



MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION:	President, Vice-Presidents, Deans, Chairs, Directors	DATE:	October 27, 2021
FROM:	Vicky Leung, Junior Analyst	PAGES:	1 of 5
RE:	Fall 2021 International Student Report		

Enclosed is the fall 2021 International Student report. For the purposes of this report, a student is defined as international if s/he is attending SFU while on a student, visitor, diplomatic or minister’s visa. This is regardless of whether the student is paying the full international fee, the grandfathered international fee, or some other fee. Please note that there have been some sizable changes in the enrolment patterns of international students in fall 2020 and fall 2021 mainly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Table 1 provides information on undergraduate international students. This fall, 5,288 international students registered at SFU, a decrease of 3.0% over last fall. There are 785 undergraduate students from India, an increase of 17.9% from the previous fall. International students represent 20.7% of the total undergraduate population. 43.2% of international undergraduates are from China.

Table 2 provides information on graduate international students. This fall, 1,600 international students registered at SFU, an increase of 8.7% over last fall. There were 291 graduate students from Iran this fall, which represents an increase of 18.8% from the previous fall. International students make up 34.0% of the graduate student population. Students from China (23.5%), Iran (18.2%), India (15.5%), and the United States (10.8%) make up 67.9% of the international population.

Tables 3 and 4 provide a measure of SFU’s international diversity from another perspective. Table 3 reports all undergraduate students by country of high school graduation. Table 4 reports all graduate students by country of earned bachelor’s degree.

Table 3 shows that 21% of undergraduates attending SFU this fall graduated from a foreign high school.

Table 4 shows that 29% of graduate students attending SFU this fall earned their bachelor’s degree outside of Canada. Of the remainder, 46% earned their bachelor’s degree within Canada and 25% did not have a country specified in the Student Information System where their bachelor degree was earned from.

Please contact me at 24525 if there are any questions pertaining to the enclosed.

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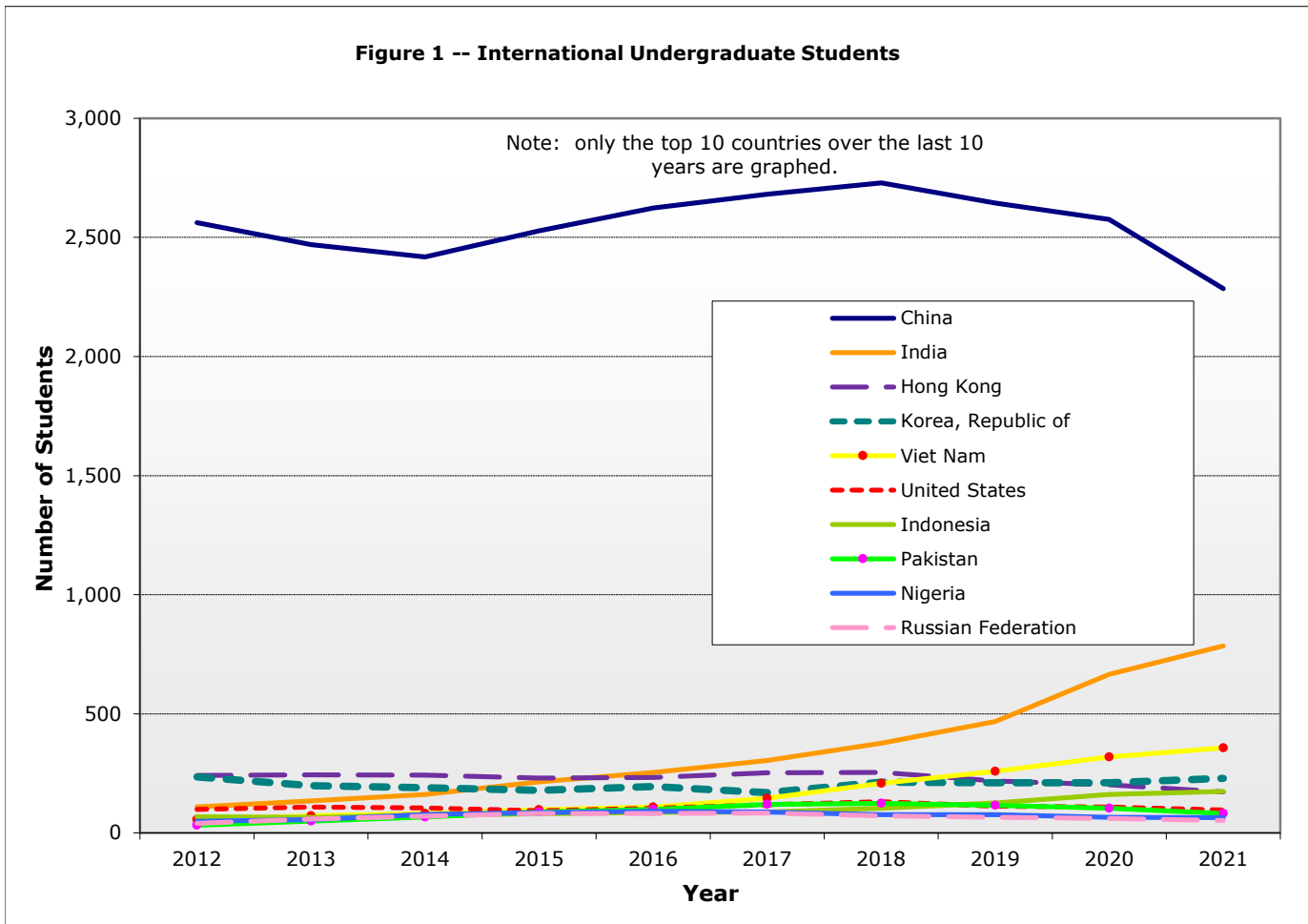
Enclosure

Fall 2021 International Student Report
 Table 1 - Fall International Undergraduate Students by Country of Citizenship

Country of Citizenship	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Fall 2021	
											% of Tot	Cum %
China	2,562	2,470	2,418	2,527	2,623	2,681	2,729	2,645	2,576	2,285	43.2%	43.2%
India	109	134	161	214	253	304	377	467	666	785	14.8%	58.1%
Viet Nam	55	72	81	97	109	145	208	258	319	357	6.8%	64.8%
Korea, Republic of	235	198	190	179	194	169	213	211	211	229	4.3%	69.1%
Bangladesh	9	11	19	21	38	54	63	92	134	176	3.3%	72.5%
Indonesia	68	65	74	80	86	88	103	126	161	174	3.3%	75.8%
Hong Kong	241	244	242	230	233	252	254	218	202	172	3.3%	79.0%
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	22	28	22	22	16	22	31	58	88	109	2.1%	81.1%
United States	98	109	105	93	104	118	131	112	108	96	1.8%	82.9%
Pakistan	32	50	67	88	99	119	124	116	104	81	1.5%	84.4%
Nigeria	49	56	78	85	91	87	77	76	65	64	1.2%	85.6%
Kenya	9	18	27	34	28	27	25	41	50	53	1.0%	86.6%
Taiwan	87	72	56	51	50	45	49	43	54	52	1.0%	87.6%
Russian Federation	40	58	70	82	81	83	72	66	60	52	1.0%	88.6%
Other	653	634	647	654	683	714	777	796	655	603	11.4%	100.0%
Total International UG	4,269	4,219	4,257	4,457	4,688	4,908	5,233	5,325	5,453	5,288	100.0%	
Total UG Students	25,259	25,564	25,215	25,321	25,366	25,343	25,649	25,425	25,700	25,595		
% International	16.9%	16.5%	16.9%	17.6%	18.5%	19.4%	20.4%	20.9%	21.2%	20.7%		

Notes: a) Includes international students registered in the fall on student, diplomatic, minister or visitor visas. b) Only countries representing at least 1% of the international undergraduate population in fall 2021 are reported. All other countries are included under "Other", which includes a list of 136 countries. c) Source: oasis.

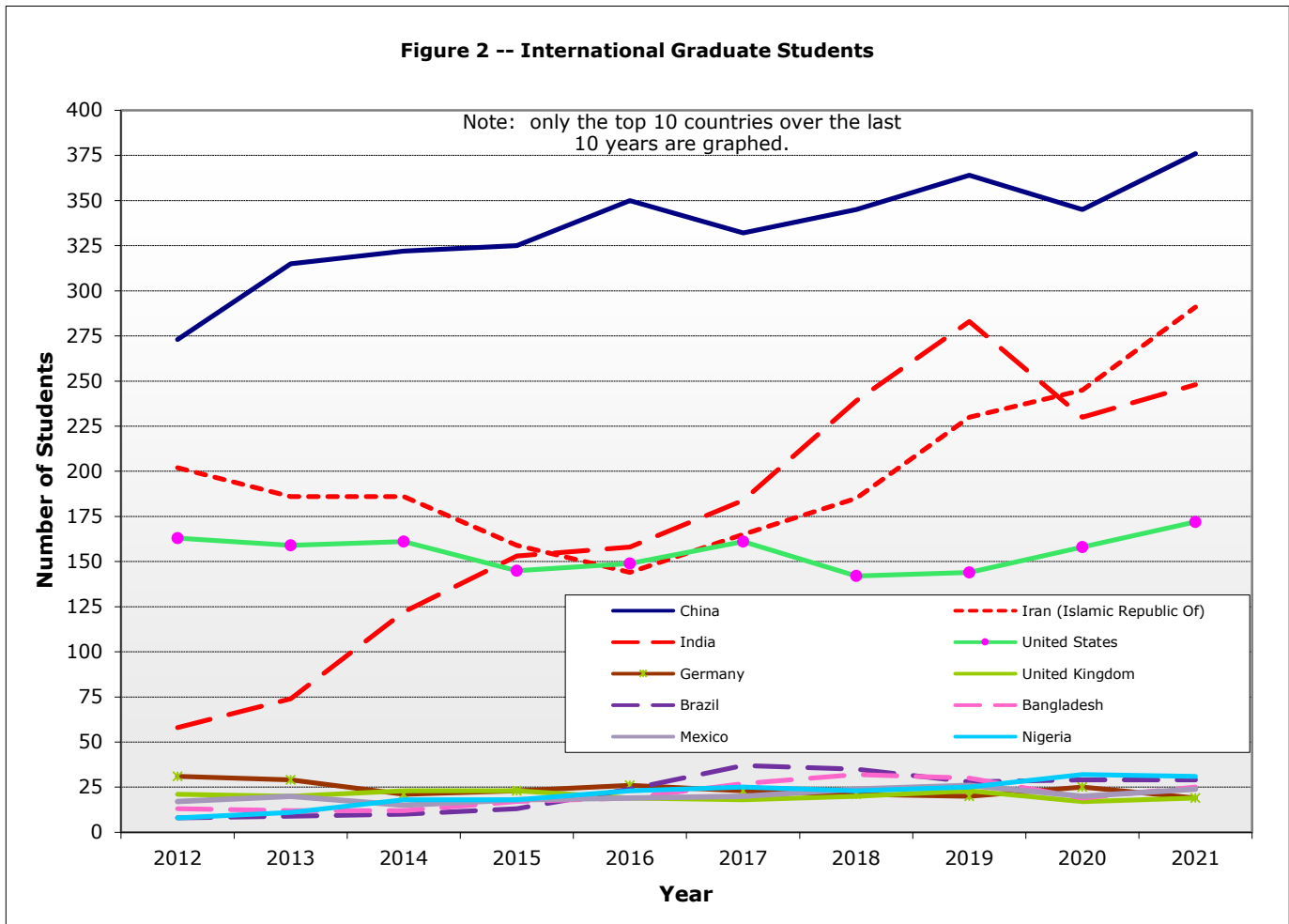
Figure 1 -- International Undergraduate Students



**Fall 2021 International Student Report
Table 2 - Fall International Graduate Students by Country of Citizenship**

Country of Citizenship	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Fall 2021	
											% of Tot	Cum %
China	273	315	322	325	350	332	345	364	345	376	23.5%	23.5%
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	202	186	186	159	144	165	185	230	245	291	18.2%	41.7%
India	58	74	122	153	158	184	239	283	230	248	15.5%	57.2%
United States	163	159	161	145	149	161	142	144	158	172	10.8%	67.9%
Pakistan	6	13	13	17	20	17	19	16	17	31	1.9%	69.9%
Nigeria	8	11	18	18	23	25	23	25	32	31	1.9%	71.8%
Brazil	8	9	10	13	24	37	35	28	29	29	1.8%	73.6%
Korea, Republic of	15	16	15	14	16	23	23	23	27	28	1.8%	75.4%
Bangladesh	13	12	12	17	19	27	32	30	19	25	1.6%	76.9%
Mexico	17	20	15	18	19	20	24	26	20	24	1.5%	78.4%
Hong Kong	6	6	9	10	9	10	11	10	9	21	1.3%	79.8%
United Kingdom	21	20	23	23	19	18	20	23	17	19	1.2%	80.9%
Germany	31	29	21	23	26	23	21	20	25	19	1.2%	82.1%
Ghana	3	10	9	11	10	10	13	18	18	17	1.1%	83.2%
Other	251	251	281	290	293	309	309	303	281	269	16.8%	100.0%
Total International GR	1,075	1,131	1,217	1,236	1,279	1,361	1,441	1,543	1,472	1,600	100.0%	
Total GR Students	4,382	4,334	4,293	4,264	4,432	4,739	4,777	4,782	4,686	4,701		
% International	24.5%	26.1%	28.3%	29.0%	28.9%	28.7%	30.2%	32.3%	31.4%	34.0%		

Notes: a) Includes international students registered in the fall on student, diplomatic, minister or visitor visas. b) Only countries representing at least 1% of the international graduate population in fall 2021 are reported. All other countries are included under "Other", which includes a list of 123 countries. c) Source: oasis.



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Table 3 - Fall 2021 Undergraduate Students by Country of Secondary School Completion

Country of Secondary School Completion	New Students				Continuing Students				Grand Total	% of Total
	Domestic	Perm Resident	Visa	Total	Domestic	Perm Resident	Visa	Total		
Canada	3,891	194	232	4,317	14,101	878	659	15,638	19,955	78%
Foreign	121	66	507	694	491	388	3,862	4,741	5,435	21%
China	8	14	173	195	25	84	1,562	1,671	1,866	
India	3	7	61	71	17	61	642	720	791	
United States	36	4	26	66	87	15	122	224	290	
Hong Kong	21	2	20	43	115	7	111	233	276	
Viet Nam		2	19	21	4	12	237	253	274	
Indonesia			33	33	6	3	142	151	184	
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	6	6	9	21	35	47	74	156	177	
Bangladesh			30	30	1	2	134	137	167	
Korea, Republic of	2	2	9	13	11	8	68	87	100	
United Arab Emirates	2		11	13	16	7	51	74	87	
Kenya		3	4	7	7	7	62	76	83	
Pakistan	4		6	10	9	4	56	69	79	
Nigeria		1	7	8	4	5	50	59	67	
Russian Federation		3	7	10	2	3	33	38	48	
Kazakhstan			4	4	1	1	42	44	48	
Philippines	2	1	3	6	12	17	12	41	47	
Singapore	1		2	3	9	5	27	41	44	
United Kingdom	6	1	2	9	10	10	14	34	43	
Taiwan	4	1	3	8	7	2	25	34	42	
Malaysia	1		3	4	4	3	29	36	40	
Japan	1		7	8	2	4	25	31	39	
Saudi Arabia	4		4	8	9	3	13	25	33	
Turkey	1			1	3	2	24	29	30	
Mexico	3		4	7	3	4	15	22	29	
Ukraine			3	3	1	2	22	25	28	
Tanzania, United Republic of	1		3	4			20	20	24	
Brazil			4	4	2	3	11	16	20	
Colombia			2	2			18	18	20	
South Africa	2		3	5	3	4	8	15	20	
Zimbabwe			1	1		2	16	18	19	
Egypt			1	1	4	3	10	17	18	
Jordan	1	1	1	3	5	6	2	13	16	
Mauritius	1			1	1	2	12	15	16	
Thailand			2	2	5		8	13	15	
Australia	1	2	1	4	5	4	2	11	15	
Qatar		1	4	5	2	1	7	10	15	
Other	10	15	35	60	64	45	156	265	325	
Unspecified	59	4	2	65	108	6	26	140	205	1%
Grand Total	4,071	264	741	5,076	14,700	1,272	4,547	20,519	25,595	100%

Notes:

- Only countries with ≥15 students are listed.
- "Other" includes a list of 94 countries.
- "Unspecified" includes students who do not have a high school reported on the Student Information System.
eg. students who were not admitted on the basis of their secondary school work such as university, technical institute and college transfers, students who enter SFU with a degree from another institution, special and mature students.

Source: visa.stdts.grad.inst.prg

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Table 4 - Fall 2021 Graduate Students by Country of First Degree

Country of First Degree	New Students				Continuing Students				Grand Total	% of Total
	Domestic	Perm Resident	Visa	Total	Domestic	Perm Resident	Visa	Total		
Canada	471	35	45	551	1,436	78	93	1,607	2,158	46%
Foreign	43	34	338	415	112	114	704	930	1,345	29%
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	3	3	57	63	14	14	182	210	273	
United States	14	2	56	72	20	7	92	119	191	
India	6	5	73	84	11	12	78	101	185	
China	4	8	44	56	8	20	96	124	180	
United Kingdom	3	2	7	12	14	6	7	27	39	
Brazil	1	1	2	4	4	6	22	32	36	
Bangladesh	1		12	13		4	9	13	26	
Nigeria			8	8	1	2	15	18	26	
Mexico	2		3	5	4	3	14	21	26	
Pakistan		1	10	11		3	11	14	25	
Korea, Republic of		2	7	9		1	13	14	23	
Australia	1		9	10	4	3	5	12	22	
Hong Kong		1	8	9	2	2	9	13	22	
Ghana			5	5			11	11	16	
Turkey		1	2	3	2		10	12	15	
Germany			1	1		1	11	12	13	
Colombia			4	4	3		4	7	11	
Egypt	1		1	2	1	3	4	8	10	
Peru			4	4		1	4	5	9	
Taiwan			2	2	2		5	7	9	
Singapore	1	1	2	4			4	4	8	
Sri Lanka			3	3			5	5	8	
France			1	1	1		5	6	7	
Viet Nam		2	1	3	1		3	4	7	
Ukraine					1	3	3	7	7	
Italy			1	1	1	1	3	5	6	
Netherlands			2	2		1	3	4	6	
Philippines			1	1		1	4	5	6	
South Africa						3	3	6	6	
Ecuador			1	1	1		3	4	5	
Ireland	1	1		2		2	1	3	5	
New Zealand					3	1	1	5	5	
Nepal					1		4	5	5	
Russian Federation					1		4	5	5	
Japan		1	1	2	1		2	3	5	
Other	22	8	123	153	45	35	328	408	561	
Unspecified	235	19	180	434	481	43	240	764	1198	25%
Grand Total	749	88	563	1,400	2,029	235	1,037	3,301	4,701	100%

Notes:

- Only countries with ≥ 5 students are listed. All other countries are included under "Other".
- "Other" includes a list of 51 countries.
- "Unspecified" includes students who do not have a bachelor's degree reported on the Student Information System.
eg. Students whose admission was based on a master's or Phd degree from another institution.

Source: visa.stdts.grad.inst.prg