Forbes’ annual study measured the number of molecular and synthetic biology patents awarded in 2021. This year, the United States continues to lead the world in this field, with 1,428 patents awarded, followed by China with 938 patents. Other countries with notable patent counts include South Korea (375), Japan (296), and Germany (260). This data reflects the ongoing innovation and investment in the field of synthetic biology.

**United States**
- Total patents: 1,428
- Percentage of global patents: 42.6%
- Top institutions: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, University of California, San Francisco

**China**
- Total patents: 938
- Percentage of global patents: 28.5%
- Top institutions: Peking University, Tsinghua University, ShanghaiTech University

**South Korea**
- Total patents: 375
- Percentage of global patents: 11.1%
- Top institutions: Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Seoul National University, Sungkyunkwan University

**Japan**
- Total patents: 296
- Percentage of global patents: 8.7%
- Top institutions: University of Tokyo, Osaka University, RIKEN

**Germany**
- Total patents: 260
- Percentage of global patents: 7.6%
- Top institutions: University of Freiburg, Technical University of Munich, University of Heidelberg

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