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EU students generate £3.7 billion for UK economy, says UUK : 8 April

By Ellie Bothwell : Times Higher Education : 8 April 2016

Universities UK analysis claims that students from the rest of the European Union 'spend money and create jobs in all corners of the UK'

Students from other European Union countries attending UK universities generate £3.7 billion for the UK economy and support more than 34,000 jobs across the country, according to analysis from Universities UK.

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Overseas student number falls 'significant risk' to sector: 24 March 2016

By John Morgan : Times Higher Education : 24 March 2016

The number of first-year overseas students entering English universities fell again this year and visa issuances are down in seven of the UK's top 10 countries for recruitment, show new figures that raise financial concerns for the sector.

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Heard in the Hutong: Beijingers on Chinese Students in the U.S.: 28 March

By China Real Time Report Staff : China Real Time Report : 28 March 2016

In the U.S., Chinese students now comprise 31.2% of all international students, up from about 10% in 2000. But with their rising numbers come challenges; some students have a tough time fitting in, while some teachers say their pupils from abroad are unprepared. We asked Beijingers their thoughts.

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US OPT rules confirmed: Foreign STEM grads can now stay and work for up to three years: 21 March 2016

By ICEF Monitor Staff : ICEF Monitor : 21 March 2016

New regulations were introduced in the US earlier this month to govern post-study work rights for foreign students studying in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. STEM is a major area of study for international students in the US, accounting for roughly 40% of all international enrolment in American higher education.

Scheduled to come into effect on 10 May 2016, the new rule allows a 24-month extension of Optional Practical Training (OPT) for foreign STEM graduates, meaning that, in addition to an initial one-year OPT period allowed all foreign graduates in the US, that those completing a STEM programme may stay and work for up to three years after graduation.

However, the STEM extension for OPT remains under a pending court challenge that currently rests with the US Court of Appeals, and observers anticipate the possibility of additional legal action against the regulations in the future.

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Canada report shows int'l grads in low-skilled jobs, calls for PGWP overhaul: 6 April

By Beckie Smith : The Pie News : 6 April 2016

International graduates on Canada's post-study work scheme earned less than half of what their domestic counterparts earned on average between 2008 and 2014, with the majority in low-skilled jobs, a government report has revealed.

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Higher Education Standards Panel to review university entrance scores: 7 April 2016

By Stephanie Anderson and Francis Keany : ABC News : 7 April 2016

The Federal Government has flagged it may overhaul university entry scores as it tries to improve transparency in the system.

Education Minister says changes could help inform students about whether they can complete their degrees.

He said more information about process would ensure more accountability.

The Government has promised to reveal further details of policy before voters go to polls.

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Paul Little: What's happening to universities? : 3 April

By Paul Little : New Zealand Herald : 3 April 2016

Are our universities out of control? Have they lost sight of their core missions? Do they know what they are doing?

They have spread across and between our cities over the past few years. Once, if you heard a reference to Massey, you could safely assume you were talking about an institution in Palmerston North at which the rest of the academic world could look down their noses in disdain. Now it's everywhere.

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Malaysia: Asia's emerging higher education hub : 1 April 2016

By Asian Correspondent: Asian Correspondent: 1 April 2016

In the age of globalization, more and more international students are recognizing the benefits of looking beyond traditional study destinations such as the U.S. and the U.K.

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Korea sees 14% rise in foreign students : 31 March 2016

By Sara Custer : The Pie News : 31 March 2016

The Korean Ministry of Justice has released figures showing more than 100,000 overseas students have enrolled at Korean universities, a 14 percent increase on figures from last year.

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International

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Survey says employment prospects the key for postgraduate applicants : 5 April

By ICEF Monitor staff: ICEF Monitor: 5 April 2016

A 2015 survey of postgraduate applicants around the world finds that prospective master's or PhD students are giving greater weight to future career prospects when choosing their programme, institution, and country for study abroad. The QS World Grad School Tour Applicant Survey 2015 establishes a clear trend over the past six years towards a greater emphasis on employment outcomes for postgraduate ...applicants, whether the student has a specific career goal in mind or just "a more general sense of the need to become as 'employable' as possible".

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6 facts about how Americans and Chinese see each other: 30 March

By Richard Wike, : PewResearchCenter : 30 March 2016

Chinese President Xi Jinping is visiting Washington this week to participate in a major global summit on nuclear issues. Xi will also meet on Thursday afternoon with President Obama. The meeting comes at a time of ongoing tensions between the two countries. The U.S. and its Asian allies continue to express concerns about Beijing's aggressive posture in the South China Sea.

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