

APPENDIX B Responses to the questions (NB percentages refer to those responding to the question)

Country	Country		
	1 USA	103	43%
	2 Canada	50	21%
	3 UK	83	34%
	4 Australia	6	3%
Q1	Question 1 When first moved to country of study?		
	1 A year ago or less	71	29%
	2 Between one and three years ago	102	42%
	3 More than three years ago	69	29%
Q2	Question 2 Consider applying to study other than one chosen?		
	1 Only considered one country	119	49%
	2 Considered other countries	123	51%
Q3	Question 3 Used recruitment agent?		
	1 Yes	80	33%
	2 No	147	61%
	3 Don't know	13	5%
Q3A	Question 3A Consider applying to UK?		
	1 I did not consider applying to a UK university	25	31%
	2 I considered applying to a UK university but did not apply	39	48%
	3 I applied to a UK university	17	21%
Q4	Question 4 Chose course or university first?		
	1 I had an idea of the types of courses I wanted to follow and then looked for a university or universities that offered them	136	59%
	2 I had an idea of the university or universities I wanted to go to and then looked for courses in them that I wanted to follow	54	23%
	3 Neither of these describes how I decided which university or universities to apply to	41	18%
Q5_1	Question 5 Most important factor: research reputation		
	1 Selected	102	46%
Q5_2	Question 5 Most important factor: teaching reputation		
	1 Selected	112	51%
Q5_3	Question 5 Most important factor: cost		
	1 Selected	109	49%
Q5_4	Question 5 Most important factor: employment prospects		
	1 Selected	114	51%

Q5_5	Question 5 Most important factor: leisure and culture	1 Selected	23	10%
Q5_6	Question 5 Most important factor: entry requirements	1 Selected	69	31%
Q5_7	Question 5 Most important factor: welcomes foreign students	1 Selected	25	11%
Q5_8	Question 5 Most important factor: near home	1 Selected	10	5%
Q5_9	Question 5 Most important factor: knew people there	1 Selected	23	10%
Q5_10	Question 5 Most important factor: none of these	1 Selected	4	2%
Q5A	Question 5A Question 5 Most important factor: write in comment (only 1 received)			
Q6_1	Question 6 Most decisive influence: league tables	1 Selected	98	47%
Q6_2	Question 6 Most decisive influence: parents and/or relatives	1 Selected	68	32%
Q6_3	Question 6 Most decisive influence: teachers	1 Selected	60	29%
Q6_4	Question 6 Most decisive influence: people I know	1 Selected	73	35%
Q6_5	Question 6 Most decisive influence: university publicity and websites	1 Selected	60	29%
Q6_6	Question 6 Most decisive influence: direct contact with universities	1 Selected	24	11%
Q6_7	Question 6 Most decisive influence: agent advice	1 Selected	36	17%
Q6_8	Question 6 Most decisive influence: recruitment events	1 Selected	18	9%
Q6_9	Question 6 Most decisive influence: websites	1 Selected	29	14%
Q6_10	Question 6 Most decisive influence: none	1 Selected	11	5%

Q6A	<p>Question 6 Most decisive influence: Write In my own research and course description Best research options Courses that provided were provided. Fees, Program Scholarship I received</p>																	
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Q10.2	Question 10 UK attractions: visa		
	1 Attractive	59	30%
	2 Unattractive	52	27%
	3 Neither unattractive nor attractive	85	43%
Q10.3	Question 10 UK attractions: employment		
	1 Attractive	80	41%
	2 Unattractive	82	42%
	3 Neither unattractive nor attractive	35	18%
Q10.4	Question 10 UK attractions: welcome		
	1 Attractive	79	41%
	2 Unattractive	49	25%
	3 Neither unattractive nor attractive	65	34%
Q10.5	Question 10 UK attractions: safety		
	1 Attractive	92	47%
	2 Unattractive	46	23%
	3 Neither unattractive nor attractive	58	30%
Q10.6	Question 10 UK attractions: international reputation		
	1 Attractive	146	74%
	2 Unattractive	27	14%
	3 Neither unattractive nor attractive	23	12%
Q10.7	Question 10 Question 10 UK attractions: teaching quality		
	1 Attractive	141	72%
	2 Unattractive	24	12%
	3 Neither unattractive nor attractive	31	16%
Q10A	Question 10A Brexit effect		
	1 Made me less keen to apply	12	38%
	2 Made me more keen to apply	4	13%
	3 Made no difference	16	50%

Q11.1

Question 11.1 Main reason for not applying to UK (write in)

Expensive cost
family preference is U.S.
High cost of living.
I haven't applied any university in UK.
I wanted to get Chevening Scholarship
Limited opportunity to find jobs and to move there after completion of studies
Living cost and tuition are too much for undergraduate level
my first preference was UK to study but cost of living and tuition fee change my mind.
No reason
One-year graduate degree in UK has a bad reputation while it is expensive as well.
Opted for Fulbright instead of HEC scholarship for Cambridge University
study time is too short
The cost of studying and living
The cost was considerably high for good universities compared with universities of the same caliber in Australia
The deadlines were early
The difficulty for me as a 17 year old to decide on a subject I would study for 3 years with little possibility of switching majors
The fee is high.
The fees and living cost
The reputation of the professor and better well-rounded research groups elsewhere.
The unstable and insecure employment authorization process after degree
Too expensive and bad job market.
unfamiliar with the application system
unfriendly to international students
Very few have good rankings, and rest are all business entities.

Q11.2

Question 11.2 Main reason for not accepting offer in UK? (Write in)

I have family in the UK and I knew I would become very dependent on them if I moved there. Canada gave me a lot more freedom. Furthermore, I had friends who went to Canada. None of them even considered the UK.
I was accepted at LSE, but ended up getting a scholarship at Melbourne.
Lower job prospect and dedication to undergrad teaching compared to top US colleges
Poor citizenship offers from UK government
The visa situation - it's becoming increasingly hard for people from my country to get visas. Plus we now have to leave within a few months of passing out. Until a few years ago we would've had the opportunity to stay on to find employment. The IELTS UK Visa option is just a scam to make money off people who already have all their English language qualifications anyway.
Tuition fees
UK's policy of not providing permanent resident status for students post graduation.
Uncertainty in UK job market for international students

Q11A_1

Question 11A Trump effect

1	Made no difference	15	56%
2	Made me more enthusiastic	1	4%
3	Made me less enthusiastic	11	41%

Q11A_2 Question 11A General environment for overseas students more or less welcoming

1 More welcoming	55	40%
2 Less welcoming	26	19%
3 Remained the same	52	38%
4 Don't know	4	3%

Q12 Question 12 Main area of study

1 Life sciences	22	11%
2 Physics, Chemistry, Maths etc	71	36%
3 Social sciences etc	75	38%
4 Arts and humaities etc	27	14%

Q13 Question 13 Type of study

1 A period of study abroad not leading to a degree (e.g. year abroad or student exchange)	3	2%
2 A bachelors degree	110	55%
3 A masters degree	59	30%
4 A doctoral degree	24	12%
5 Post doctoral research	0	0%
6 Other	3	2%

Q13_TEXT Question 13 Type of study write-in

Medicine??? (only one comment)

Q14 Question 14 Nationality

1 Indian	68	34%
2 Pakistani	14	7%
3 Korean	54	27%
4 Chinese	41	21%
6 Other (please specify)	15	8%
7 Prefer not to say	6	3%

Q14_TEXT Question 14 Nationality Write in

Aus
Australian
Canadian
Dutch
French
Hong Kong
Japanese and Bangladeshi
Malaysian
Mauritian
New Zealand
senegalese
Singaporean

Q15	Question 15 Gender		
	1 Female	104	53%
	2 Male	94	47%
	3 Other (please specify)	0	0%

Q15_TEXT **Question 15 Gender write in**
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Q16	Question 16 Age		
	1 under 21 years	55	28%
	2 21-30 years	135	68%
	3 31-40 years	6	3%
	4 Over 40 years	3	2%