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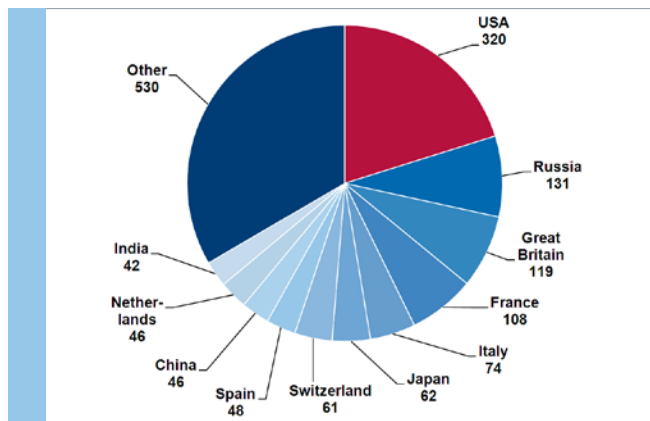
International Cooperation

Research transcends national boundaries. To further internationalise the German research landscape and to facilitate cooperation between the world's top researchers, the DFG is active across Europe and all over the world. These activities range from fostering collaboration and networking among researchers, through offering programmes specifically designed to promote international cooperation, to opening up traditional programmes to worldwide cooperation.

The DFG's Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) Programme is one example of an "internationalised" traditional funding mechanism. CRCs are centres established at German universities for a period of up to 12 years that enable researchers to pursue an outstanding research programme, crossing the boundaries of disciplines, institutes, departments and faculties. They facilitate scientifically ambitious, complex, long-term research by concentrating and coordinating the resources available at a university.

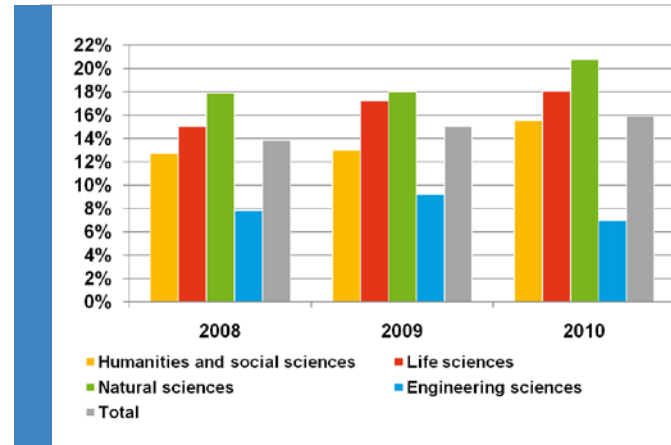
According to an April 2010 survey of CRC coordinators, a total of 1,587 international research visitors spent up to several months working in CRCs during the 2009 reporting period. The majority of these guest researchers came from the USA (20%), followed by Russia (8%), Great Britain, France and Italy.

Countries of origin of international guest researchers in Collaborative Research Centres in 2009



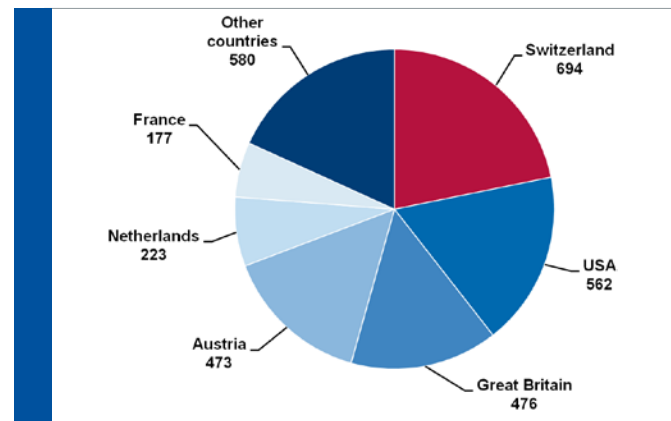
As science becomes increasingly international, the DFG, too, has increasingly expanded its pool of reviewers to include external experts. In 2010, the total share of international reviews was approximately 16%.

Percentage of reviews from abroad by scientific discipline 2008–2010 (in %)



In 2010, a total of 3,185 international reviewers took part in the DFG's review and decision-making processes.

Countries of origin of international reviewers in 2010



Facts and Figures



What is the DFG?



The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) is the central, independent research funding organisation in Germany. It promotes the advancement of science and the humanities by funding research projects, research centres and networks, and facilitating cooperation among researchers.

The DFG's mandate also includes encouraging the advancement of early career researchers, promoting gender equality in the German scientific and academic communities, providing scientific policy advice, and fostering relations with the private sector and between researchers at home and abroad.

The DFG is an association under private law. Its member organisations include research universities, major non-university research institutions, such as the Max Planck Society, the Fraunhofer Society, and the Leibniz Association, the academies of sciences and humanities, and a number of scientific associations. The DFG has an annual budget of over €2 billion, provided primarily by the German federal government (65%) and the states (34%), but also including EU funds and private donations. Approximately 30,000 new and ongoing projects receive funding each year. Projects are selected during a rigorous peer-review process.

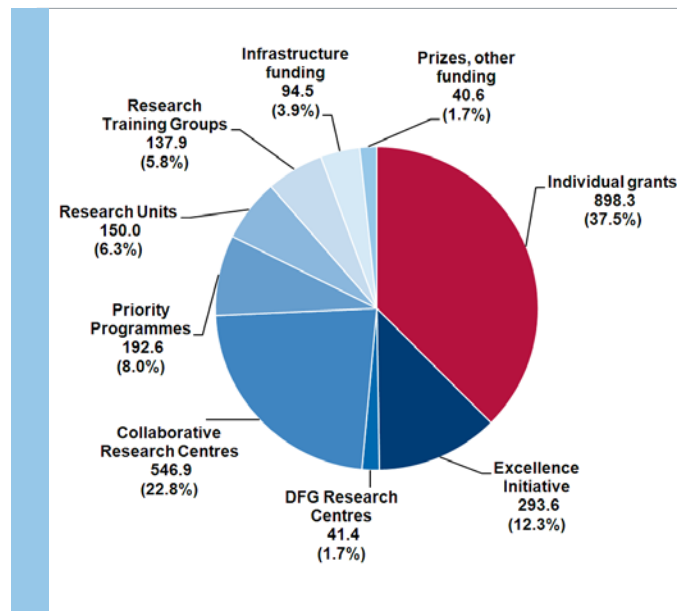
Programmes and Research Areas

The DFG offers a broad spectrum of funding programmes that are designed to meet the changing needs of researchers. Funding proposals can be submitted for individual projects, coordinated research projects, research infrastructure and scientific contacts.

The DFG's individual grants programme receives the greatest share of funding (37.5%). It represents the core of research funding. Grants may be awarded to cover personnel, equipment, consumables and travel expenses.

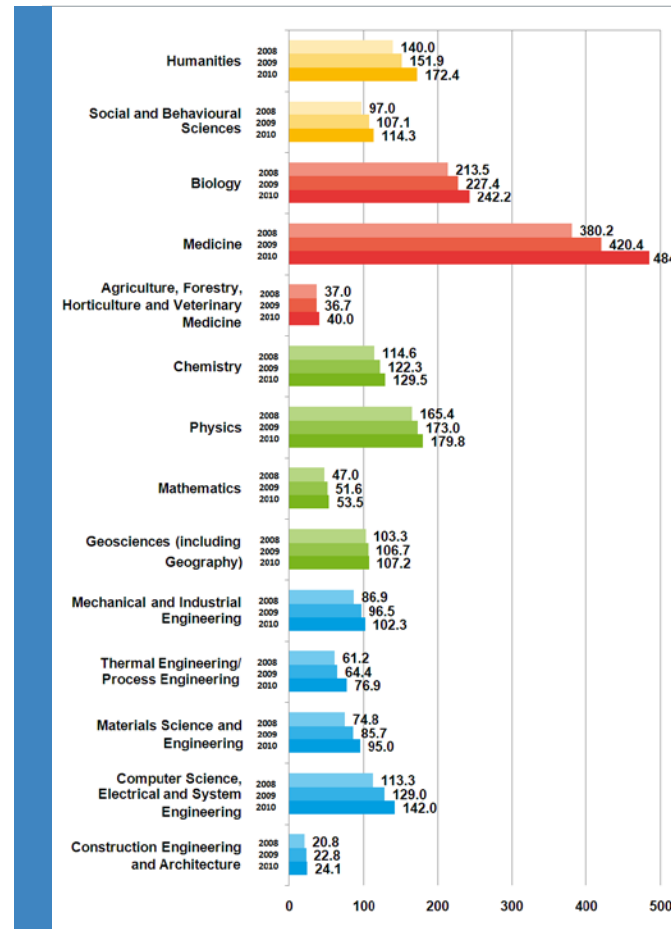
Since 2008, the DFG has provided a 20% programme allowance for indirect project costs in nearly all funding programmes. The programme allowance is reflected in the following grant statistics.

Research funding by programme for calendar year 2010 (in €m and %)



The DFG's programmes are open to all areas of science and the humanities. The following chart shows the amount of research funding awarded for a given year according to 14 research areas. Funding amounts refer to both new and ongoing projects in the individual grants and coordinated programmes.

Research funding by area for each calendar year 2008 to 2010 (in €m)



The DFG's coordinated programmes are national, international and/or interdisciplinary. They provide opportunities for cooperation with other universities and non-university research institutions and bundle expertise at a university or several university locations. In the 237 Research Training Groups and 256 Collaborative Research Centres operating in 2010 alone, more than 7,500 research projects were funded by the DFG.

Number of Research Training Groups and Collaborative Research Centres per state in 2010

