

What is GIP?

The Germanic Institutional Partnerships (GIP) Worldwide Programme supports cooperations between institutes that teach German studies and / or German as a foreign language at a German University and their Partner Institutes abroad.

The GIP have become established as a proven instrument for promoting the German language abroad: in addition to promoting academic exchange and the internationalisation of higher education institutions, the programme makes a significant contribution to maintaining and strengthening the status of the German language and culture abroad – as confirmed by the evaluation carried out in 2019.

The program is funded by the Federal Foreign Office and with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Timeline

1993: Start of program in Middle-, Eastern and Southeast Europe, and in the successor states of the USSR

2008: Asia, Latin America, Africa

2017: Israel und Palestine

2021: The program is now available worldwide

2024: Start in Australia

First Cooperation: University of Adelaide – Universität Hamburg

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In January 2024, the kick-off was launched in Hamburg for joint project work and mutual exchange in research and teaching in German Studies.

This is the first GIP between a German and an Australian university.

The aim is to pursue joint projects and share linguistic, foreign language didactic and Literary Studies expertise in both directions.

Another aim of this cooperation agreement, which is geared towards internationalisation, is to promote the training of young academics. It is also about a fundamental and sustainable exchange of ideas for the further development of existing curricula.

This will allow specific innovation opportunities to be explored and modular teaching materials to be designed independently.



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Crisis communication and transmission of crisis experiences



In view of the challenges of our present-day history, the GIP collaboration between the two German Studies departments in Hamburg and Adelaide will be focussed on this topic.

The theme 'Crises' will provide a reflexive context for the many planned activities of this newly established teaching and research cooperation. This will enable the different perspectives from the fields of foreign language teaching, literature teaching and linguistics to converge in an interdisciplinary and intercultural depth of focus.

On the basis of this joint project design, an international network is to be created in the coming years between German Studies in Adelaide and Germanistik in Hamburg, which could be extended to several Australian institutions in the long term and thus serve to maintain and strengthen the teaching of the German language, literature and culture downunder.



Long-term goals (Impacts)

The long-term goals of the programme are, firstly, for cross-regional partnerships between German and one or more foreign institutions to be established and for higher education institutions in Germany to intensify relations with their partner regions, thereby forming networks.

Furthermore, the programme aims to support the maintenance and expansion of the teaching of German language and culture in the target regions and promote the development of innovative, demand-oriented and socially relevant formats in research and teaching.

The programme also aims to contribute to increasing the appeal of the subject of German Studies and German in other countries.

Finally, German Language, Literature and Culture – Institutional Partnerships (GIP) seek to contribute to the communication of language, culture and literature from Germany to other countries and promote cultural exchange.

Programme objectives (Outcomes)

- Partner institutes offer practically oriented and socially relevant degree programmes that meet local needs and reflect the academic state of the art
- In the field of German Studies / German as a Foreign Language (DaF), contemporary content is researched using current and innovative research methods and taught according to current didactic standards
- Joint research/teaching projects are pursued and / or publications are produced
- Doctoral candidates successfully complete their doctorates at the partner institutes abroad and in Germany