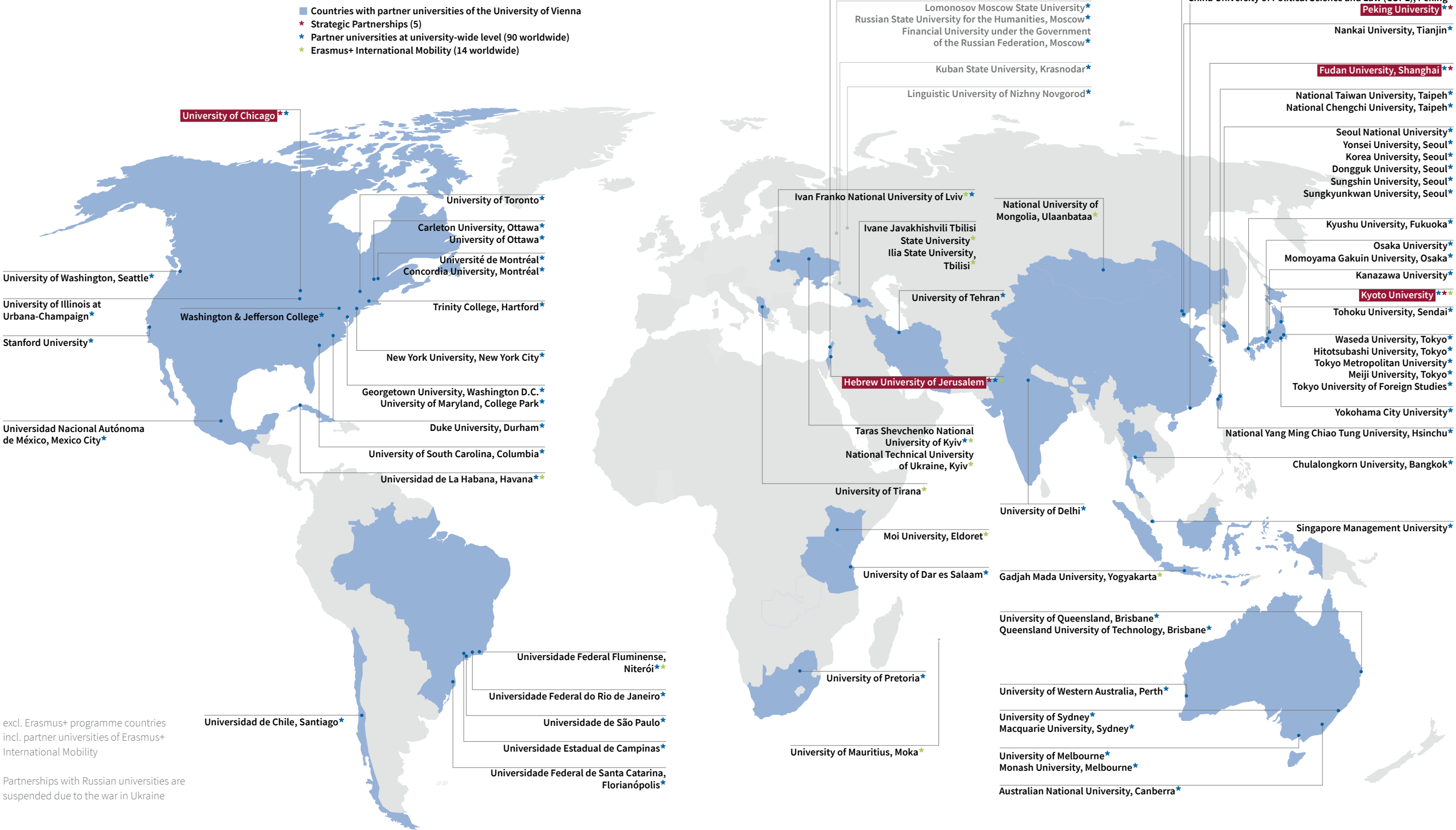


Erasmus+ Traineeships (2022/23)



Partner Universities outside Europe/EU at University-wide Level

Reporting date: September 2023



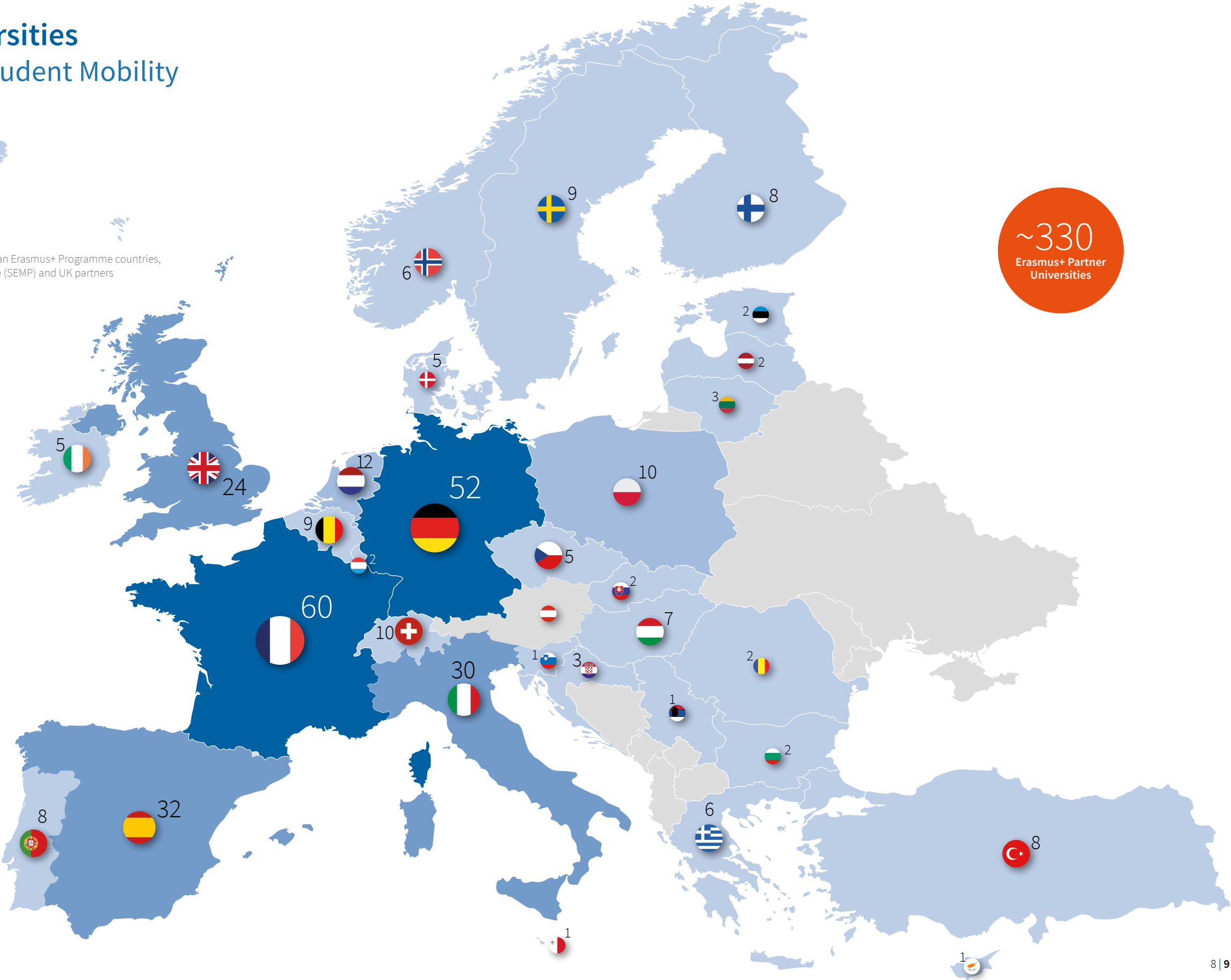
excl. Erasmus+ programme countries
incl. partner universities of Erasmus+
International Mobility

Partnerships with Russian universities are
suspended due to the war in Ukraine

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



Beyond Facts and Figures: Highlights from the International Office 2023

The International Office of the University of Vienna focused on several key areas of the university's internationalisation strategy in 2023: the European University Alliance **Circle U.**, the **CENTRAL Network**, and the **Strategic Partnerships**. Moreover, the International Office was delighted to welcome guests from European and international partner universities to UNIVIE's first university-wide Erasmus+ Staff Training Days since the pandemic, hosting 54 international participants from 35 universities in 19 countries (mainly EU). Five service units of the University of Vienna offered a total of seven thematic tracks for university professionals.



Circle U.

After joining the European University Alliance Circle U. in late 2021 as an associated partner, the University of Vienna became a full member of the Alliance in November 2023. This offers the opportunity to develop an unprecedented level of cooperation in the field of education, research and innovation with the partner universities in the Alliance – Aarhus University, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Université Paris Cité, University of Belgrade, UCLouvain, University of Oslo, King's College London and the University of Pisa.

In November 2023, UNIVIE nominated six Academic Chairs for Circle U.'s key topics: Kerstin Krellenberg (Climate), Fabio Wolkenstein (Democracy), Peter Gröpel and Jürgen König (Global Health), Ute Smit (Multilingualism), and Marco Masia (Innovation & Entrepreneurship). Circle U. Academic Chairs work together in different interdisciplinary topics to foster innovative teaching and research activities.

Throughout the year, academics and students collaborated with other Circle U. partners in seed-funding initiatives and attended scientific events, such as the Climate Change and Water seminar in Berlin (June 2023). In June, UNIVIE hosted a two-day seminar on Democracy & Finance. Students from the University of Vienna took part in four interdisciplinary Summer Schools 2023 and in the Circle U. Sustainable Change-Makers Programme and contributed to the establishment of the Circle U. Female Founder network. Staff from service units and faculties also took advantage of training opportunities, such as the Aarhus staff week in May or the Early Career Researchers Forum "The art of creating space" (October 2023, Paris).



CENTRAL Network

The CENTRAL Network, currently coordinated by the University of Vienna, continued to make excellent progress in creating ties among the five CENTRAL universities (Charles University, ELTE in Budapest, Humboldt University Berlin, University of Vienna, University of Warsaw). Apart from the annual funding provided for eight workshops focusing on cultural-historical and political topics, the network curated a webinar series on topics relating to artificial intelligence. With Chat GPT all over the news, the webinars were an opportunity for academics and professionals to share their experience and provide best practice examples to create frameworks for dealing with new technology in the academic world. The programme was aligned with the CENTRAL Network's aim to react to current topics quickly and contributed to CENTRAL's wider missions by bringing together experts in a hub of knowledge, as well as providing training opportunities for academic and administrative staff.

In October 2023, the CENTRAL Sports Event with workshops, lectures, and panel discussions on topics relating to health and fitness took place in Prague. In the run-up, the online event "RUN and WALK with CENTRAL" took place, with participants from all CENTRAL universities recording their runs in an app and covering 2,558 km. This event represents CENTRAL's largest collaborative project so far.

Strategic Partnerships

Within the framework of its Strategic Partnerships, the University of Vienna has intensified its cooperation with five international top universities – Fudan University and Peking University (China), Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel), Kyoto University (Japan), and the University of Chicago (USA) – in 2023. The University of Vienna and the Strategic Partners provide targeted funding for activities deepening the cooperation, thus promoting academic collaborations such as a joint symposium between the University of Vienna and the University of Chicago on „Portraiture – Likeness and Individuality in the Premodern World“ in partnership with the Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien, or a "Joint Workshop on the Organic Chemistry of Sulfur" with Kyoto University. In 2023, the Chicago – Vienna International Grant Program awarded funding to nine joint projects (up to USD 12,000), while the Kyoto University – University of Vienna Joint Grant Program 2023 funded seven projects (up to EUR 8,000). As part of the cooperation with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a Joint Research Project was funded (EUR 30,000), and three grants were awarded within the Joint Seminar funding programme 2023 (EUR 4,000 each). Five Mobility Fellowships were awarded for research stays in China, Japan, and the USA.



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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 2021/22)

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 **32% of all active students** (> 16 ECTS), a slight increase compared to the previous year (2020/21: 30%), [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 (55%) are from neighbouring countries. German students make up 40% of foreign students, while students from the Western Balkans account for almost 10%.

Austria's largest university
Academic year 2021/22

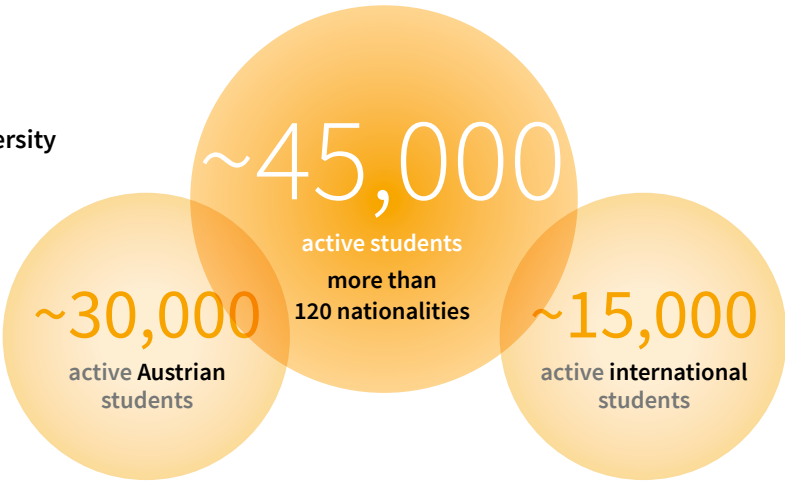


Figure 1a

Country	Active students (> 16 ECTS) ¹	Country	Active students (> 16 ECTS) ¹
Germany	5,868	Slovenia	75
Italy	1,060	Belgium	65
Hungary	559	Albania	58
Russian Federation	545	Kosovo	56
Ukraine	516	Georgia	54
Serbia	417	Belarus	50
Luxembourg	388	Ireland	47
Bulgaria	387	Finland	47
Croatia	380	South Korea	44
Bosnia and Herzegovina	371	Mongolia	43
Turkey	353	North Macedonia	41
Poland	319	India	39
Slovakia	287	Colombia	39
Romania	268	Portugal	35
Czech Republic	155	Uzbekistan	34
France	155	Egypt	34
Iran	152	Mexico	33
Spain	142	Afghanistan	32
Switzerland	141	Montenegro	31
Kazakhstan	130	Brazil	29
United States of America	126	Japan	29
Greece	105	other countries	541
Syria	102	Active international students	14,654
China	95	Austria	31,008
United Kingdom	88	TOTAL (2021/22)	45,662
Netherlands	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 2018/19–2021/22

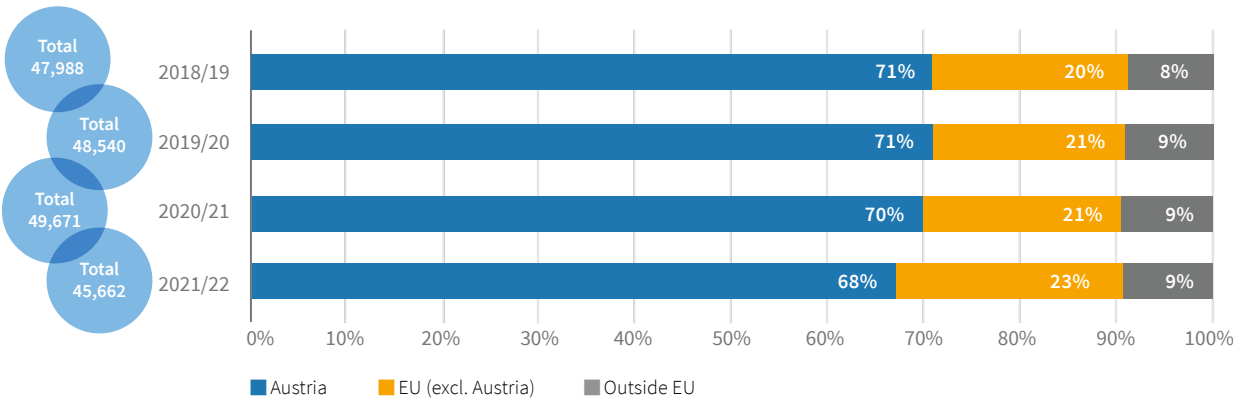


Figure 2

Doctoral students	Academic year 2022/23 total figures	Doctoral students	Academic year 2022/23 total figures
Germany	687	Portugal	14
Italy	221	Canada	14
China	115	Kosovo	14
India	81	Thailand	14
Iran	75	Sweden	13
United States of America	66	South Korea	12
Russian Federation	63	Luxembourg	11
Hungary	53	Bangladesh	10
Croatia	51	Chile	10
Spain	51	Australia	10
Turkey	49	Taiwan	9
France	46	Nigeria	9
Switzerland	42	Philippines	9
Slovakia	39	Ireland	9
Poland	39	Vietnam	9
Greece	38	Ecuador	8
Romania	37	Belgium	7
United Kingdom	37	Nepal	6
Serbia	33	Kazakhstan	6
Pakistan	28	North Macedonia	5
Czech Republic	28	Estonia	5
Ukraine	27	Belarus	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	26	Lithuania	5
Mexico	26	Liechtenstein	5
Netherlands	24	Cuba	5
Bulgaria	22	other countries	122
Slovenia	20	International doctoral students 2022/23	2,456
Japan	20	Austria	2,819
Indonesia	18	TOTAL 2022/23	5,275
Egypt	17	International doctoral students 2021/22	2,352
Brazil	16	TOTAL 2021/22	5,239
Colombia	14		

Source: Reporting System of the University of Vienna



In 2022/23, we had in total 5,275 doctoral students (including students from outside doctoral schools), of which 47% come from abroad (see figure 2). Every year we have around 830 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 17 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 2,695 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 Delpout

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

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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.”

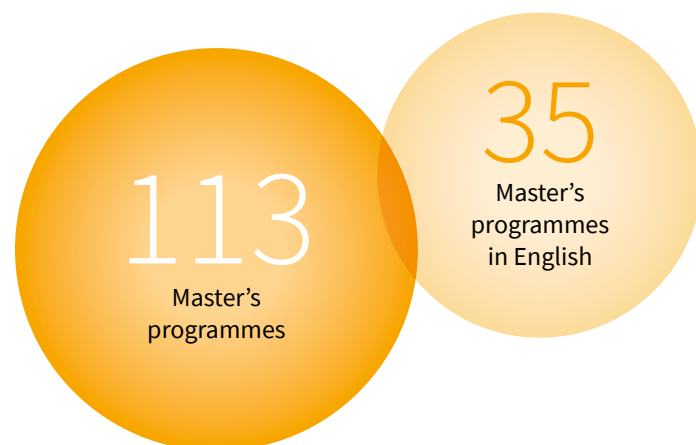
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Master's programmes in English

Figure 3

Of the 113 master's programmes at the University of Vienna, 35 can be studied entirely in English (= 31%). 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 2022, 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 2022/23, two univie: winter schools and 13 univie: summer schools took place (five short programmes in the humanities/social sciences, one in natural sciences, and seven bilateral language schools). The majority of participants were international students (~60%). Eight schools were held in Austria and seven abroad. 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.

Most of the continuing education programmes can be completed in a part-time and hybrid format. Participants can choose from over 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 more than 2,500 students attend a professional education programme at the University of Vienna. 26% of them are from abroad.



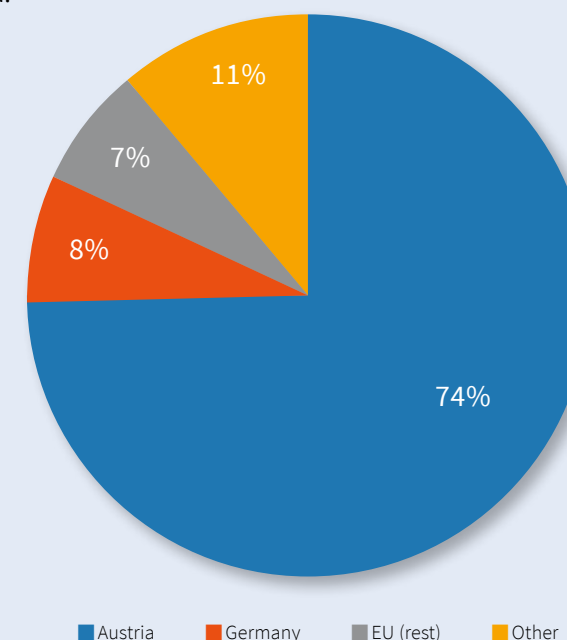
The continuing education programmes also offer opportunities for exchange stays abroad: For example, students of

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.

postgraduatecenter.at/en/

Postgraduate Center Students by country of origin As of winter semester 2022/23

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 2020/21 with stays abroad during their studies

In a survey, Statistics Austria asked all 10,200 students who graduated in the academic year 2020/21 whether they had studied abroad during their studies. 1,272 (13%) had spent time abroad during their studies. This represents a further decrease in the percentage of graduates with experience abroad during their studies (2019/20: 15%), 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. Furthermore, the numbers of semester mobilities in the Erasmus+ programme, by far the largest mobility programme in Europe, have been declining internationally for some time. This is also the case at the University of Vienna. The Erasmus+ programme is counteracting this trend by developing short 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 2020/21 with stays abroad during their studies², broken down according to 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	275	2,794	22%	9%
Social sciences (incl. Law)	295	1,277	23%	19%
Humanities (incl. Theology)	697	4,286	55%	14%
Technical sciences	6	96	0.5%	6%
TOTAL 2020/21	1,272	8,453	100%	13%
TOTAL 2019/20	1,475	8,480	100%	15%

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: 95.3 % (9,725 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 2020/21 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	518	5,228	9 %
Master	418	2,065	17 %
Diploma (pre-Bologna)	269	938	22 %
Doctoral Degree	67	222	23 %
TOTAL 2020/21	1,272	8,453	13 %
TOTAL 2019/20	1,475	8,453	15 %

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 increased slightly from 792 (in 2021/22) to 814 (in 2022/23). The number of incoming students also shows a slight increase to a total of 988 (in 2022/23) compared to 966 (in 2021/22).

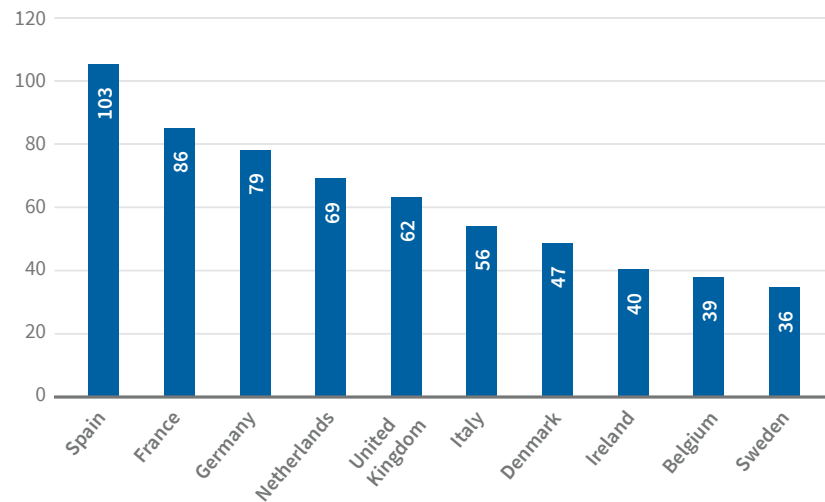
Blended Intensive Programmes (“BIPs”)

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 2022/23 the University of Vienna participated in seven such BIPs in different disciplines with more than 50 outgoing students to partner universities in Germany, France, Italy, Poland 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 in the wake of the pandemic.

Figure 5a

Erasmus+* outgoing students by destination (Top 10)

■ Academic year 2022/23; absolute numbers



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

Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

814 students of the University of Vienna benefitted from an Erasmus+ stay abroad in 2022/23. The most popular destinations in the Erasmus+ Student Mobility Programme are Spain, France, Germany and the Netherlands; these countries account for over 40% of all outgoing students [see figure 5a](#).

Erasmus+ traineeships

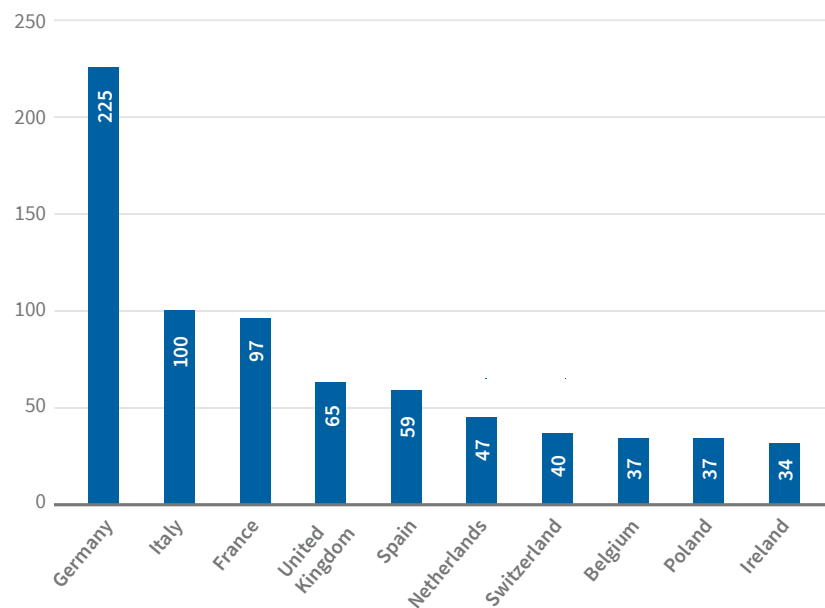
988 international students studied at the University of Vienna under the Erasmus+ Student Mobility Programme in 2022/23. The top 5 countries remain unchanged: Germany, Italy, France, the UK and Spain. 55% of all incoming Erasmus+ students come from these five countries, [see figure 5b](#).

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 seen a substantial increase over the past two years. However, current numbers still lag behind pre-pandemic levels, [see figure 6](#). Germany continues to be the most popular destination, where almost one third of all internships were carried out. Spain and France complete the top 3.

Figure 5b

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

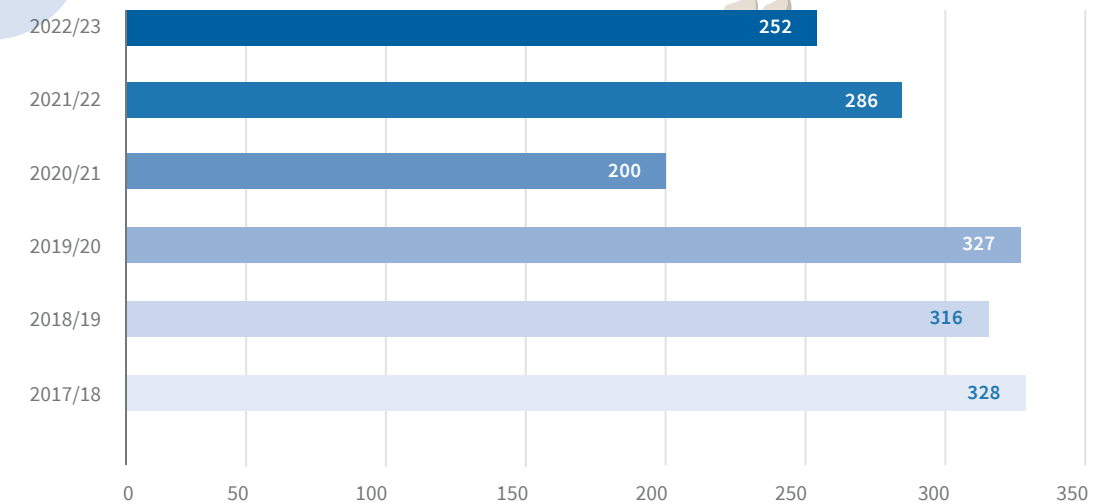
■ Academic year 2022/23; absolute numbers



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

Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

Figure 6



Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

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 159 students of the University of Vienna spending time overseas in the academic year 2022/23, the numbers of outgoing exchanges within this programme reached pre-pandemic levels (2019/20: 151), whereas 198 incoming students studied at the University of Vienna under this programme (pre-pandemic level: 2019/20: 234), [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. However, particularly exchanges with China remained impacted by travel restrictions in the wake of the pandemic. Furthermore, the war in Ukraine caused the suspension of exchanges with Russia and affected student exchange with Ukraine itself.

Figure 7a

Non-EU outgoing students by destination

	Non-EU outgoing students 2022/2023	% of total number of Non-EU outgoing students
Asia	61	38%
North America	44	28%
Australia	32	20%
Russia*	0	0%
Latin America	17	11%
Africa	5	3%
Europe (Ukraine)	0	0%
TOTAL	(2021/22: 87) 159	100%

Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

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

Figure 7b

Non-EU incoming students by origin

	Non-EU incoming students 2022/2023	% of total number of Non-EU incoming students
North America	83	42%
Asia	69	35%
Australia	38	19%
Latin America	8	4%
Russia*	0	0%
Africa	0	0%
Europe (Ukraine)	0	0%
TOTAL	(2021/22: 98) 198	100%

Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

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

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).

Figure 8

KWA-Programme (as of August 2023)	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Completed mobilities awarded in the relevant academic year	49 (+44 pending)	75 (+1 pending)	23 (+1 pending)	45

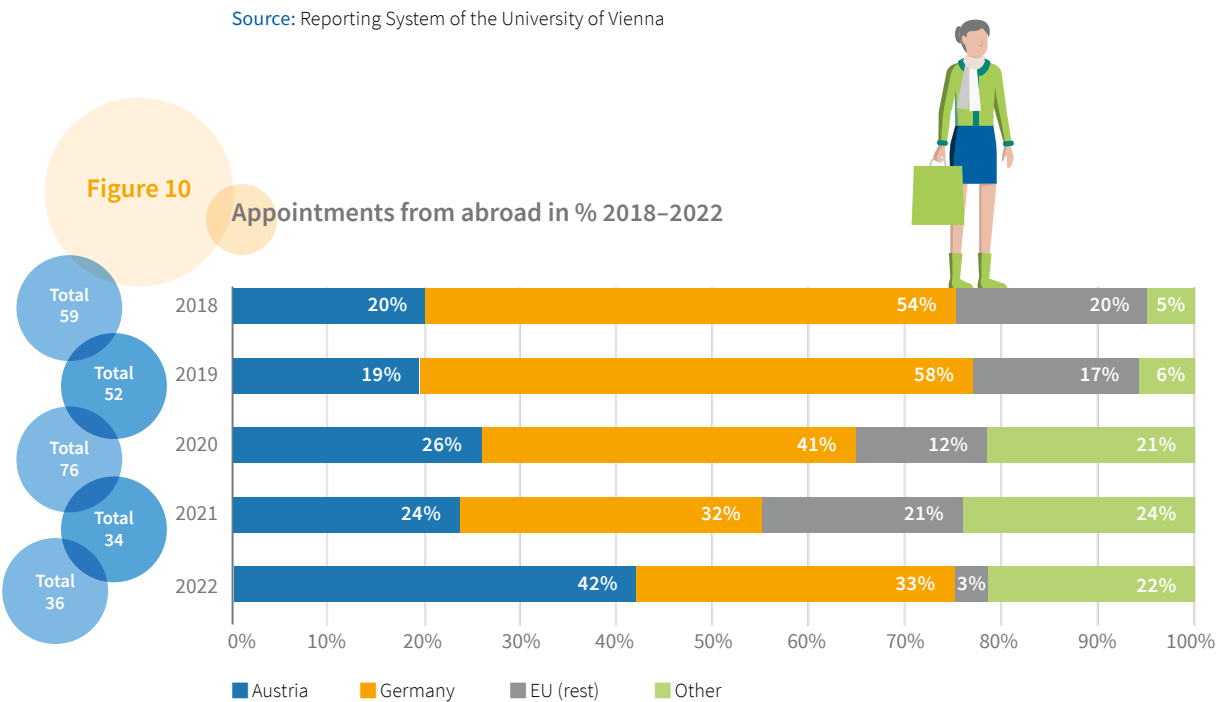
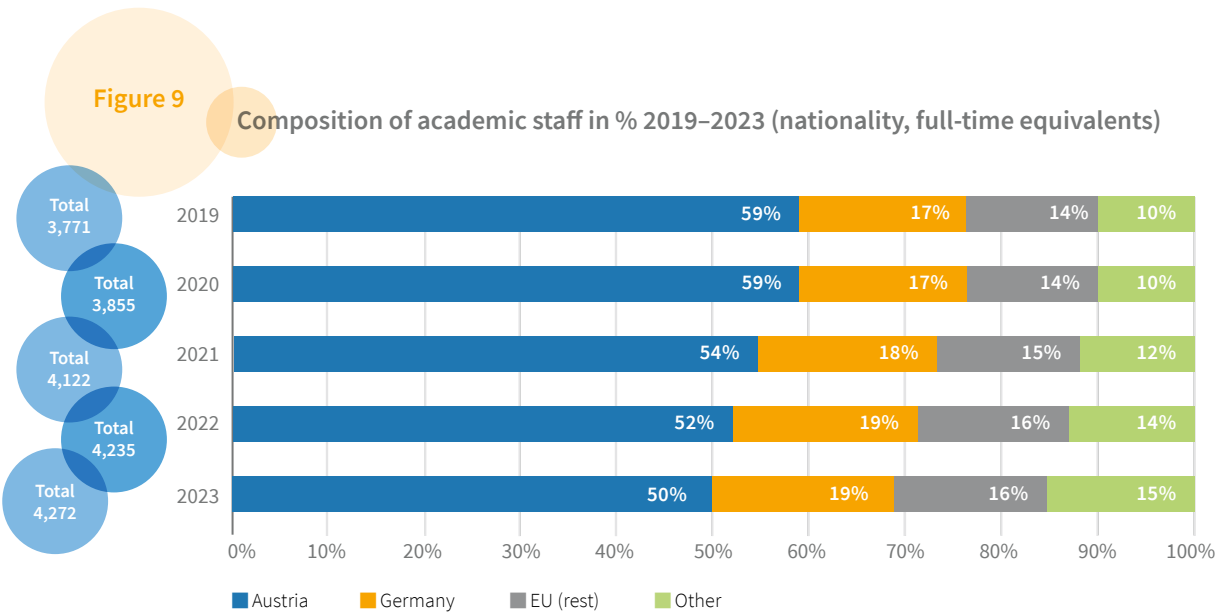
Source: International Office of the University of Vienna

In the academic year 2022/23, 93 students of the University of Vienna were awarded a KWA grant to conduct research abroad for their final thesis. This represents an increase of approximately 18% compared to the academic year 2021/22, where research stays with the KWA programme had already returned to the original level after the pandemic-related decline. Of the 93 scholarships awarded in the current academic year, 49 are already completed and 44 are still pending, [see figure 8](#).

Students conducted research through the KWA programme in 40 different countries in the academic year 2022/23, most of them in the United Kingdom (15), Germany (11) and the United States (8).

Teaching and Staff

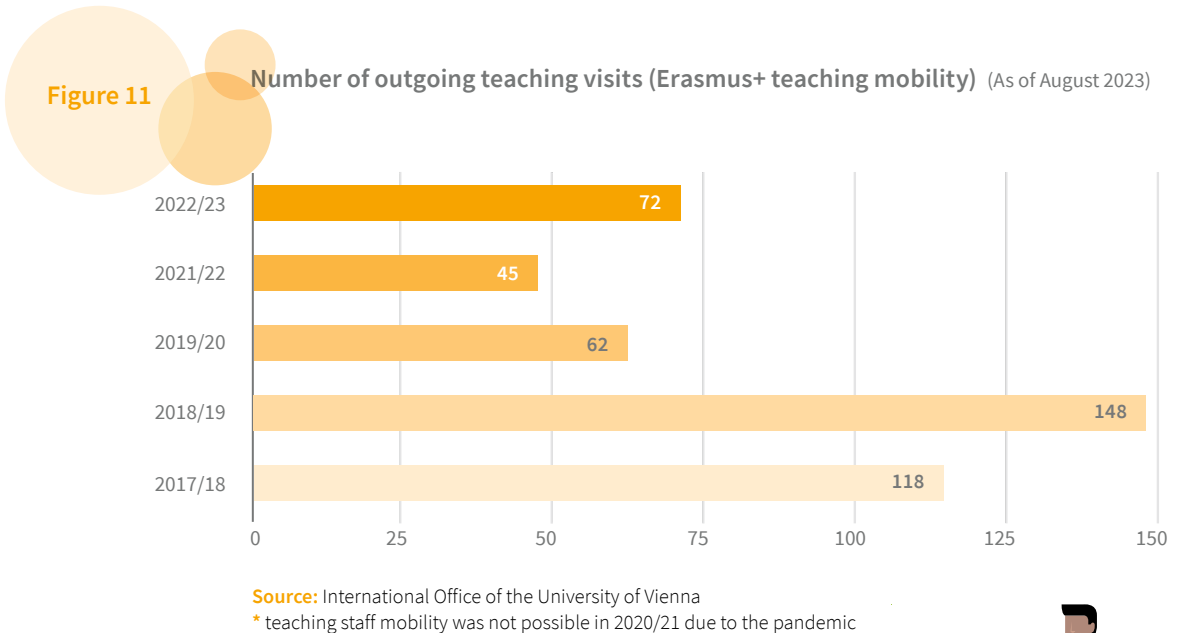
Over the last few years, the share of international academic staff has risen steadily. Currently, half of academic staff come from outside Austria, [see figure 9](#).



58% of the professors appointed in 2022 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 22% 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 72 teaching mobilities were carried out in 2022/23 (~ half of mobilities carried out in 2018/19).



Partnerships

Currently, the University of Vienna has a set of 89 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, Peking University, Fudan University and Kyoto University. Further partners outside Europe include, among others: Stanford University, Australian National University, University of Toronto and Seoul National University.

Figure 12

Number of partner universities by continent (As of September 2023)

	Partners at university-wide level	Erasmus+ partners for student mobility (incl. international mobility)
Africa	2	2
Asia	33	4
Australia	8	0
Europe (incl. Russia*)	21	335
Latin America	8	2
North America	17	0
TOTAL	89	343

* 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).

89

partners at university-wide level

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Strategic Partnerships

Research

Figure 13

Internationally funded research projects
Total amount of third party funding

Projects funded by	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Austria	66,395,423 €	62,016,555 €	59,442,241 €	64,210,104 €	70,545,135 €
EU-countries (rest)	16,807,151 €	20,110,382 €	19,783,226 €	24,768,426 €	33,221,739 €
other countries	1,876,820 €	1,756,013 €	1,350,406 €	2,375,820 €	3,758,006 €
Project TOTAL (in EUR)	85,079,393 €	83,882,949 €	80,575,873 €	91,354,350 €	107,524,880 €

Source: Intellectual Capital Report of the University of Vienna 2022, Indicator 1.C.1

The University of Vienna was more successful than ever in attracting R&D projects in 2022. 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 107.5 million – an increase of EUR 16.2 million or 17.7% compared to 2021, [see figure 13](#).

EUR 107.5 million
third party funding

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 (2022: 73% 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

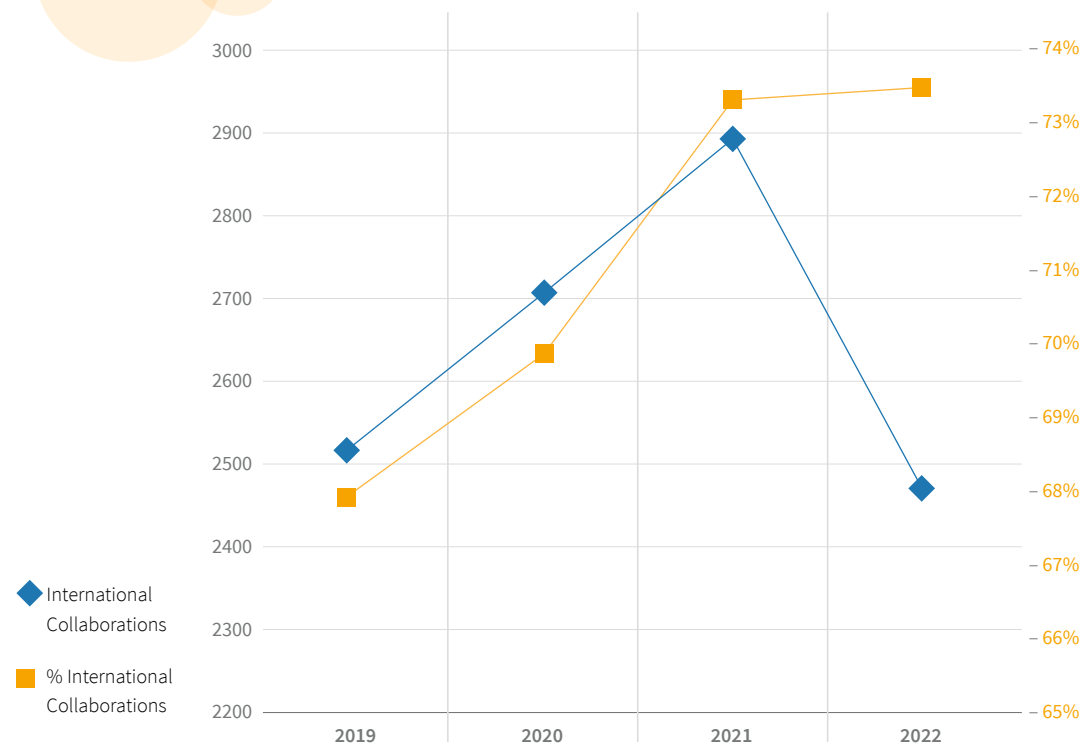


Figure 14b

Publications with international co-authors in the Web of Science

Publication Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Web of Science Documents	3,405	3,698	3,867	3,948	3,373
International Collaborations Total numbers	2,195	2,512	2,702	2,896	2,478
International Collaborations % of all collaborations	64%	68%	70%	73%	73%

Source: Web of Science Core Collection including the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and InCites (analytical tool). Data retrieval July 2023.

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