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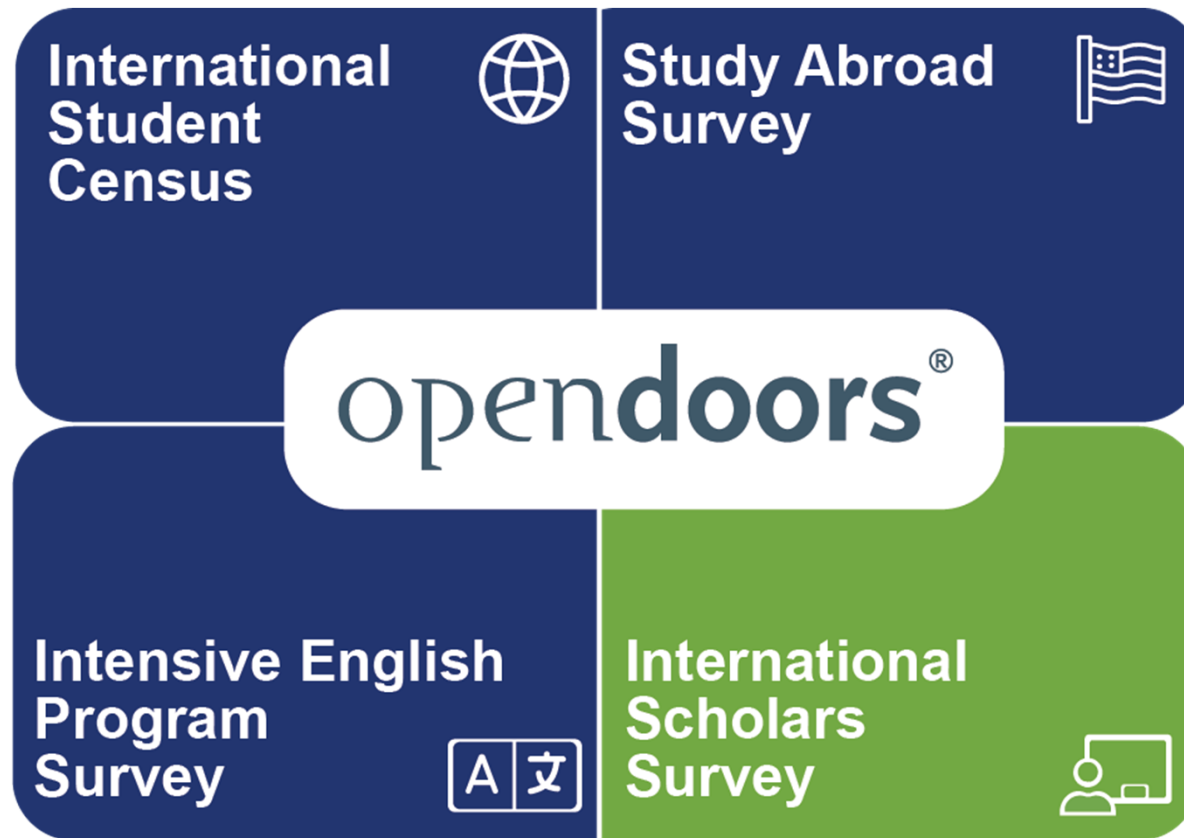
International
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Professionals



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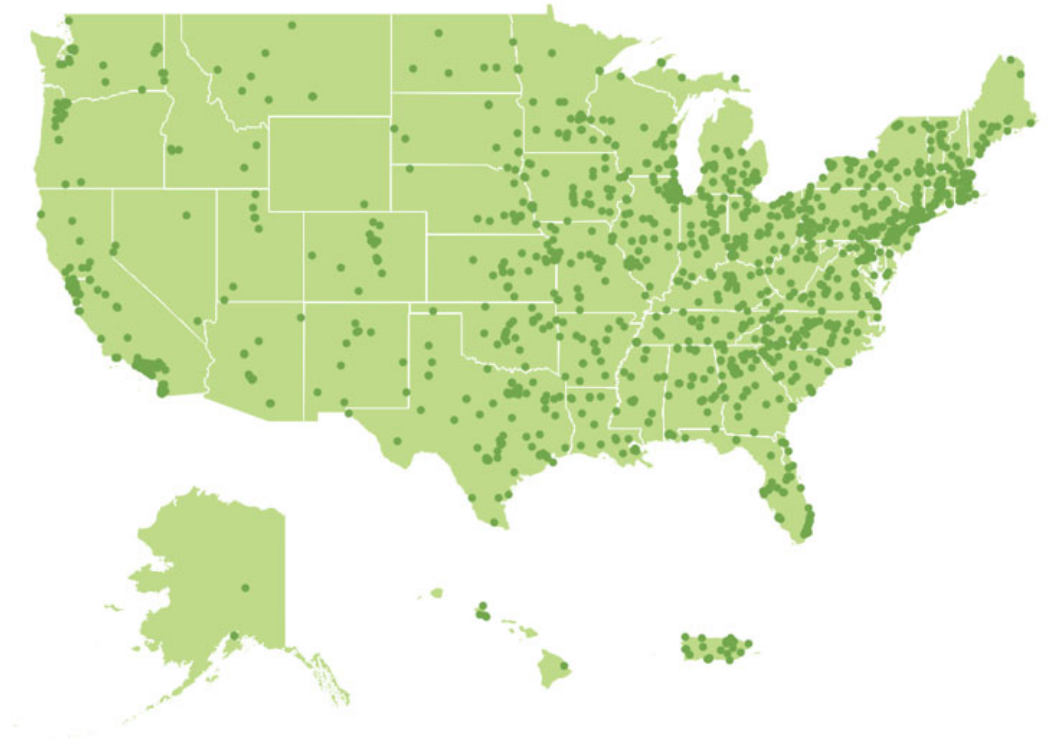


International Scholars Overview

Who is Surveyed?



Close to 1,700 U.S.
higher education
institutions hosting
international scholars



International Scholars Overview

Individuals on nonimmigrant visas
engaged in temporary academic activities and
not enrolled as a student at a higher education institution

Who is
Counted in
2020/21



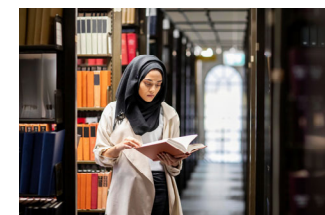
Post-doctoral scholars

Visiting lecturers/professors/faculty

Visiting researchers

Short-term scholars

Visiting specialists



International Scholars Overview

WHO declares
COVID-19 a
pandemic

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International Scholars Survey reporting



What
Timeframe?

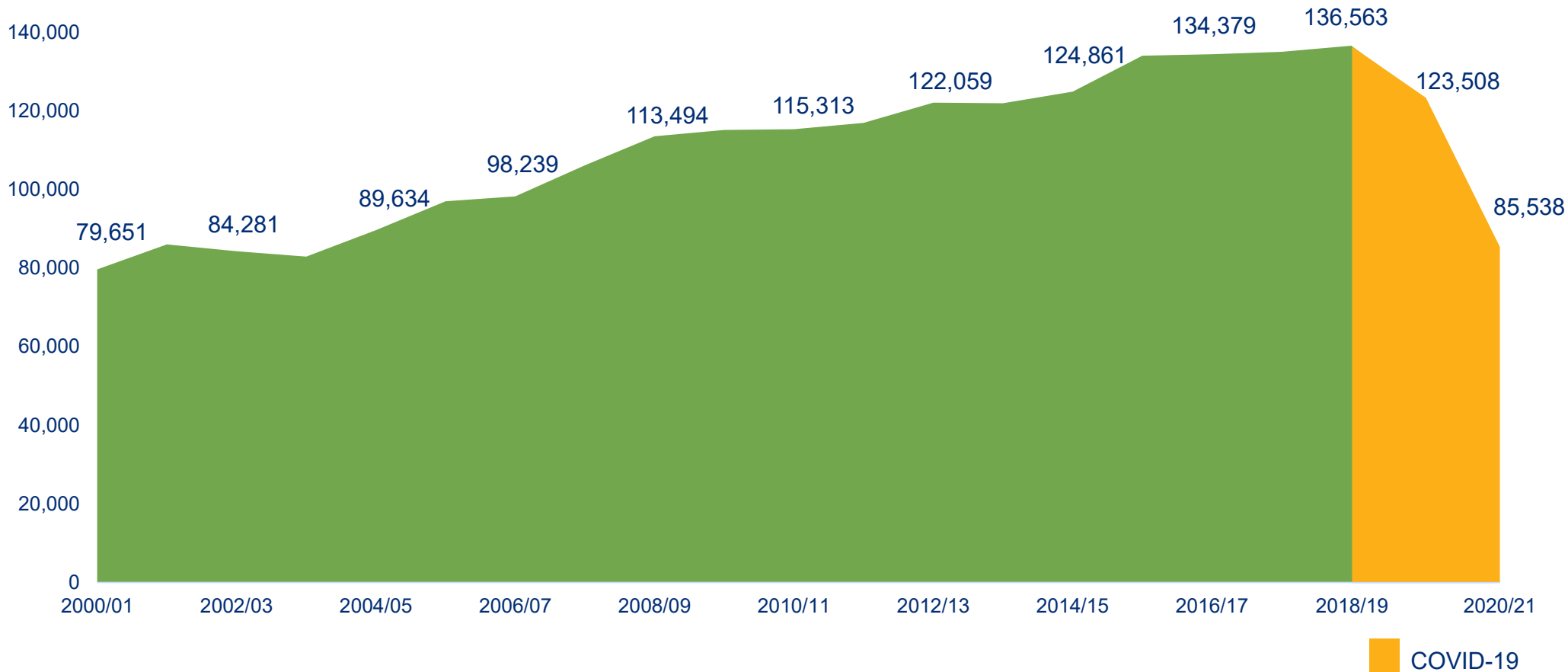


International scholar appointments and applications
affected by COVID-19 pandemic

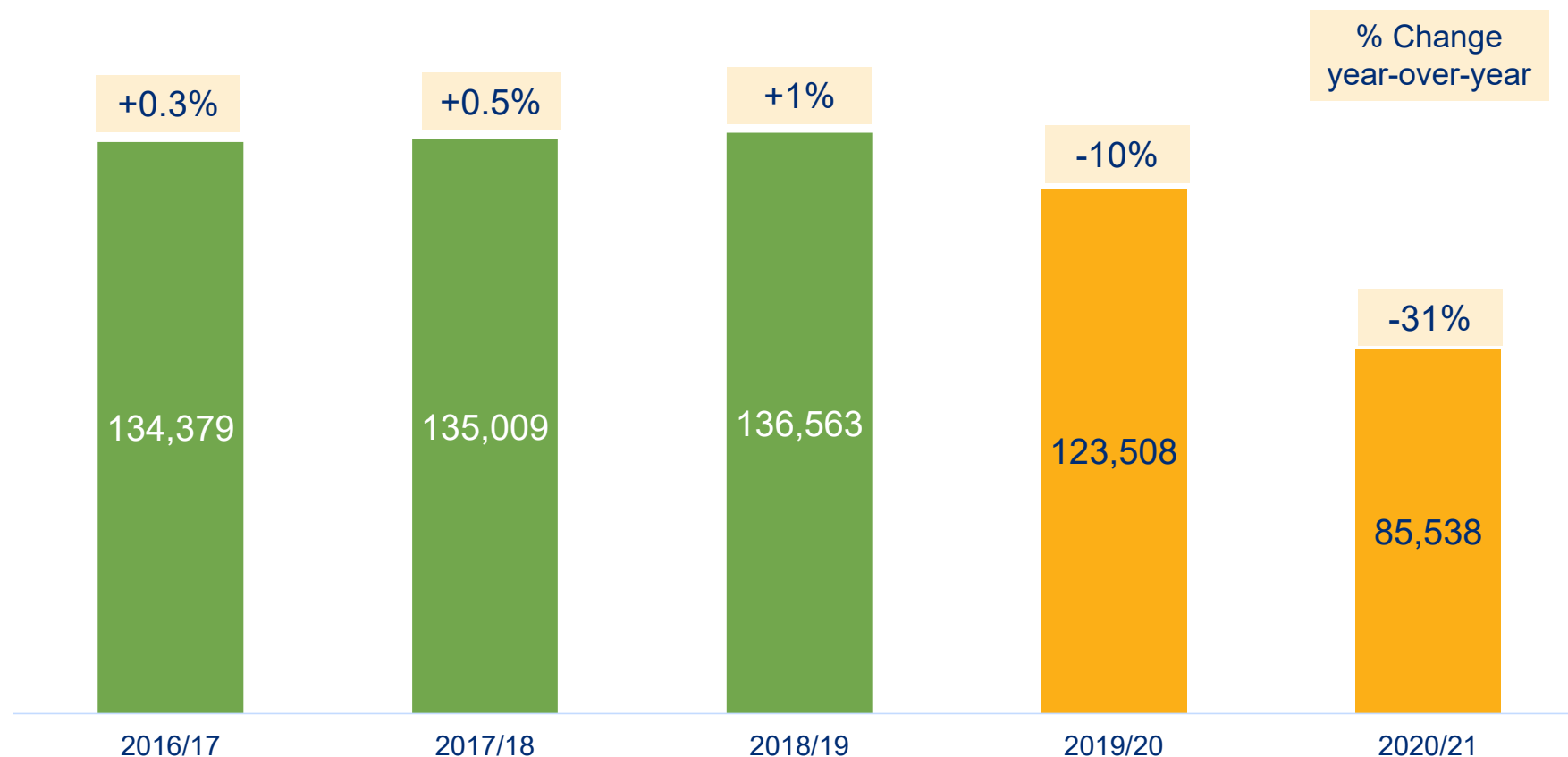


U.S. higher education institutions hosted **85,538** international scholars in 2020/21. The COVID-19 pandemic contributed to a **31% decrease** from the prior year.

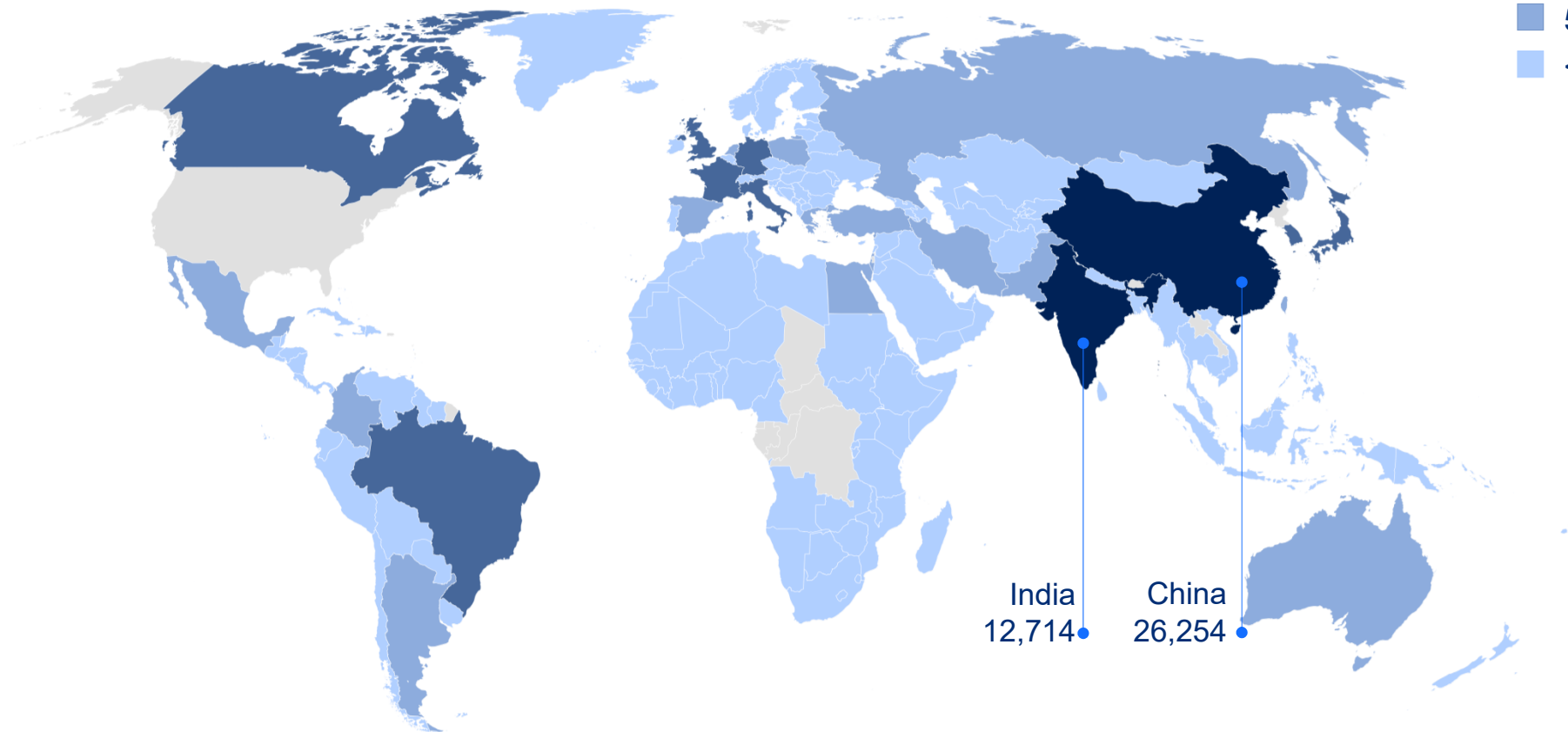
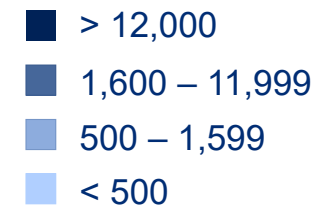
20 Years of International Scholars Trends



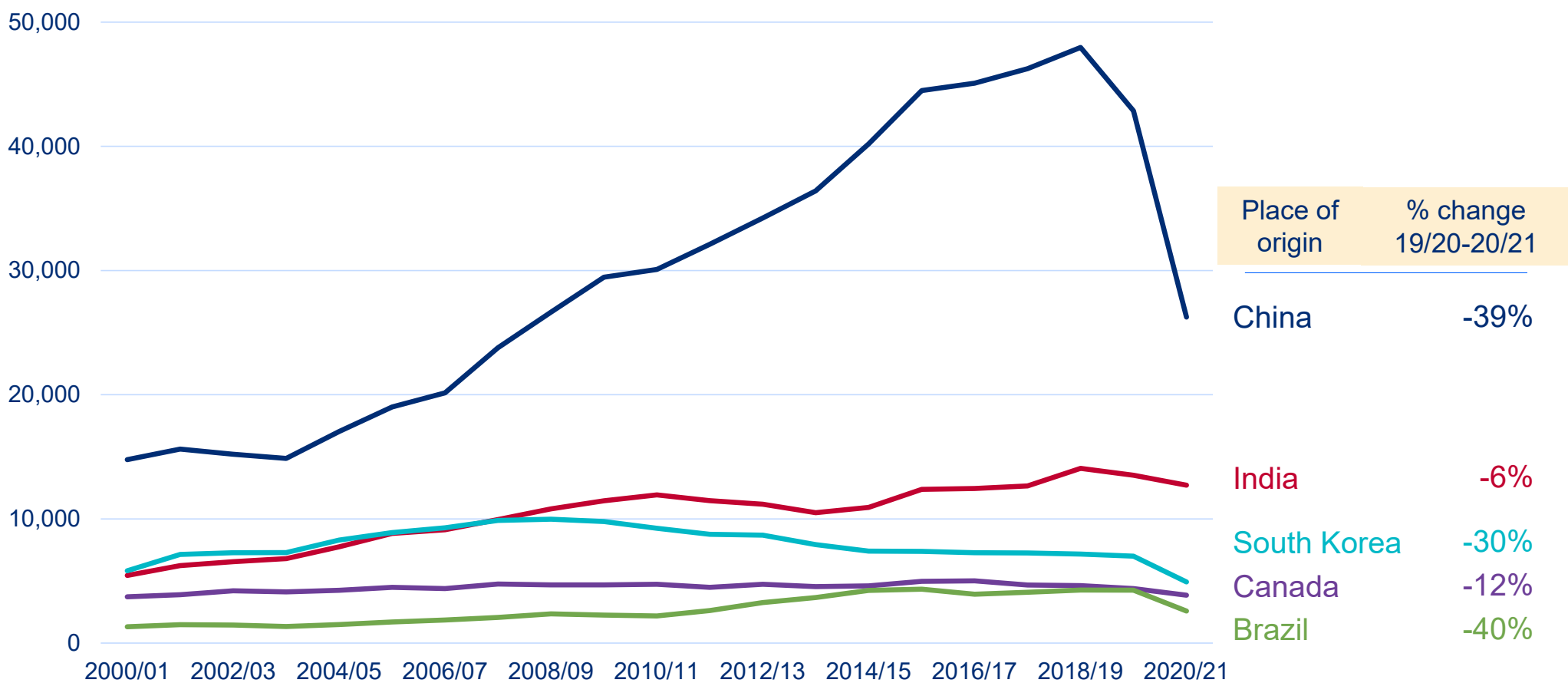
International Scholars in the United States



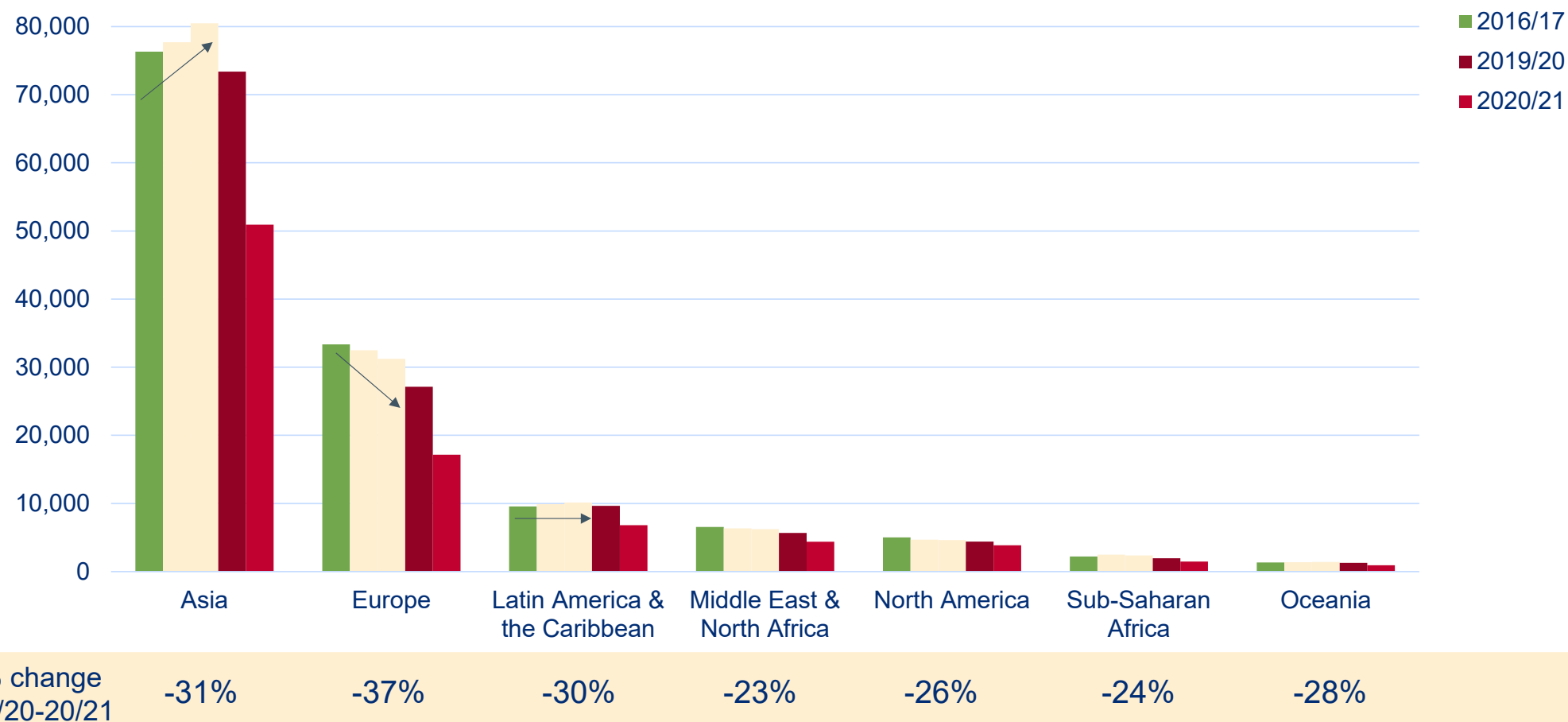
International Scholars by Place of Origin



Leading Places of Origin



International Scholars by World Region of Origin



International Scholars by Leading State



California

13,658

% change
19/20-20/21

-38%



Massachusetts

7,694

-31%



New York

5,827

-36%



Pennsylvania

5,387

-20%



Texas

4,850

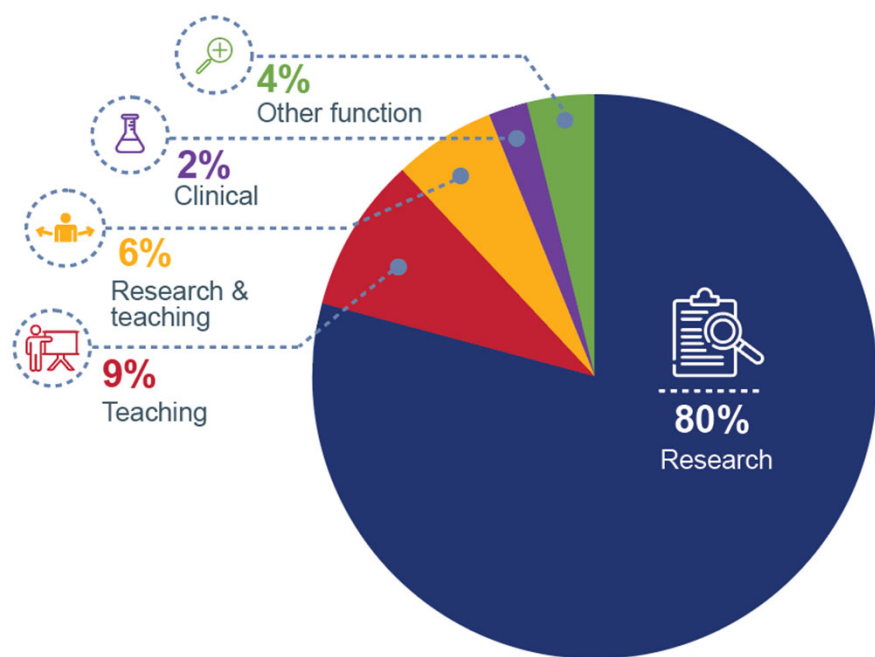
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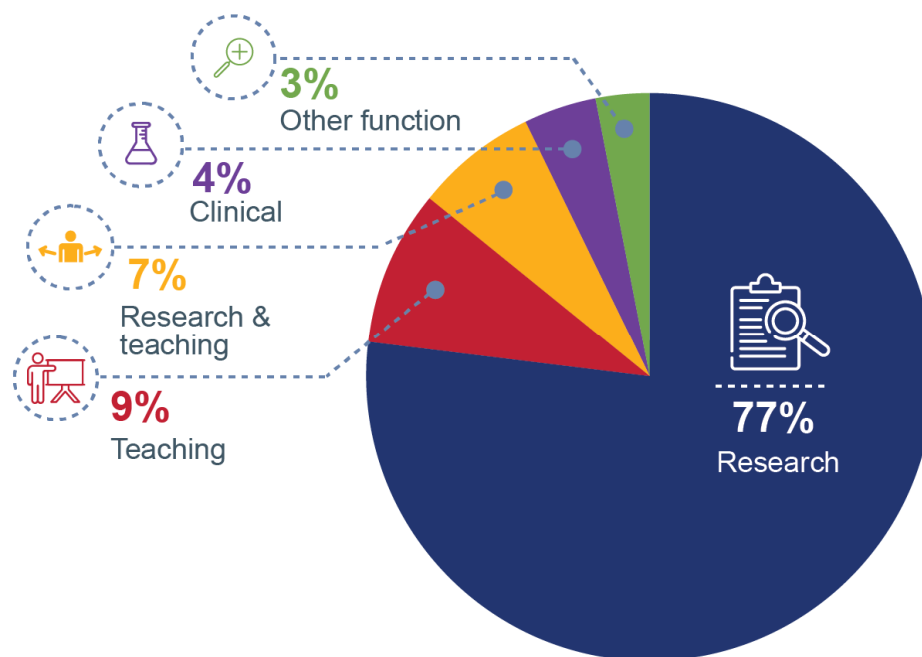
Three out of four international scholars pursued research activities.

Primary Function of International Scholars

2019/20



2020/21



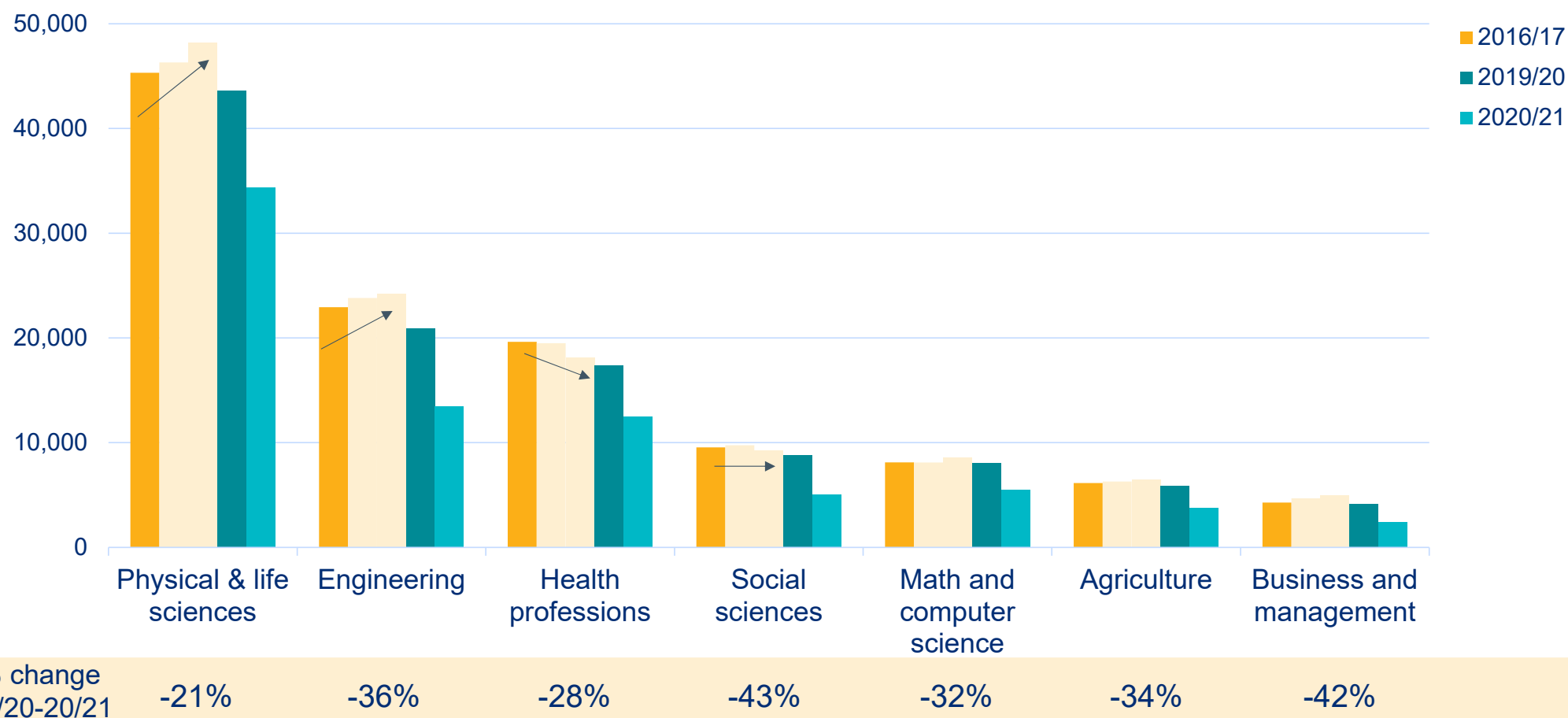
Leading Specializations of International Scholars



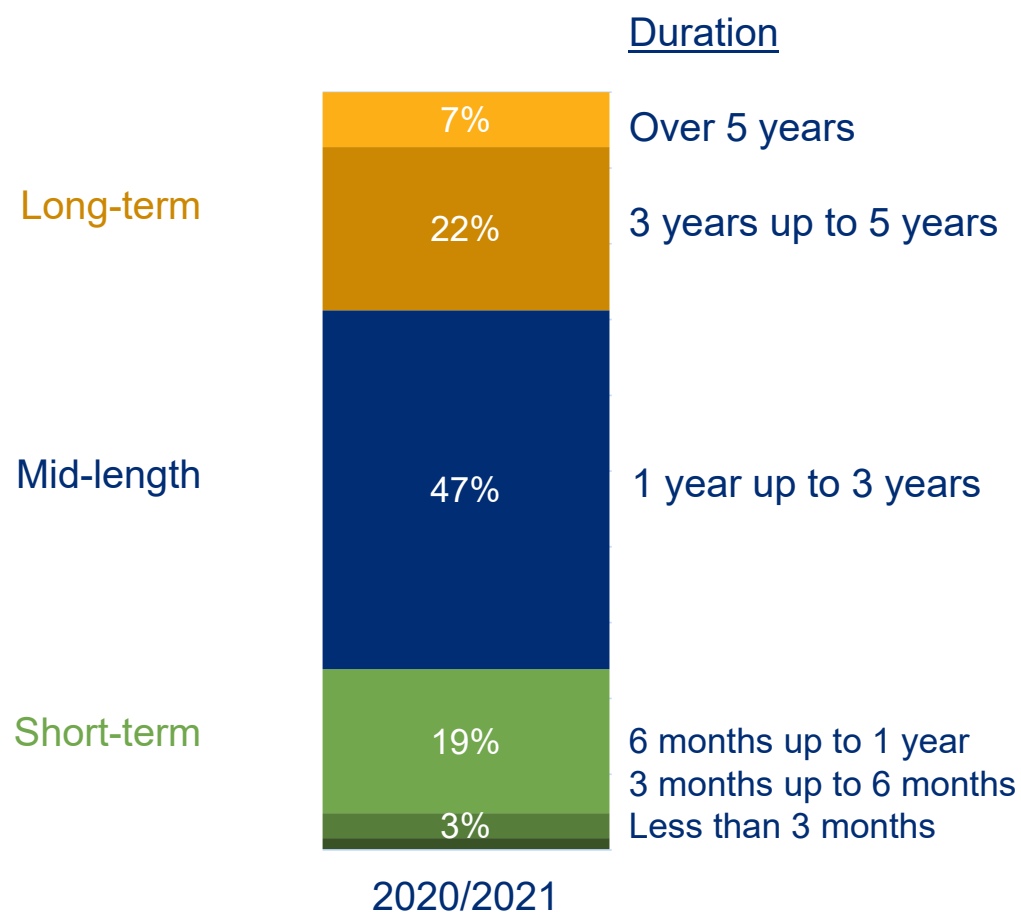
81% of international scholars focused their academic activities in STEM fields.

*denotes STEM fields of specialization

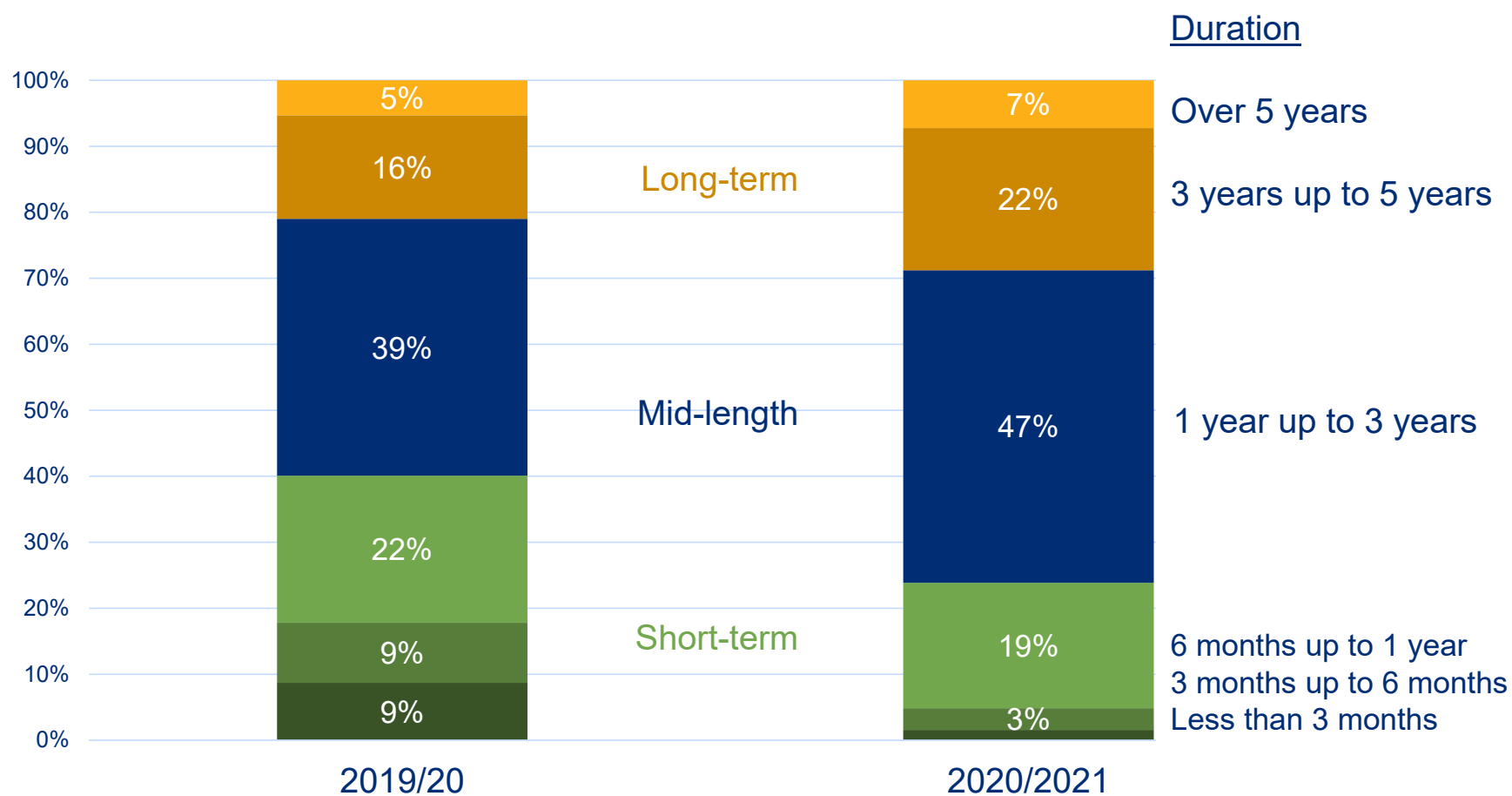
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Duration of International Scholar Appointments



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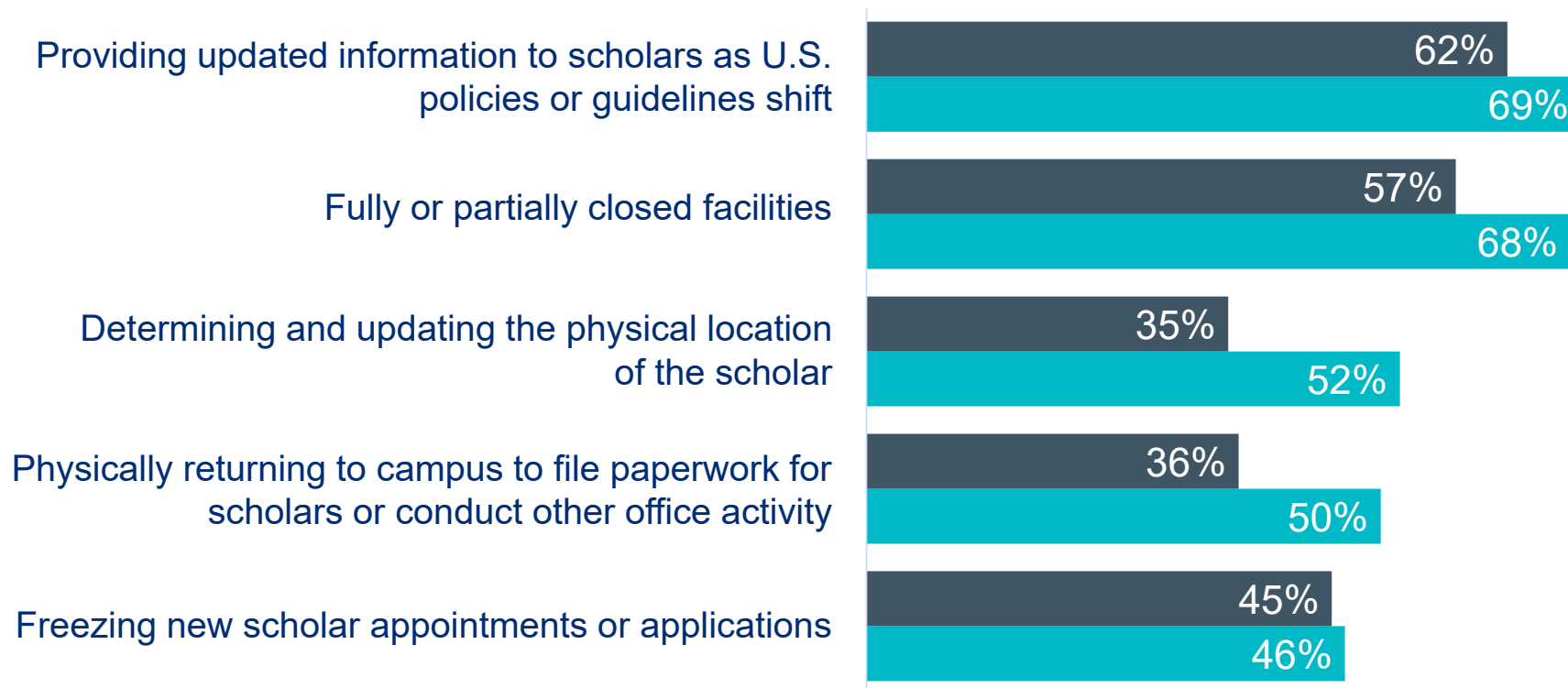




94% of institutions hosting international scholars experienced adverse effects as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

Impacts institutions faced related to international scholars

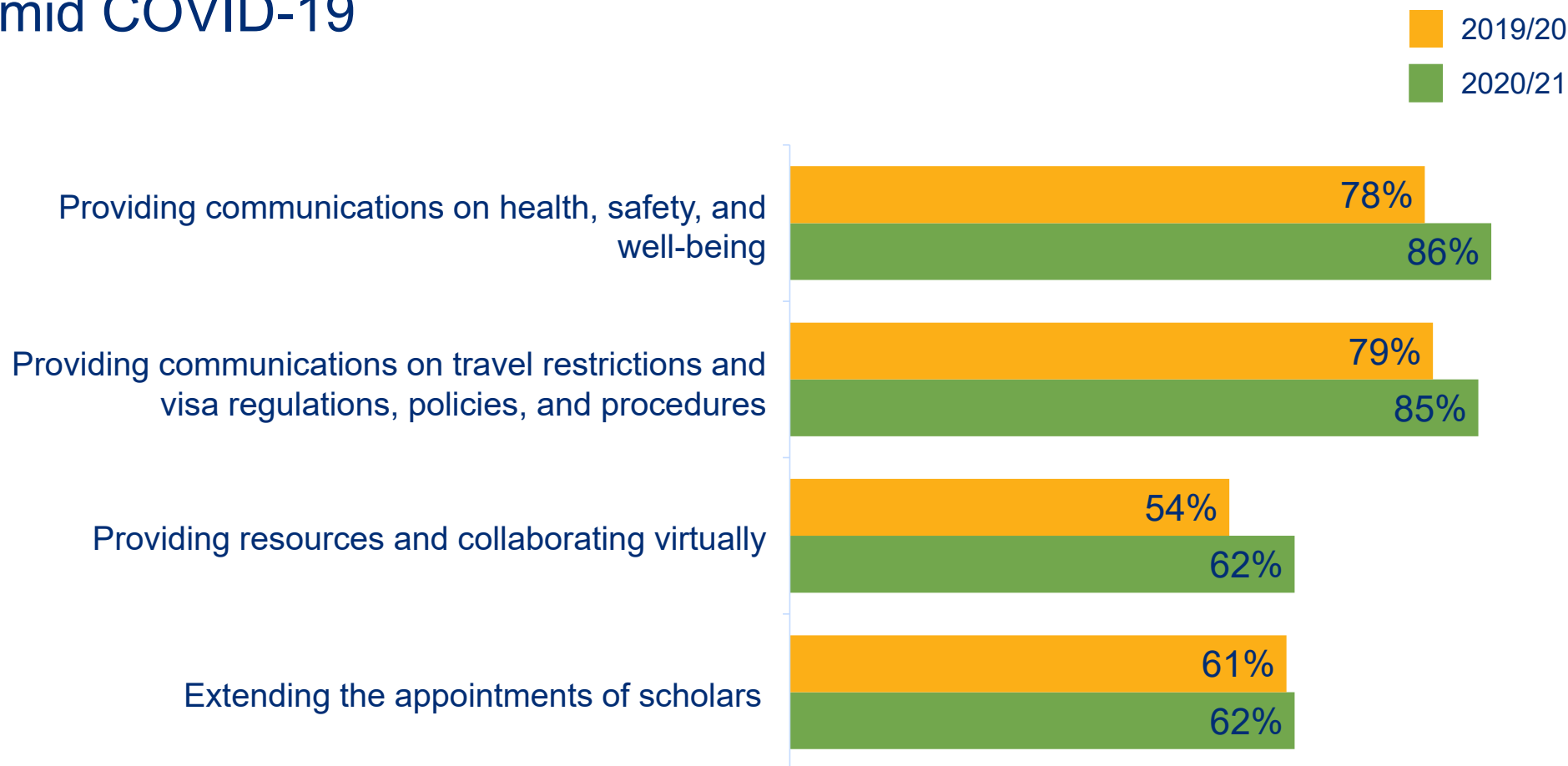
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2020/21



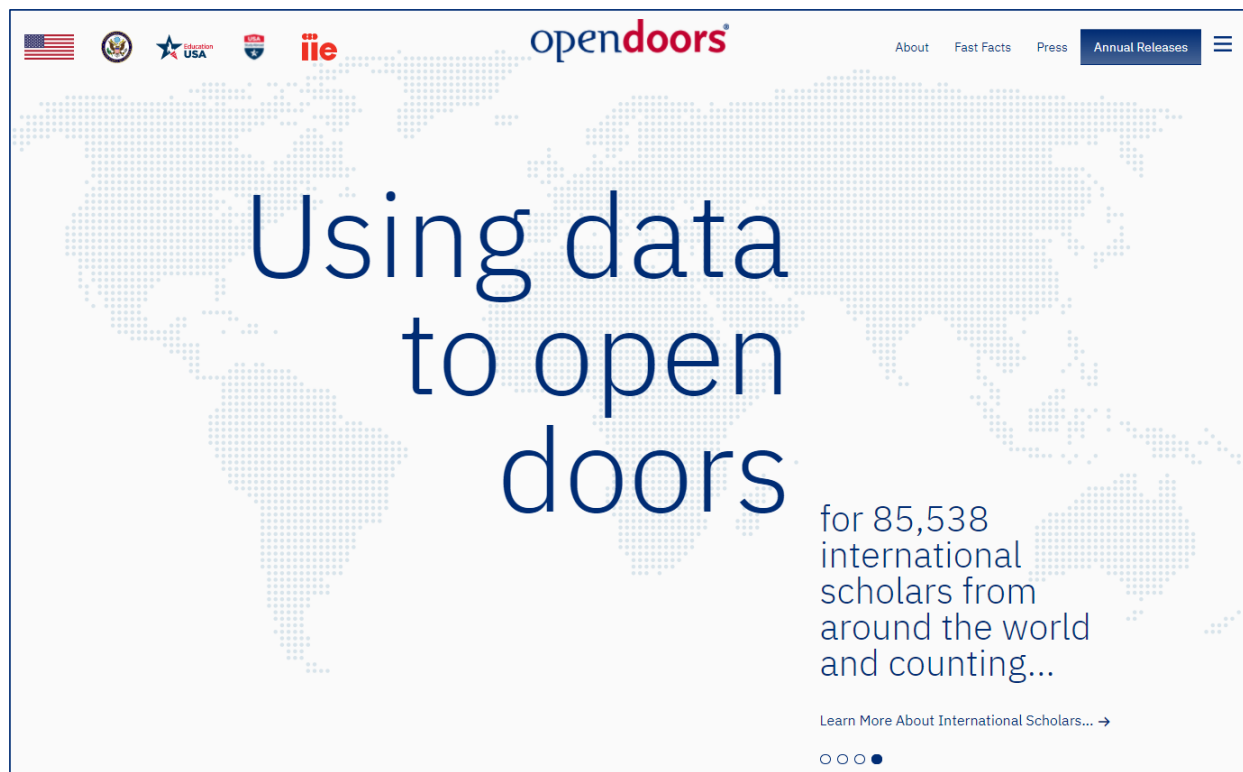


98% of U.S. institutions reported providing support to international scholars during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Support U.S. institutions provided to international scholars amid COVID-19



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