

German Academic Exchange Service  
<http://www.daad.org/>

German Embassy (Ottawa)  
<http://www.germanembassyottawa.org/ebs/s&t-web1.html>

### Key Players

**German Research Foundation:** The German research foundation is the largest organisation that funds research in Germany. It serves all fields of science by funding research projects and supporting cooperation among researchers.  
<http://www.dfg.de/english/index.html>

**The Max-Planck Society:** The MPG is the most important organisation for basic research performed outside the higher education sector. At present, it comprises more than 60 institutes and other facilities  
<http://www.mpg.de/english/index.html>

**Fraunhofer Gesellschaft:** The FhG is an organisation funding applied research and development with nearly 50 research institutes. Its objective is to encourage the use of new technologies in the business enterprise sector, thus strengthening Germany's international competitiveness.  
<http://www.fhg.de/english.html>

**Helmholtz Gemeinschaft:** The 16 national big research centres united in the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres perform scientific and technical as well as biological and medical R & D requiring interdisciplinary cooperation and the concentrated use of human, financial and equipment resources.  
<http://www.helmholtz.de>

**'Otto von Guericke' Arbeitsgemeinschaft industrieller Forschungsvereinigungen.** The AiF is a confederation of more than 100 research institutions who finance cooperative industrial research.  
<http://www.aif.de>

German Patent Office  
<http://www.dpma.de>

Biotechnology Initiative (BioRegio)  
<http://www.bioregio.com/english/index.htm>

### **3. What's New? 2002 S&T Policies and Program Developments in Germany**

The Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) is the main governmental body responsible for coordination and development of national S&T policies and programs. Additionally, the R&D programs are formulated and funded by other ministries eg. Economic Affairs; Health; Defence; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; and Environment. The R&D done in their laboratories