

About the International Unit

- The Higher Education International Unit exists to:
 - Help universities **build capacity** to participate in international opportunities
 - Provide **information**, intelligence and guidance
 - Shape UK and other governments' **policy**
 - **Represent** the UK higher education internationally



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Some examples of what we do...

- **Represent the sector**
 - Discussions with other governments (eligibility lists, HE reform etc)
 - UKIERI, UK China Partners In Education
 - Advises UK government eg: priorities, new initiatives etc

- **Influence European Union**
 - Horizon 2020, Erasmus +, Bologna Process
 - Copyright, Data Protection

- **New relationships and opportunities**
 - Inward and outward visits eg Indonesia, India, Mexico, Peru.
 - Science without Borders, PRONABEC, DIKTI etc

- **Build capacity**
 - HE Global, Go International Programme

UK higher education: Overview

- 2.3 million students
 - 1.8 million undergraduate
 - 539,000 postgraduate
 - 395,000 staff

- 161 Higher education institutions

- £28 billion total income

- 13% of all international students choose the UK
 - 125,295 EU
 - 299,970 Non-EU

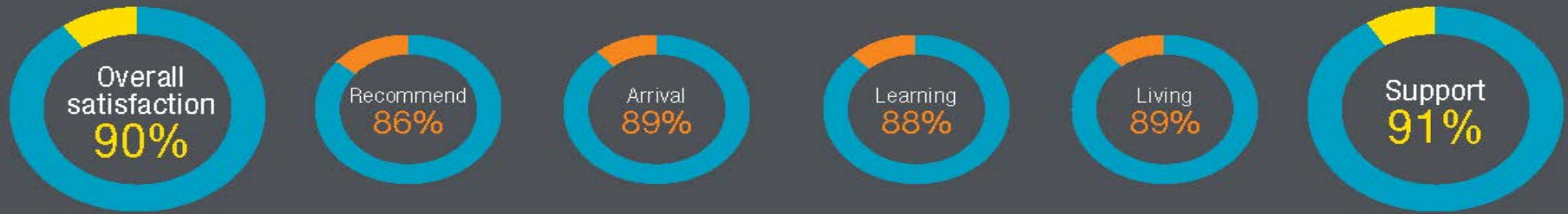
Features of UK higher education

- Highly **autonomous** - underpinned by structures to ensure quality of teaching
- **Diverse** and high quality
- **Highly performing and efficient:**
 - Education: high student satisfaction and employability
 - Research: high quality and productivity
 - Relations with business and the community
- **International** character

Highly recommended, affordable

STUDENT SATISFACTION AND THE COST OF STUDY IN THE UK

Of the top 3 English speaking international student destinations, a UK education is the most affordable



Global Innovation Index

MOVEMENT OF THE TOP 10 OF THE GII

The UK is second in the world on the global innovation index (GII), which measures innovation capabilities

RANKING	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	SCORE
1	Switzerland	Switzerland	Switzerland	Switzerland	Switzerland	65.78
2	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	63.36
3	Singapore	Singapore	United Kingdom	Sweden	Sweden	63.28
4	Hong Kong, China	Finland	Netherlands	Finland	Netherlands	61.65
5	Finland	United Kingdom	United States	Netherlands	United States	61.55
6	Denmark	Netherlands	Finland	United States	Finland	61.05
7	United States	Denmark	Hong Kong, China	Singapore	Singapore	60.20
8	Canada	Hong Kong, China	Singapore	Denmark	Ireland	58.47
9	Netherlands	Ireland	Denmark	Luxembourg	Luxembourg	57.80
10	United Kingdom	United States	Ireland	Hong Kong, China	Denmark	57.76

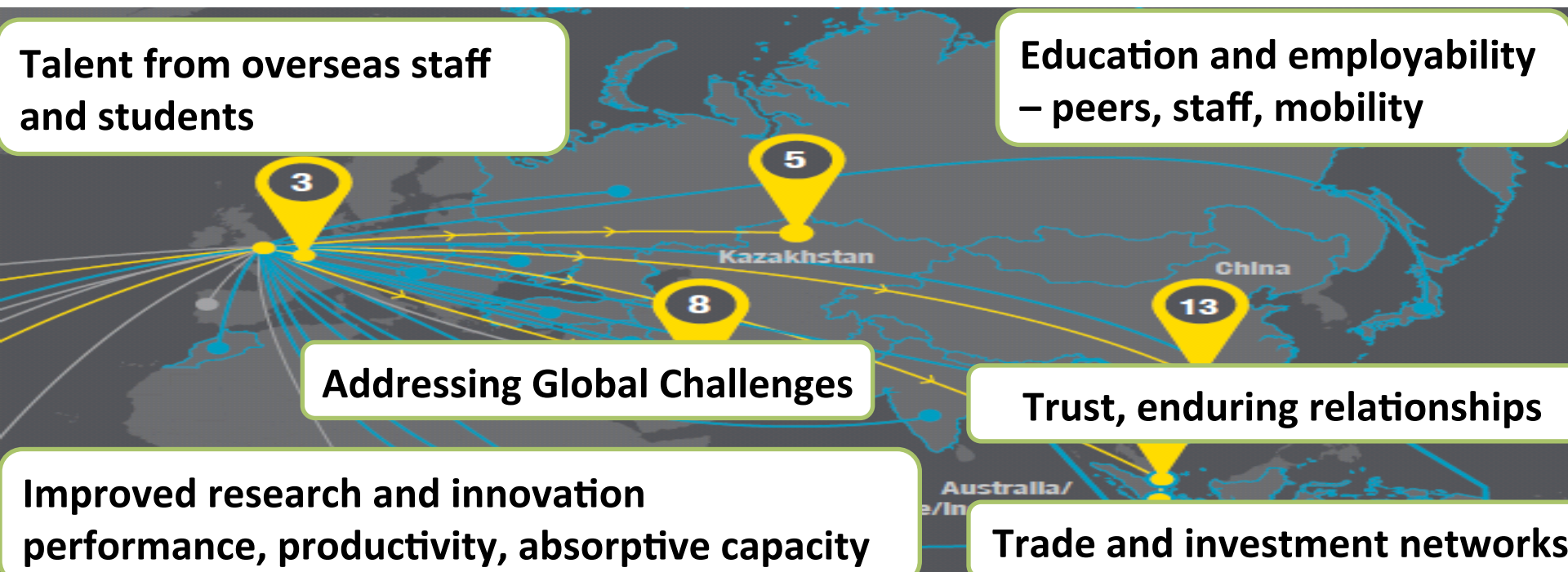
Internationalisation at the heart of excellence

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Virtuous cycle for universities:

- Internationally co-authored work more likely to achieve a higher citation impact, internationally mobile researchers more productive, internationally mobile students more employable
- Excellence of teaching and research supports internationalisation

Strategic national benefits:



UK HE: increasingly international

- 1 in 6 (17%) students in the UK are international
- 1 in 5 £ of research grants and contracts come from overseas
- 1 in 4 of all academic HE staff are international
- 1 in 2 (48%) articles have an international co-author
- 2 in 3 (63%) academics have an international affiliation
- 3 in 4 of UK HEIs engaged in TNE – providing a UK qualification outside the UK
- Second most popular destination for international students – 12.6%

