

Participant Information

Please read the following information prior to completing the questionnaire.

The aim of this PhD research study is to understand how and why international students make decisions regarding where to study. This questionnaire will take you approximately 15 minutes to complete.

All information provided by you will be solely used for the purpose of this research study and will be treated as confidential and with complete anonymity.

Your information will be stored securely by the researcher, with only the researcher and her supervisors having access to it for the sole purpose of this study.

Every effort will be made to prevent the identification of participants in any published material.

Participation in this research is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw at any stage without prejudice or negative consequences. Withdrawal or non-participation will not affect you now or in the future.

You may contact the researcher or her supervisors if you require further information about the research, and may also contact the Research Ethics Coordinator of the School of Education, University of Nottingham, if you wish to make a complaint relating to your involvement in the research.

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Participant Consent

Please read the following information carefully and then click Next to go to the Instructions page.

- I have read the Participant Information on the previous page.
- I understand the purpose of the research study and my involvement in it.
- I understand that I may withdraw from the research study at any stage and that this will not affect my status now or in the future.
- I understand that while information gained during the study may be published, I will not be identified and my personal results will remain confidential.
- I understand that if I decide to participate in a follow-up interview for this research study that interview will be completely voluntary.
- I understand that my data will be stored securely by the researcher, with only the researcher and her supervisors to have access to it for the use of this study only.
- I understand that I may contact the researcher or her supervisors if I require further information about the research, and that I may contact the Research Ethics Coordinator of the School of Education, University of Nottingham, if I wish to make a complaint relating to my involvement in the research.
- My completion of this questionnaire implies my consent to participate in the questionnaire phase of this research study.

Instructions

Please read each question carefully before responding and make sure to answer ALL relevant questions.

If any question is unclear or you would like to discuss the contents of this questionnaire, feel free to contact the researcher, Cheryl Rounsaville, at ttxcar@nottingham.ac.uk .

Preliminary Question 1

Are you an international student?

(For the purposes of this study, an international student is defined as a student who is not a citizen of the European Union and who pays international student fees at his/her university.)

Yes

No

Preliminary Question 2

Are you a post-graduate student?

(For the purposes of this study, a post-graduate student is defined as any student registered for any taught or research Master's, PhD or other doctoral level course.)

Yes

No

Preliminary Question 3

Are you considered a full-time student in the UK by your UK university?

Yes

No

Preliminary Question 4

Are you pursuing a full degree at a higher educational institution in the UK?

Yes

No

Preliminary Question 5

Are you from India, China, Korea, Japan, or Taiwan?

Yes

No

Preliminary Question 6

Are you a completely or partially self-funded student?

Completely self-funded

Partially self-funded

Neither, I have a full scholarship/grant OR my university fees are paid by my employer, government or other organization.

Follow-up Question about Partial Funding

If you are partially self-funded, were you able to make your own decision about where to study?

Yes

No, I was not able to decide on my own where to study. I was told I must study in the UK by my sponsor.

Follow-up Question about Scholarship/Sponsorship

Although you have a full scholarship/grant OR your university fees are paid by your employer, government or other organization, were you able to make your own decision about where to study?

jm Yes

jm No, I was not able to decide on my own where to study. I was told I must study in the UK by my sponsor.

Preliminary Question 7

Are you pursuing a degree in one of the following disciplines: law, engineering, business/management, physical and life sciences, mathematics, OR computer science (IT)?

Yes

No

Biographical Information

What is your gender?

Male

Female

Biographical Information (cont.)

What is your age?

Under 20 years old

31-35 years old

over 45 years old

20-25 years old

36-40 years old

26-30 years old

41-45 years old

Biographical Information (cont.)

What university in the UK are you currently attending?

University of Nottingham

Other (please give your university's name below)

Biographical Information (cont.)

At what level are you currently studying?

Master's (taught or research)

PhD (taught or research)

Other (please specify)

Biographical Information (cont.)

What is your area of study? (Please choose the category that best fits your area of study.)

Law

Business/management

Mathematics

Engineering

Physical and life sciences

Computer science (IT)

Other (only select this option if your area of study does not fit into any of the above categories)

Biographical Information (cont.)

What is your year of study?

1st year

3rd year

5th year

2nd year

4th year

6th year

Other (please specify)

Biographical Information (cont.)

In which year and month did you begin your current course of study? (Please respond using this format MM/YYYY, e.g. 09/2007)

Biographical Information (cont.)

How long is your course in years?

Less than 1 year

2 years

4 years

1 year

3 years

More than 4 years

Biographical Information (cont.)

Where were you born?

India

Japan

Taiwan

China

Korea

Other (please specify the country/area)

Biographical Information (cont.)

Where do you mainly reside?

India

Japan

Taiwan

China

Korea

Other (please specify the country/area)

Biographical Information (cont.)

Where do you identify as your 'home'?

India

Japan

Taiwan

China

Korea

Other (please specify the country/area)

Biographical Information (cont.)

What is your marital status?

Single

Widowed

Married

Divorced

Other (please specify)

Biographical Information (cont.)

Do you have dependent children?

Yes

No

Biographical Information (cont.)

Are your children living with you in the UK?

Yes

No

Not applicable

Biographical Information (cont.)

How long have you been in the United Kingdom?

Biographical Information (cont.)

Is your partner/spouse living with you in the United Kingdom?

Yes

No

Biographical Information (cont.)

Have you studied in any other countries besides the UK and your home country?

Yes

No

If yes, where did you study and what qualifications did you receive?

Biographical Information (cont.)

Are any of your family members/friends currently studying overseas or have they studied overseas in the past?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate who and where they studied.

Reasons for Studying Overseas

Did you consider studying at your current level of study in your home country?

Yes

No

If yes, why? If no, why not?

Reasons for Studying Overseas (cont.)

What reasons were important to you in deciding to study overseas in general?

Reasons for Studying Overseas (cont.)

Please list below, IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, the names of the countries (up to 5) which you considered for study.

Country 1	<input type="text"/>
Country 2	<input type="text"/>
Country 3	<input type="text"/>
Country 4	<input type="text"/>
Country 5	<input type="text"/>

According to your list of preferred countries in the previous question, please tick the action you took to pursue study in that country.

	Gathered Information	Applied to a University	Accepted to a University	Applied for a Visa	Was Accepted for a Visa
Country 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reasons for Studying Overseas (cont.)

Do you still think study in the UK was a good choice for you?

Yes

No

Can't say

If yes, why?/ If no, why not?/ If you can't say, please explain.

Reasons for Studying Overseas (cont.)

Was the UK your first choice for country of study?

Yes

No

If no, why not?

Reasons for Studying Overseas (cont.)

What reasons were important to you in choosing a particular COUNTRY for study?

Reasons for Studying Overseas (cont.)

Please give the THREE main reasons, IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE, why you chose to study in the UK?

Reason 1

Reason 2

Reason 3

Reasons for Studying Overseas (cont.)

Is there anything else you would like to add about your reasons for choosing to study overseas or choosing to study in the UK?

Reasons for Studying Overseas (cont.)

Do you plan to return to your home country when you have completed your studies or do something else?

Return home

Something else

If something else, what?

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If you considered the United States of America for study and are willing to participate in a follow-up interview, please provide your name and contact information below.

Name (surname, first name)

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Thank you

Thank you for taking time to answer this survey.

The End

You are now finished! Thank you for your time and cooperation.