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INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS ANNUAL DATA RELEASE

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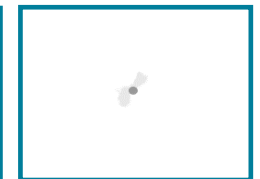
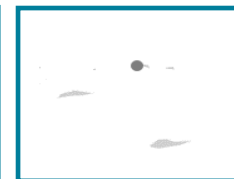
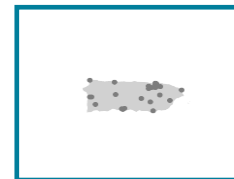
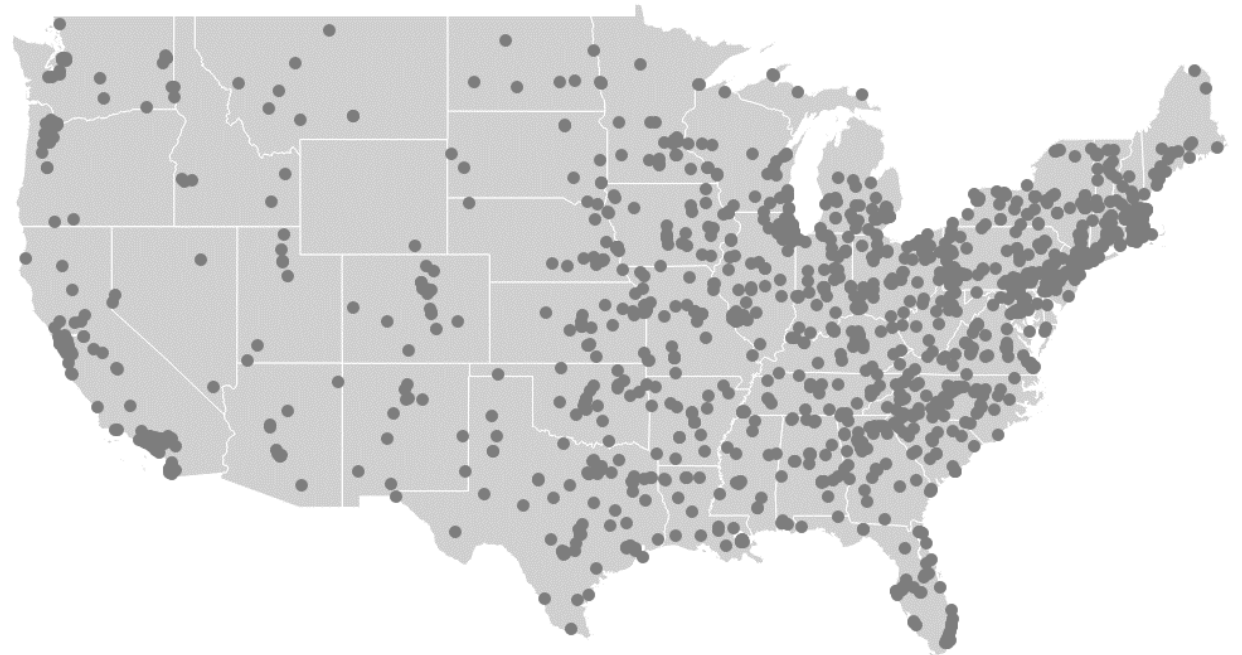


International Scholars Overview

Who is Surveyed?



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





International Scholars Overview



Who is Counted?

International Scholars

- Post-doctoral scholars
- Visiting lecturers/professors/faculty
- Visiting researchers
- Short-term scholars
- Visiting specialists



What Timeframe?

2022/23

Academic Year

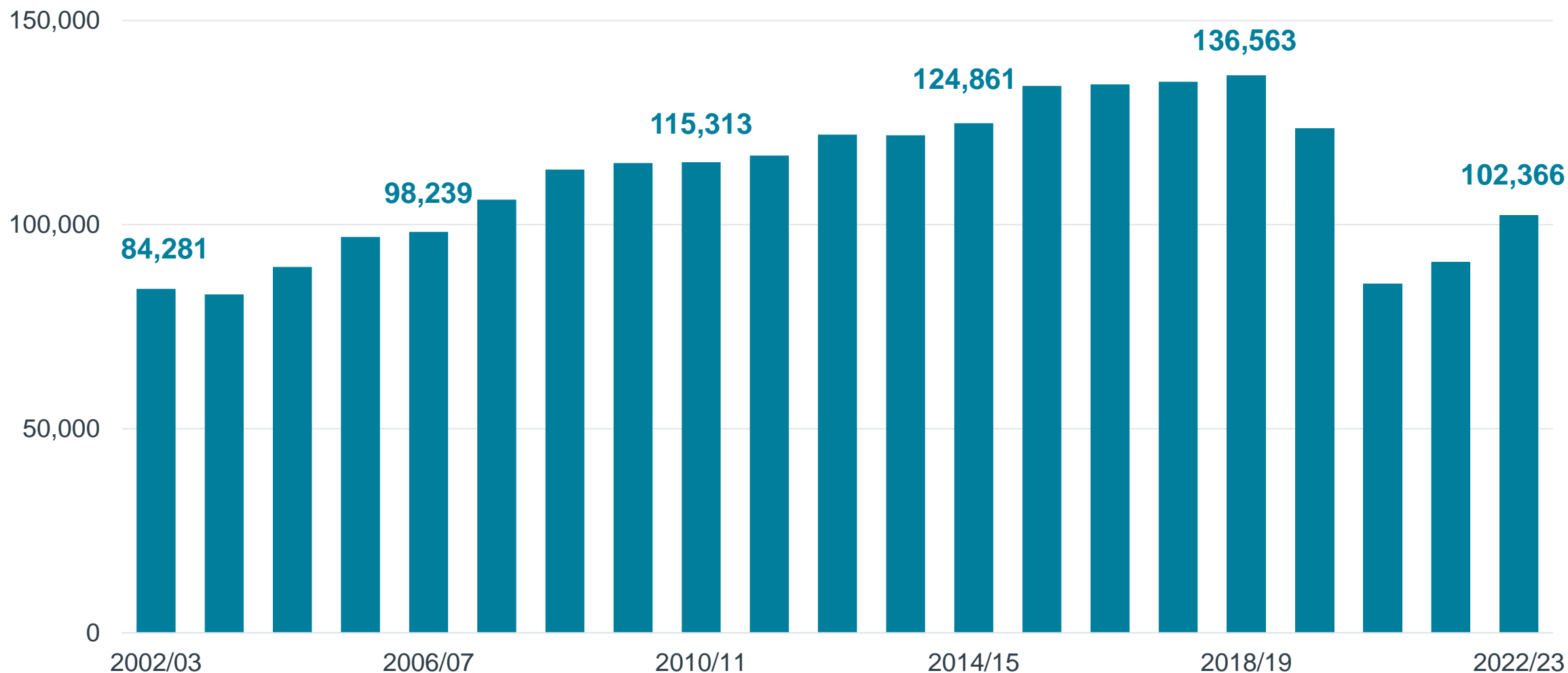
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023



102,366
international
scholars
were at U.S.
institutions in
2022/23



20 Years of International Scholars Trends

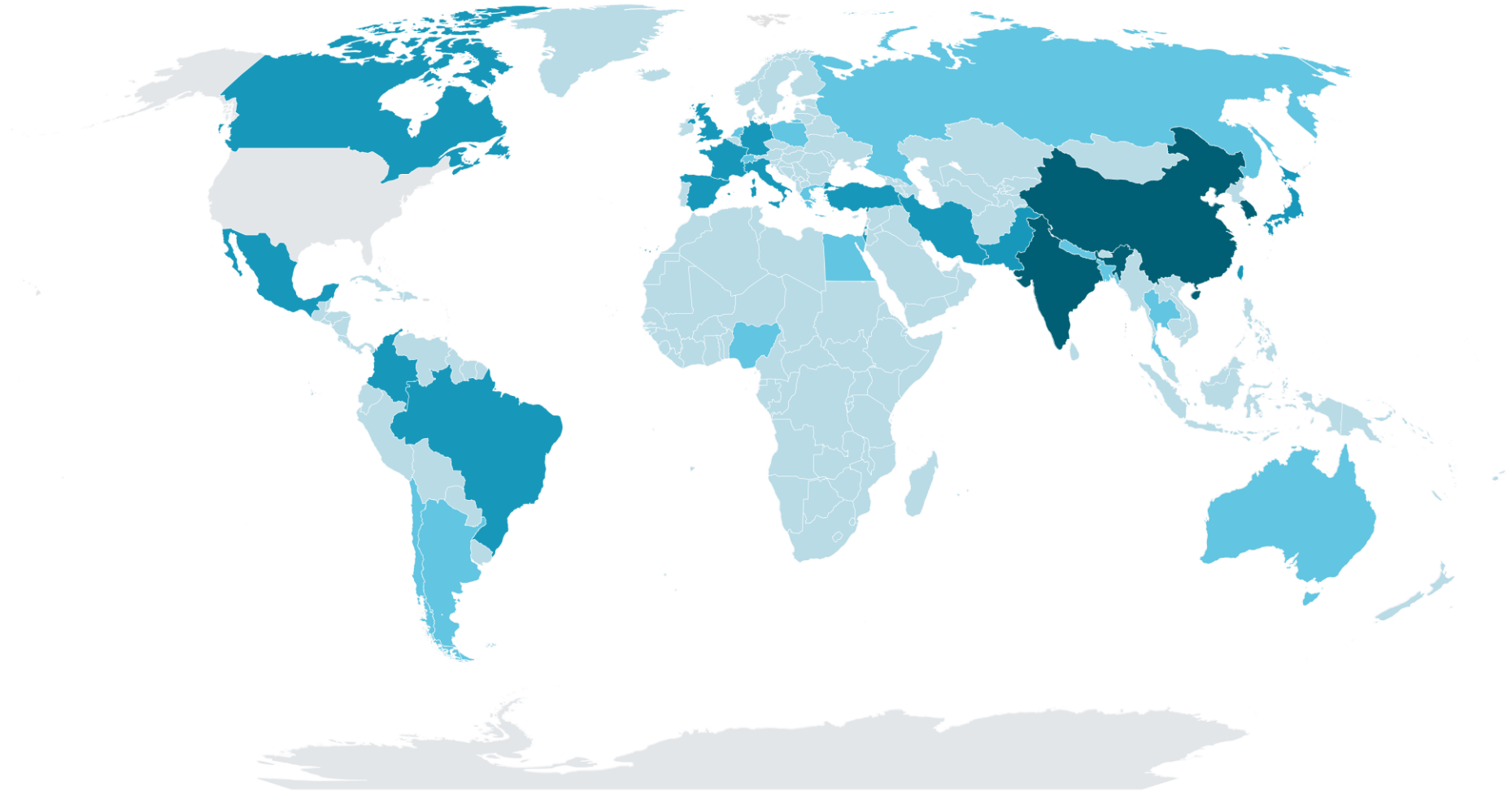
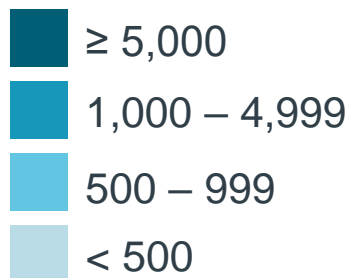




International Scholars by Place of Origin

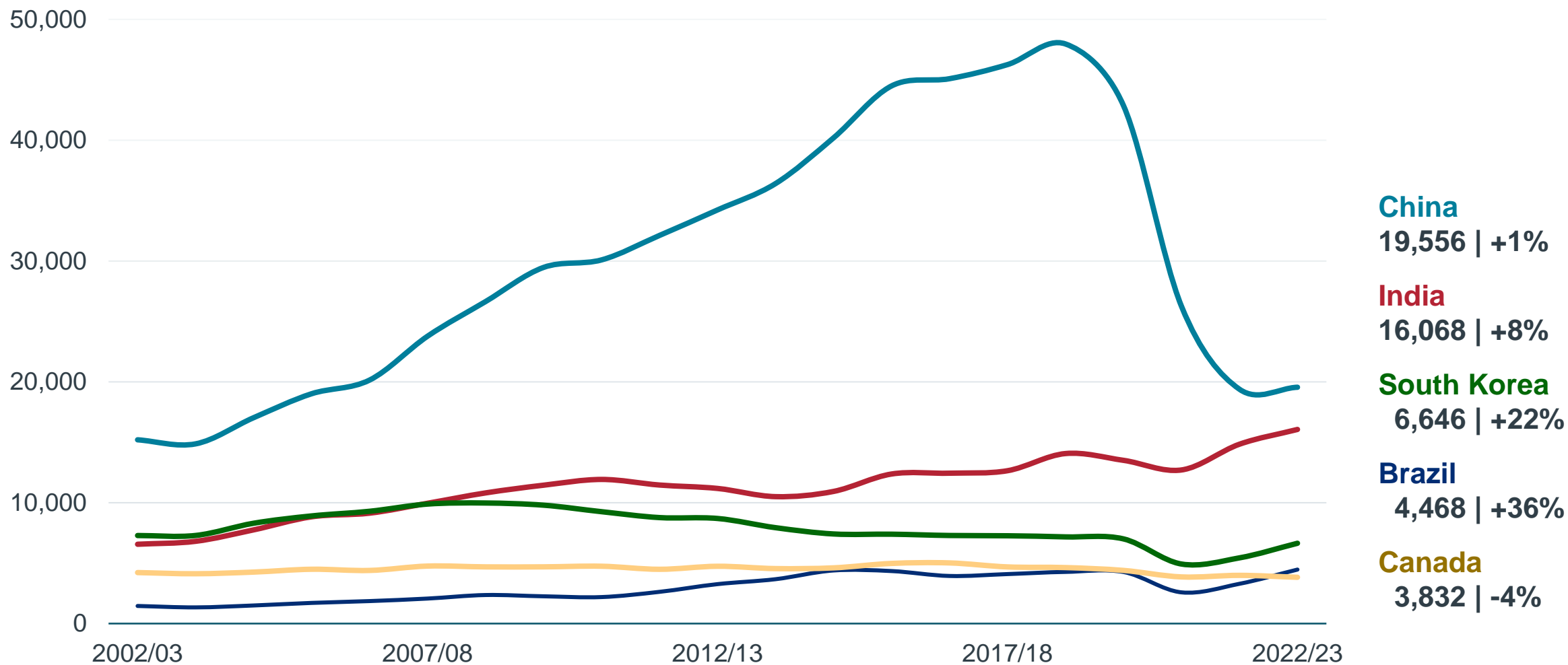
Top Places of Origin

- 1 China 19,556
- 2 India 16,068
- 3 South Korea 6,646



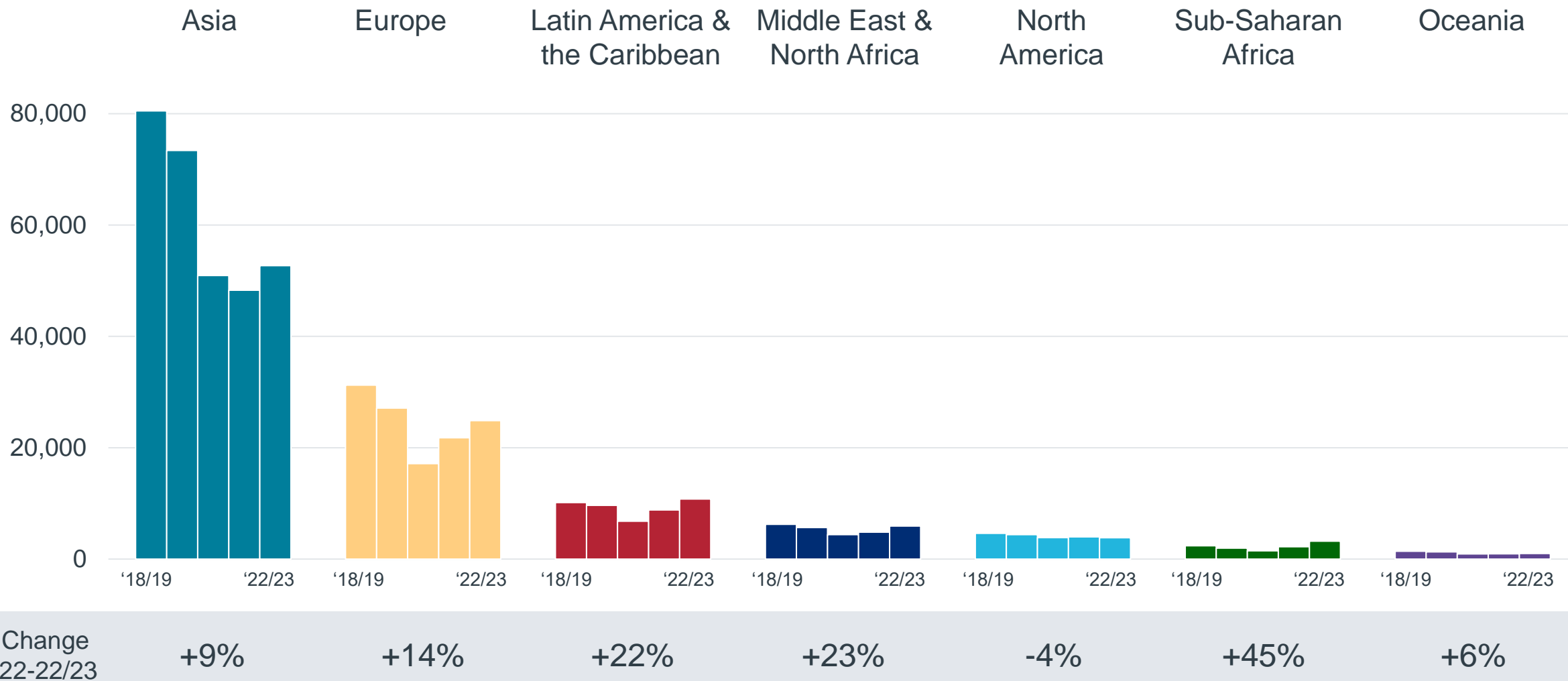


Leading Places of Origin of International Scholars



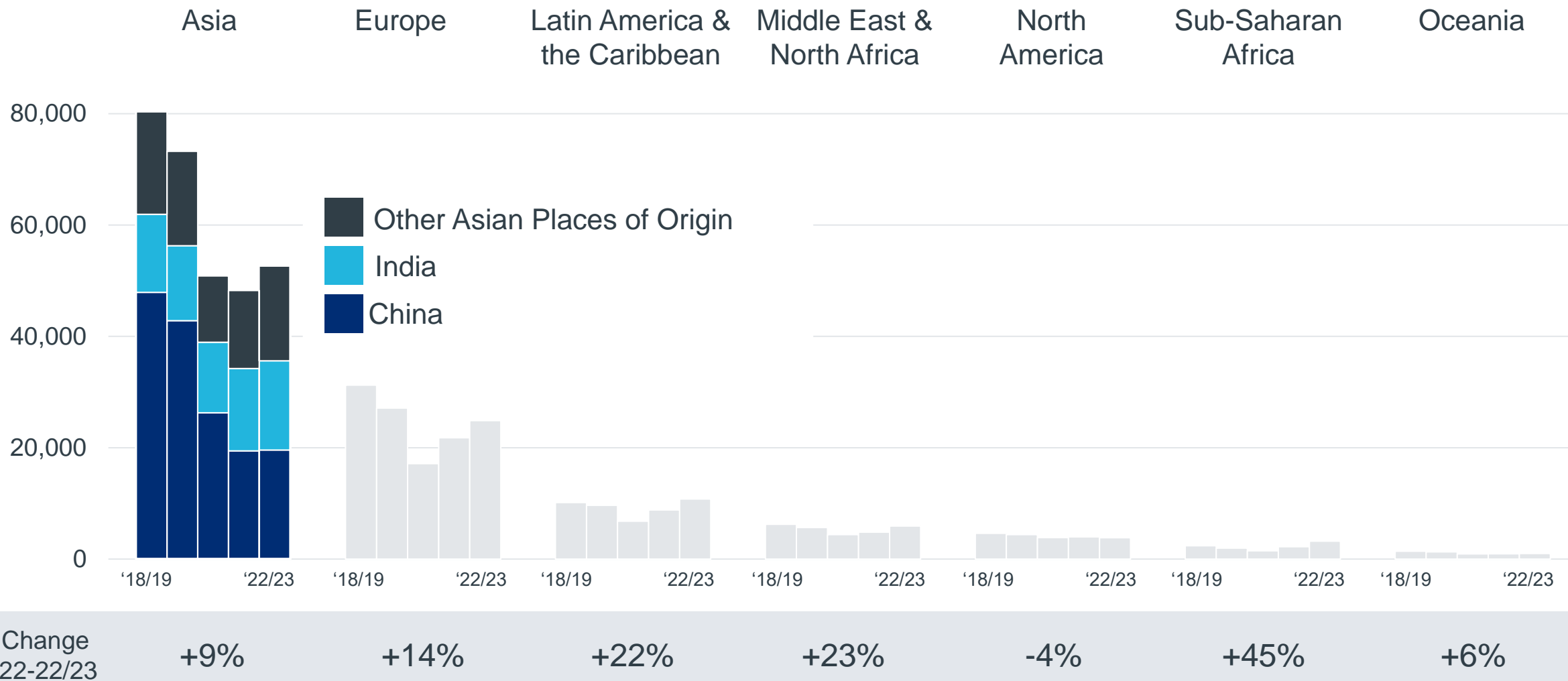


International Scholars by World Region of Origin





International Scholars by World Region of Origin





Leading Places of Origin Totals Rebound



Argentina

+9%



Bangladesh

+36%



Brazil

+36%



Colombia

+21%



Egypt

+18%



India

+8%



Iran

+27%



Mexico

+15%



Nigeria

+43%



Pakistan

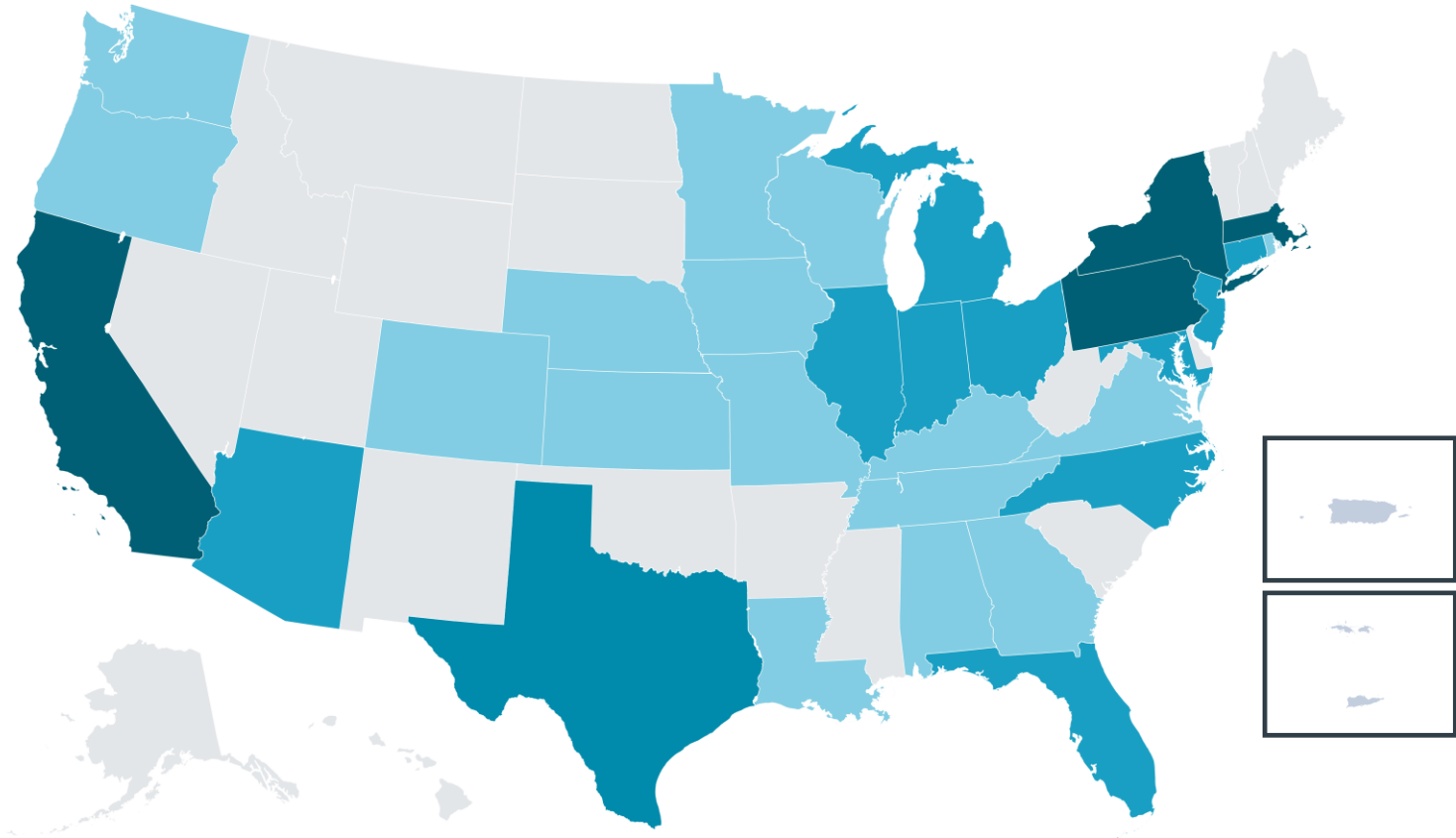
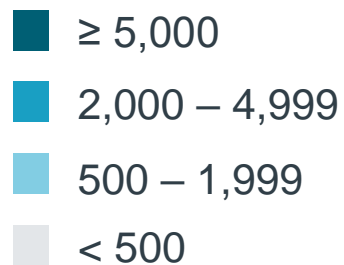
+29%



International Scholars by Leading State

Top Destination States

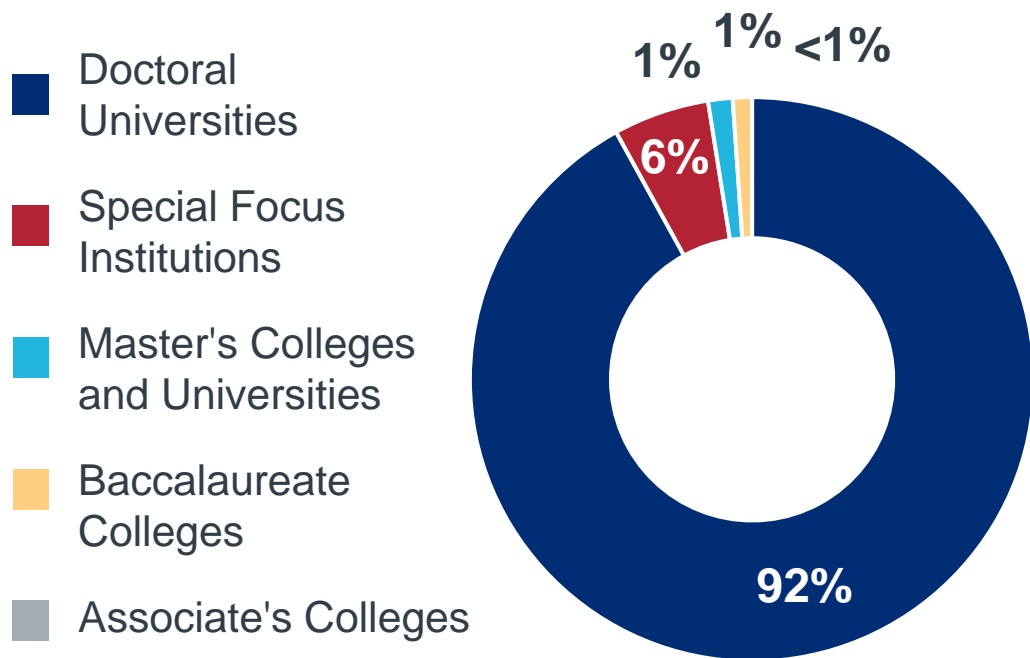
- 1 California
- 2 Massachusetts
- 3 New York
- 4 Pennsylvania
- 5 Texas



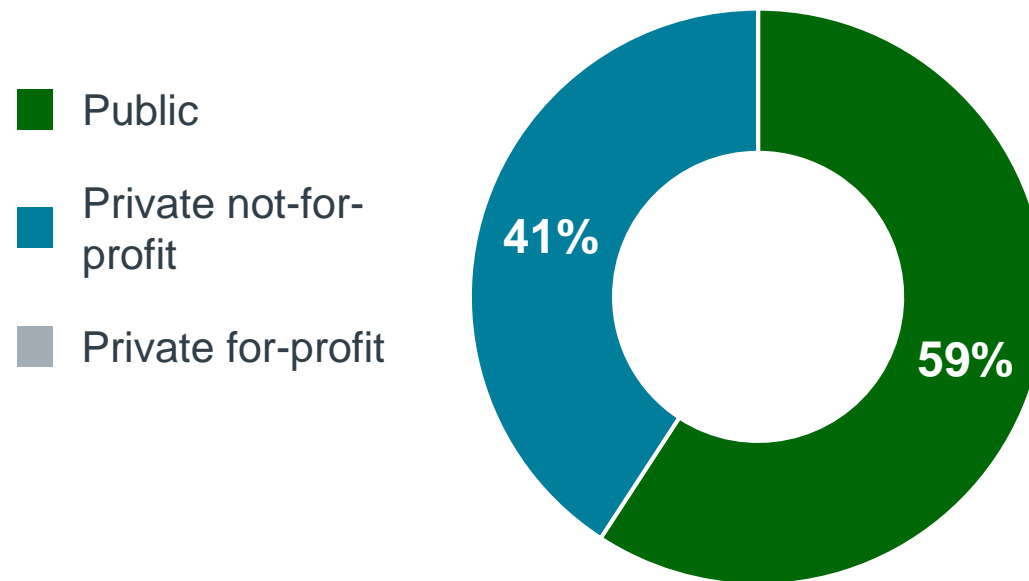


Institutional Type of International Scholars

Institutional Type



Institutional Sector



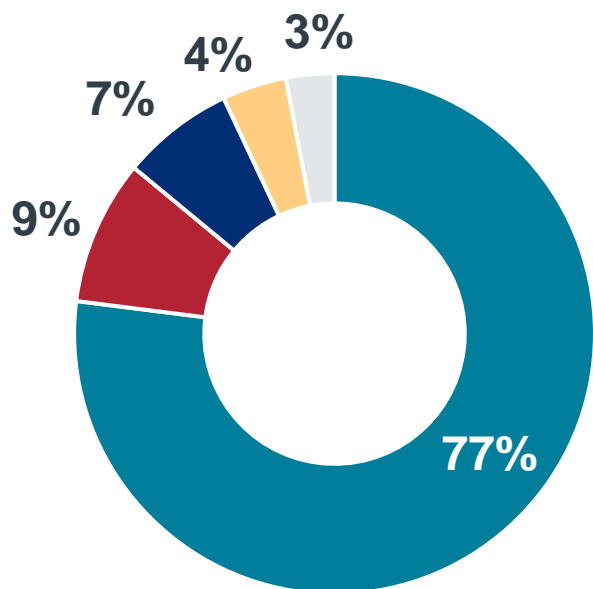


**Three out of four
international
scholars pursued
research activities.**

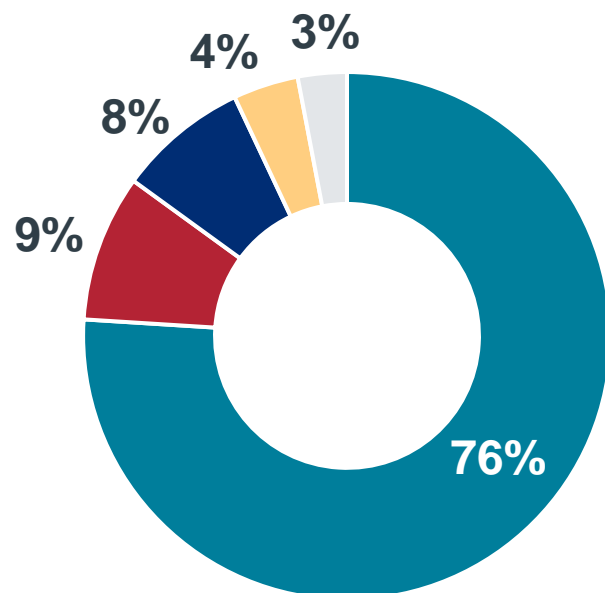


Primary Function of International Scholars

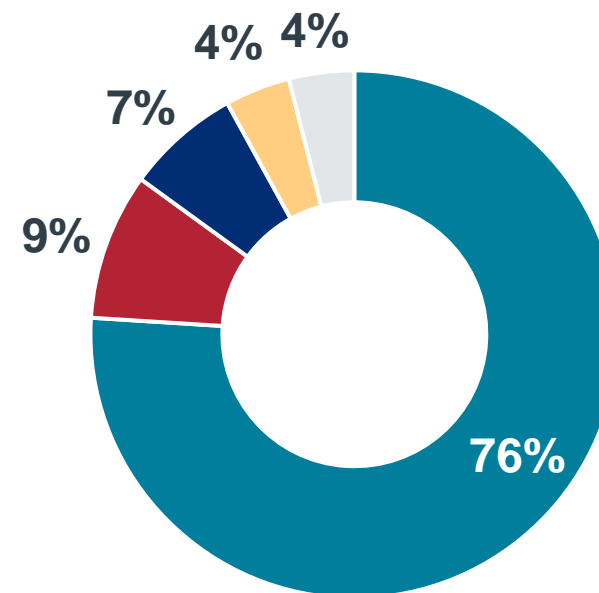
2020/21



2021/22



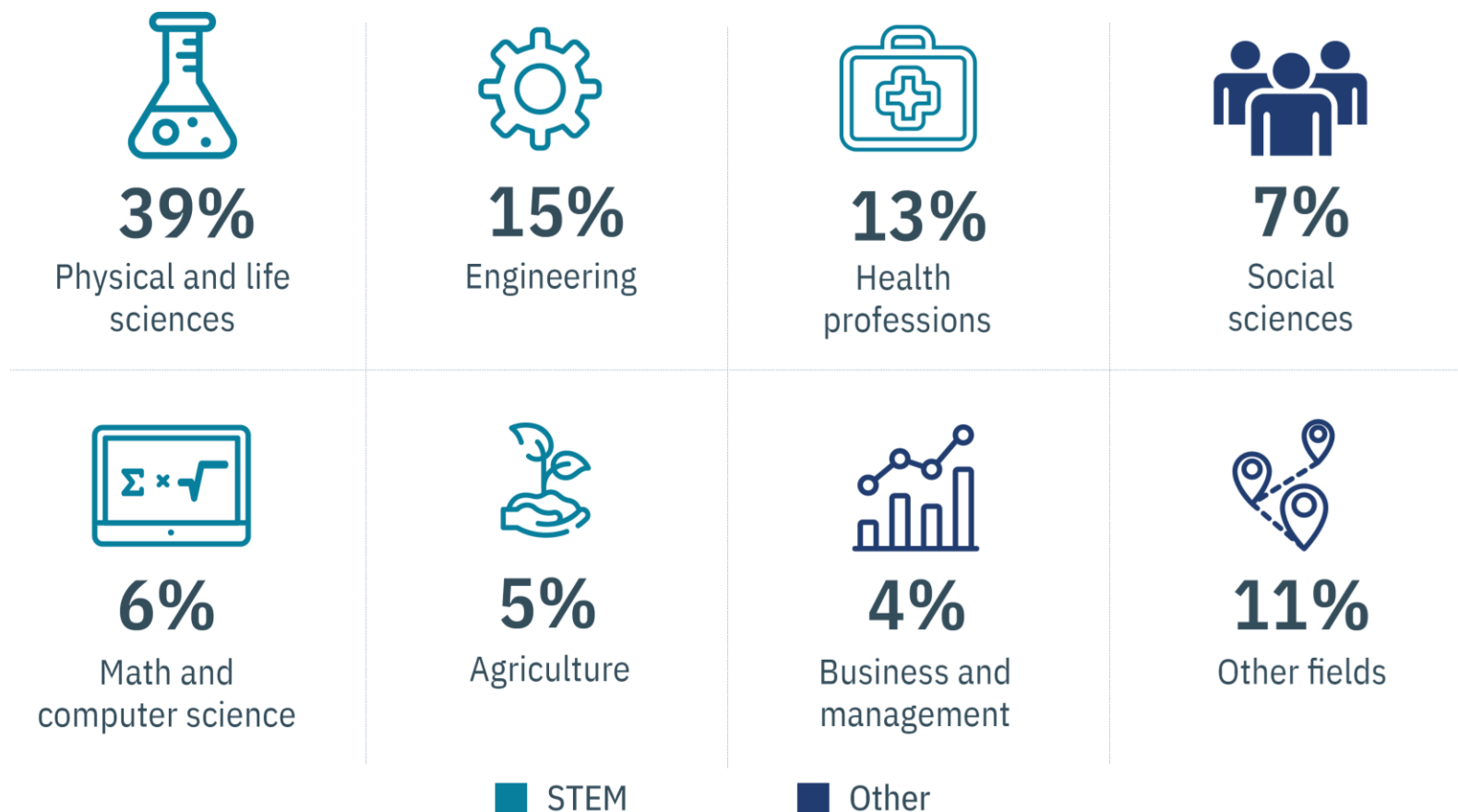
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■ Research ■ Teaching ■ Research & Teaching ■ Clinical ■ Other activity



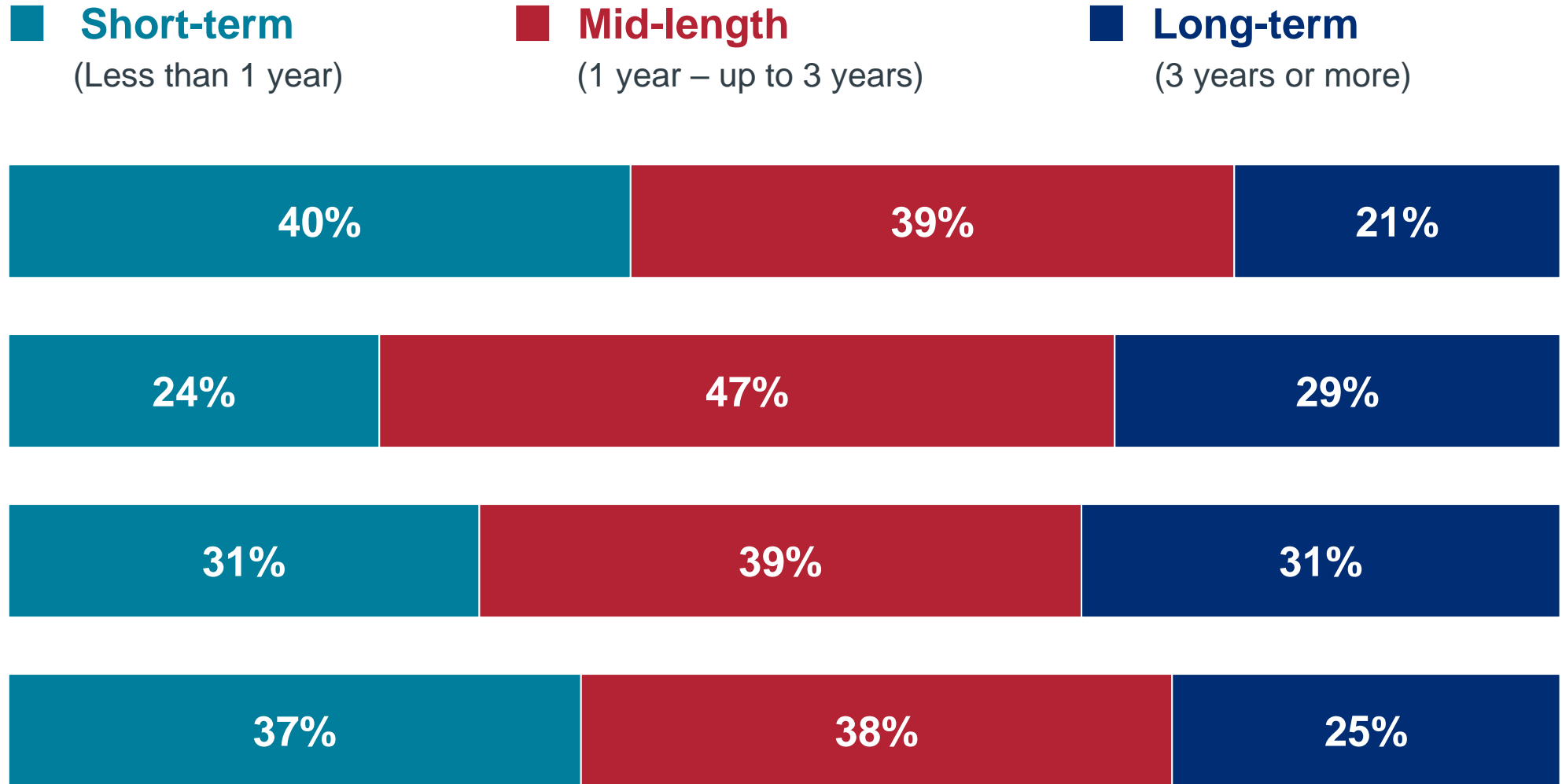
Leading Specializations of International Scholars



78% of international scholars focused their academic activities in STEM fields.



Duration of International Scholar Appointments





Fewer institutions hosting international scholars reported adverse effects due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



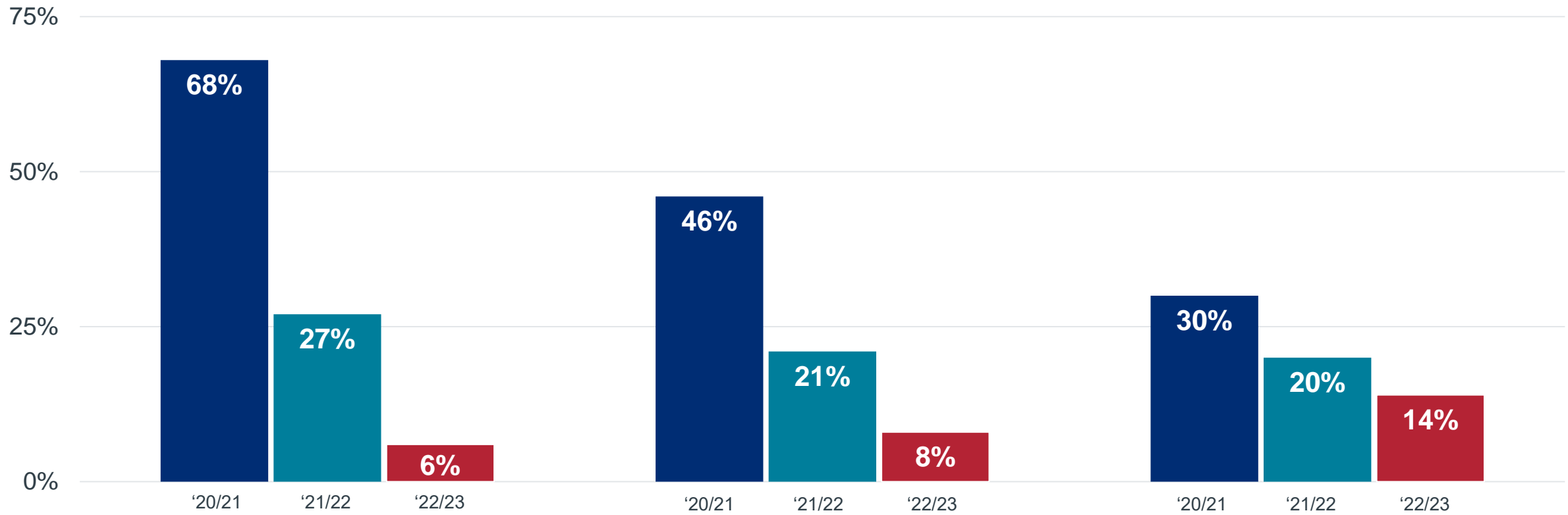


Institutional Impacts on International Scholars

Fully or partially closed facilities

Freezing new scholar appointments or applications

Budget cuts or staff furloughs/layoffs





86%
of institutions
reported providing
COVID-19 related
support to
international scholars
in 2022/23.





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