# HOW TO USE CONCEPTS, DATA, AND PROCESSES TO DRIVE COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS PERFORMANCE

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#### **Introduction and Housekeeping**

International recruiting trends and implications for admissions

**Concepts, processes, and analytics – critical admissions functions** 

**Views from Langara** 

Views from UBC

Break out session with case studies

**Roundtable discussion** 

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- Ajay Patel, Langara College
- Participants
  - Individual introductions

# **WORKSHOP TIMELINE**

- 13:30 13:45 Introductions and baseline setting
- 13:45 14:00 A survey overview on international recruiting trends and implications for admissions
- 14:00 14:20 Concepts, processes, and analytics perspectives on critical admissions performance functions
- 14:20 14:25 Tea break
- 14:25 14:50 Views from Langara
- 14:50 15:15 Views from UBC
- 15:15 15:20 Tea Break
- 15:20 16:05 Break out session with case studies and discussion
- 16:05 16:30 Roundtable discussion (as needed)

# FRAMING THE WORKSHOP: THE INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS LANDSCAPE

- International student admissions has moved into the center of performance discussion for many BC higher education institutions.
- Until recently, recruiting pipelines and thus enrollments seemed to know only one direction up. But times are changing.
- Some BC institutions are experiencing a softening of the application pipeline while others continue to experience challenges with converting applicants into students.

- This workshop addresses the needs of institutions by discussing international student admissions along three major perspectives:
  - First, the strategic and operational concepts driving admissions. Contrary to long-standing practices, admissions is actually a function of both extended recruiting operations as well as retention – not some rigid, disembodied obstacle.
  - Second, admissions has to rely on data and its close cousin, analytics. A wide gulf seems to have opened regarding the potential of an admissions model relying on deep, predictive analytics and many current models which remain transactional and stuck with elementary statistical measures.
  - Third, fundamental process re-designs are typically in order to ready an institution's admissions function for timely, granular, segment-centric, and effective behavior.
- These topics are addressed by practitioners and analysts with a view of providing workshop participants with an interactive learning experience.

- How would you describe your core function within your organization bring students in ("recruiter"), or keep them out ("gatekeeper")?
- What do you think are the top three issues in international student admissions in your organization?
- What kind of trends to you see re-shaping international admissions in the years to come?
- How do you acquire new information? How do you train?
- Do you think your experiences are typical for a BC institution?



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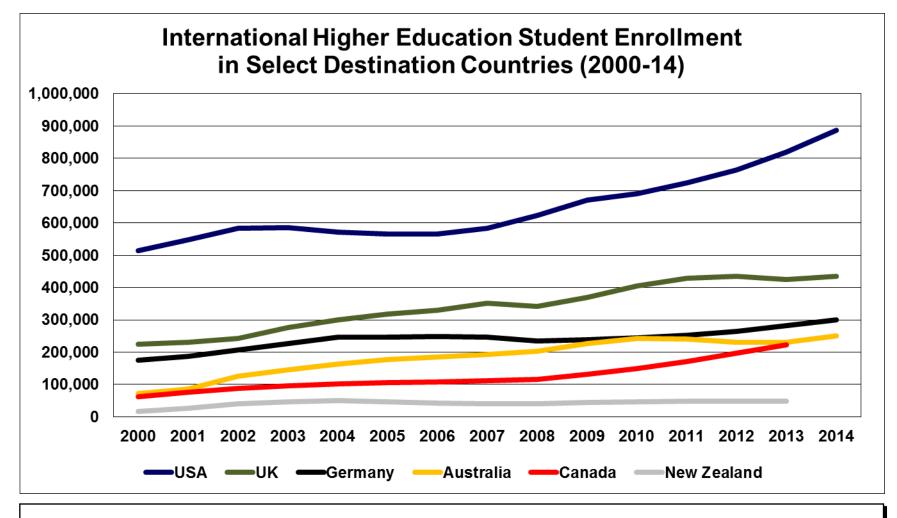
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# **The Global Recruiting Landscape**

# INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS IN SELECT DESTINATION COUNTRIES

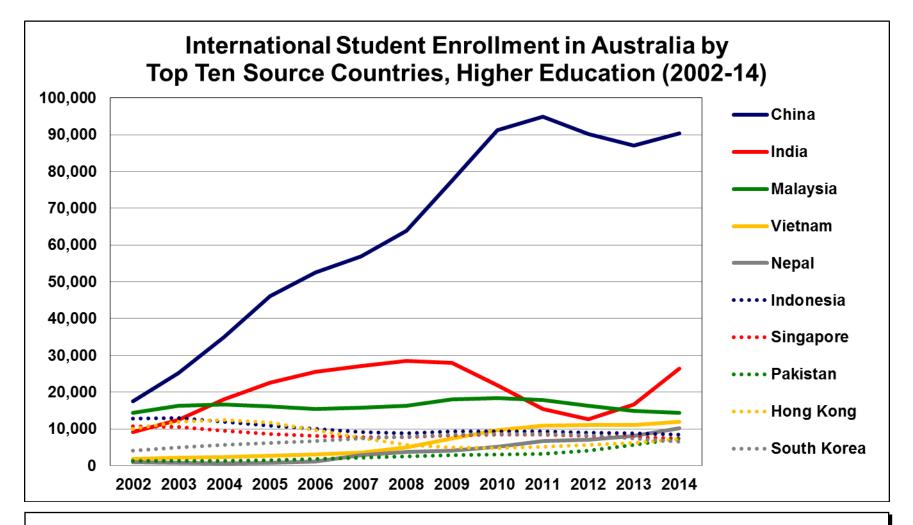


#### International education has been growing

Notes: Methodology revised for Australia between 2001 and 2002 and for the UK between 2007 and 2008. Source: CIC, DAAD-DZHW, DET, HESA, IIE.

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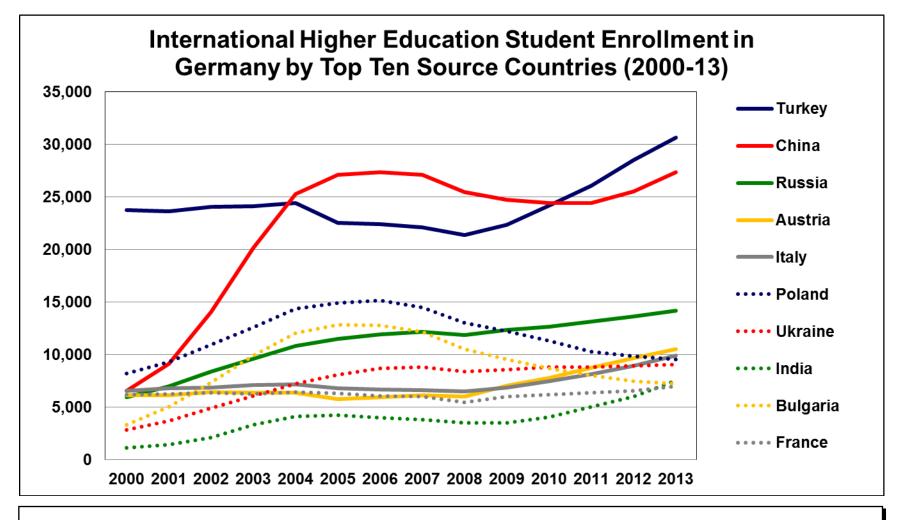
# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIA International Higher Education Enrollment by Top Ten Source Countries



#### India and China have driven growth dynamics – up and down

Source: DET. ICG © 2015

# **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN GERMANY** International Higher Education Students by Top Ten Source Countries



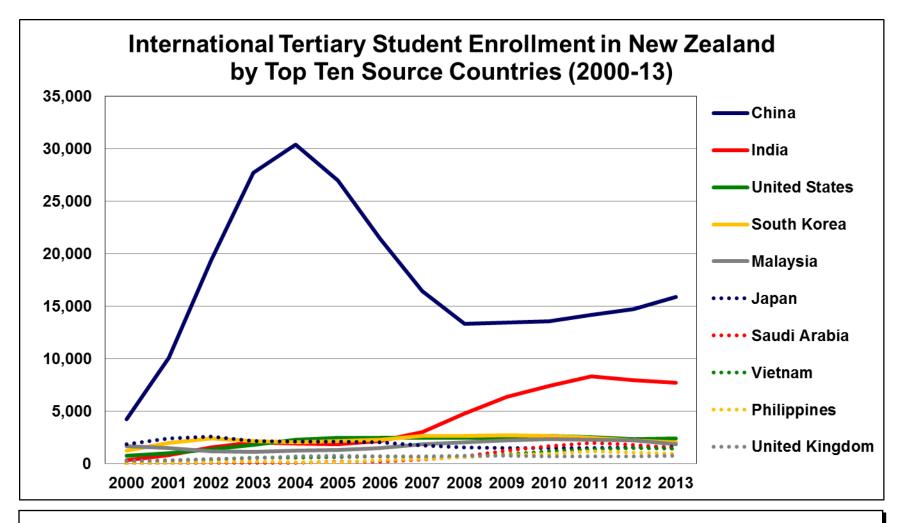
#### **European countries drive enrollments**

Notes: Includes Bildungsausländer and Bildungsinländer.

Source: DAAD-DZHW.

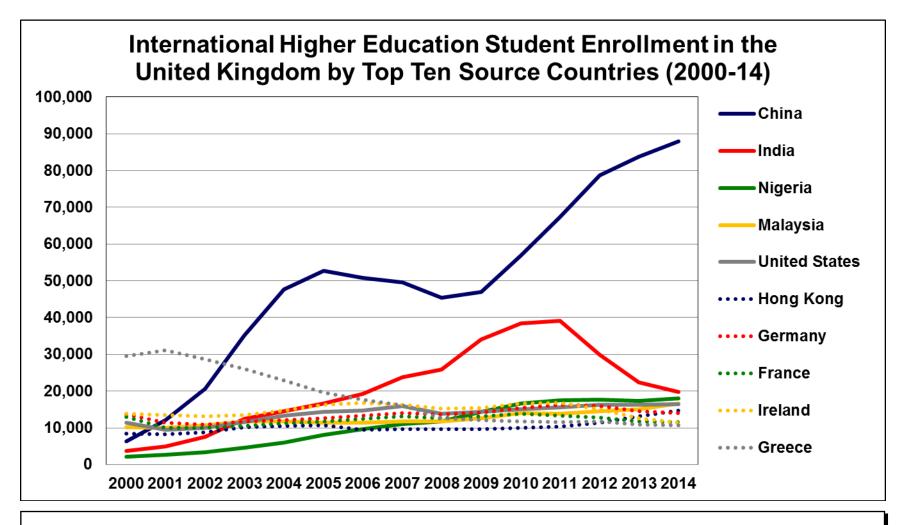
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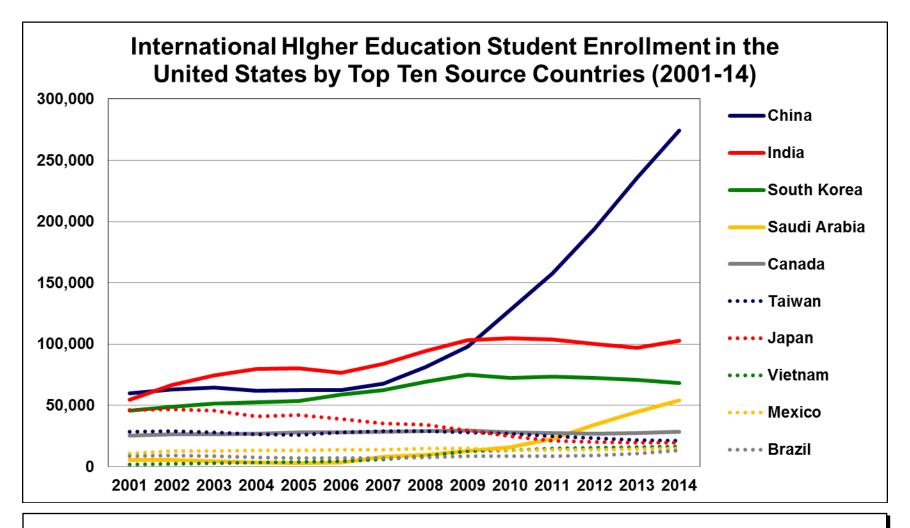
### China and India dominate, all other enroll at significantly lower levels

Source: NZ MoE. ICG © 2015



#### Downturns from a few key markets beginning in 2011

Source: HESA. ICG © 2015



#### Enrollments are up, but...

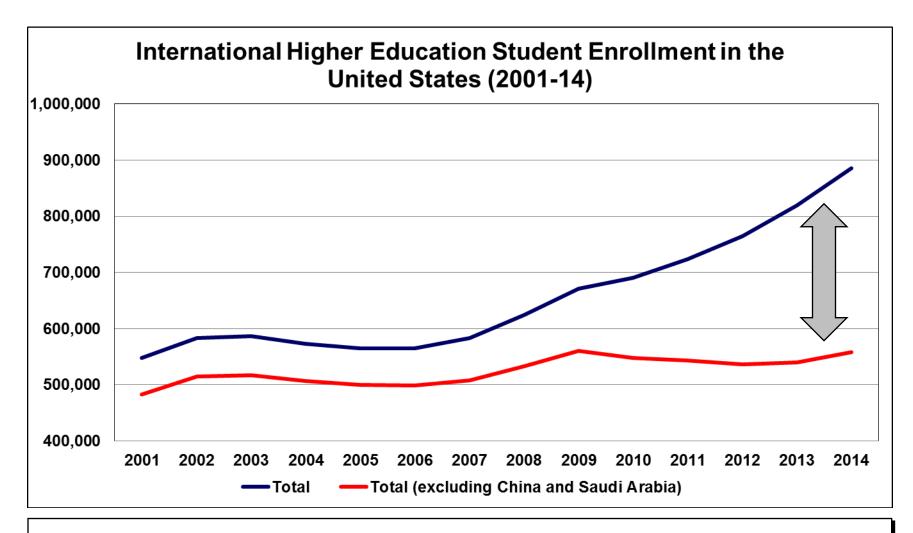
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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES The U.S. Juggernaut is a Mirage



#### ... essentially being driven by two countries.

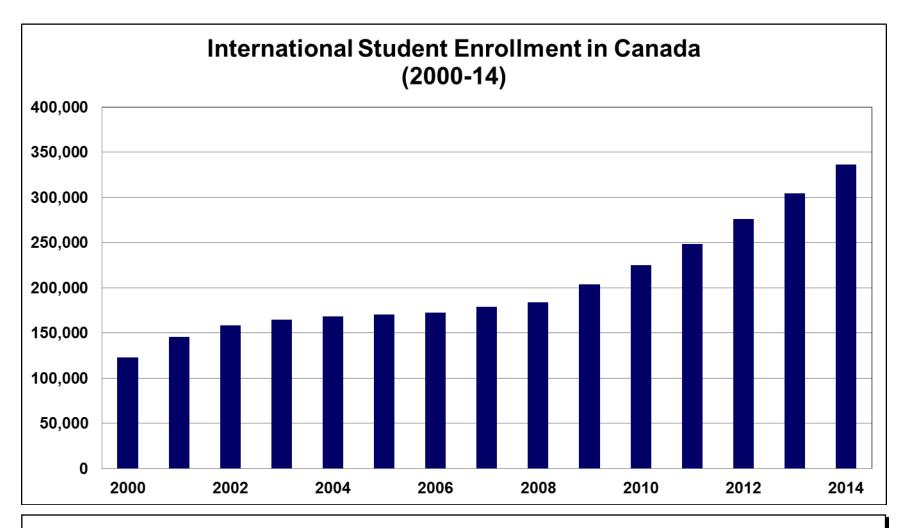
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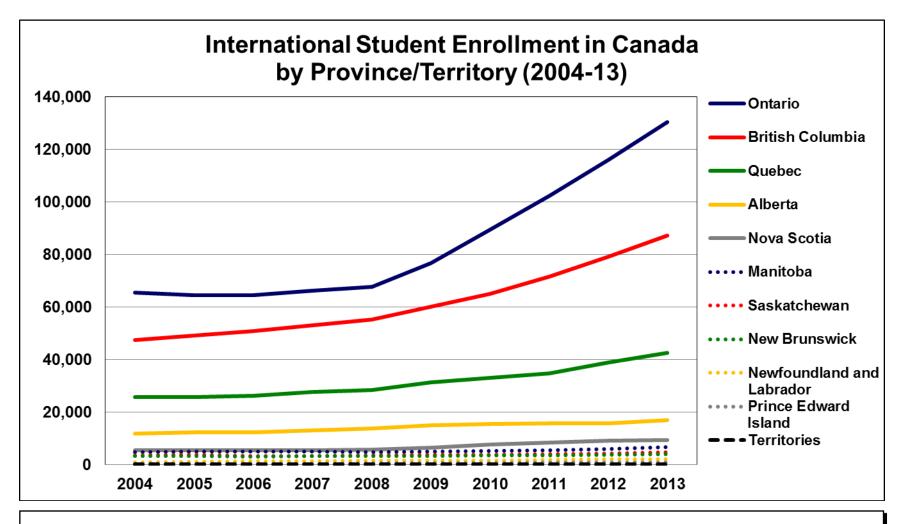
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# **The Canadian Story**

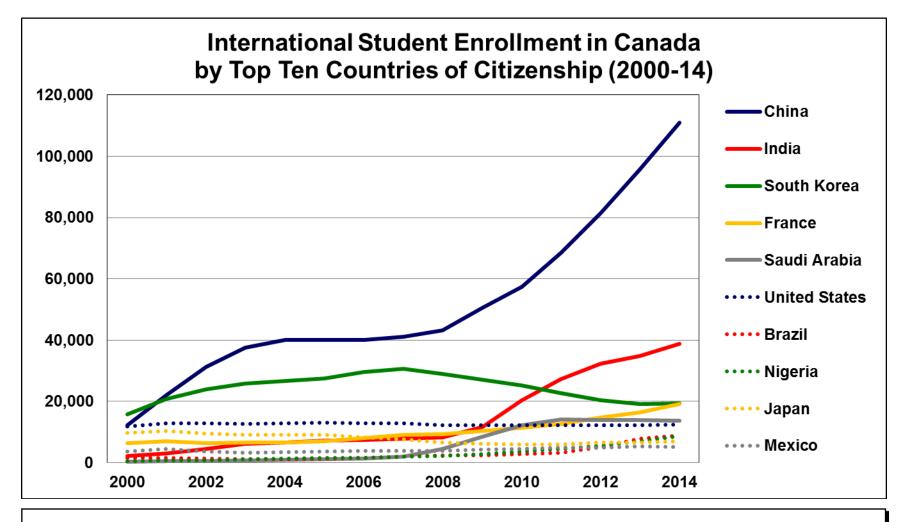


Year-over-year growth consistently exceeding 10% since 2008



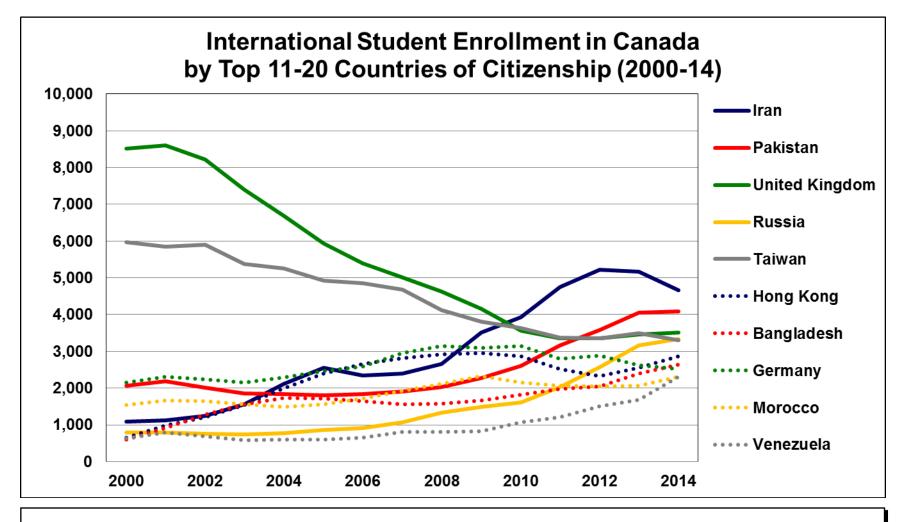
#### Consistently around 30 percent of international students enrolled in BC

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN CANADA** International Student Enrollment by Top Ten Source Countries



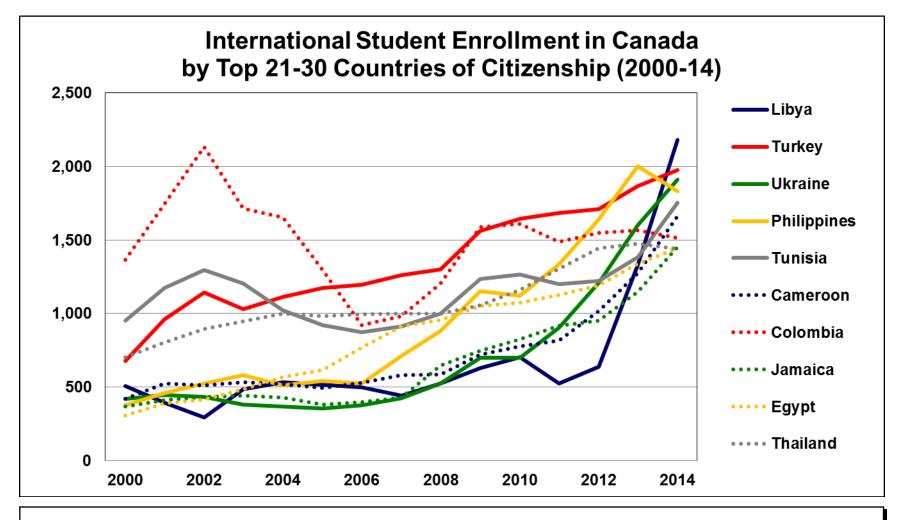
#### A third of students come from China – from 10% in 2000

# **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN CANADA** International Student Enrollment by Top 11-20 Source Countries



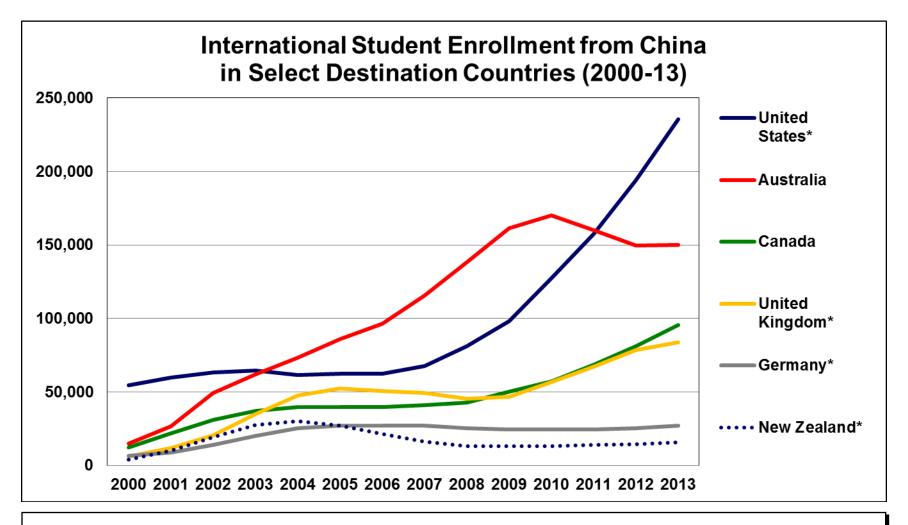
The UK and Taiwan once appeared as leading sending countries

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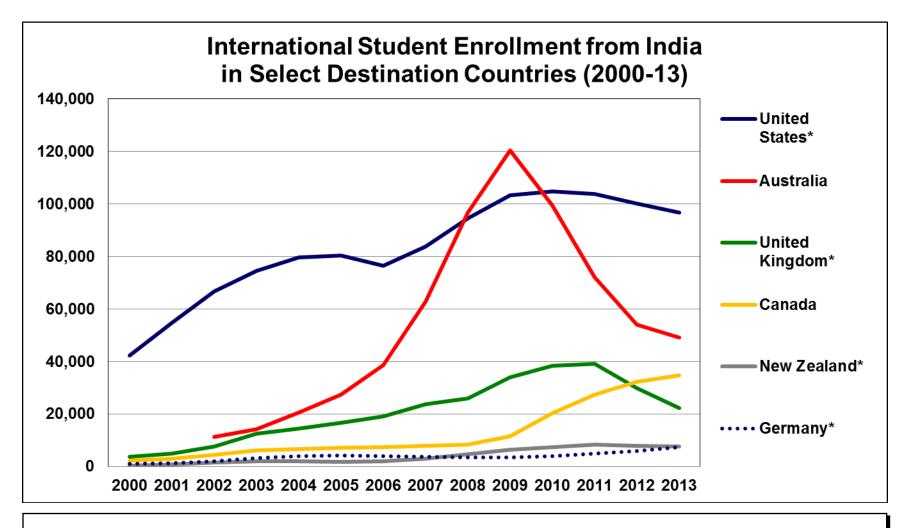
### Enrollment doubling or tripling from some countries over a short period

# **Mobility Trends in Current Key Markets**

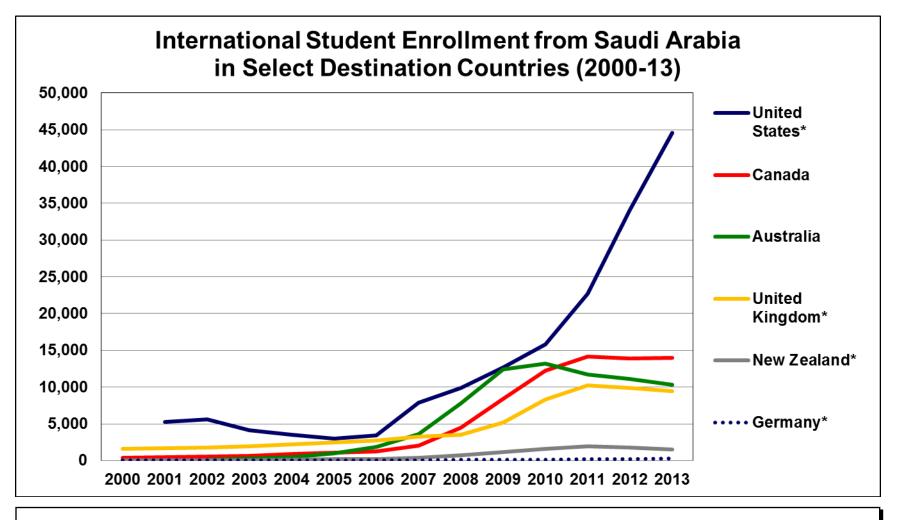


### Divergent growth dynamics – The US is the lead destination by far

### COMPETITION DYNAMICS IN KEY RECRUITING MARKETS International Student Enrollment from India

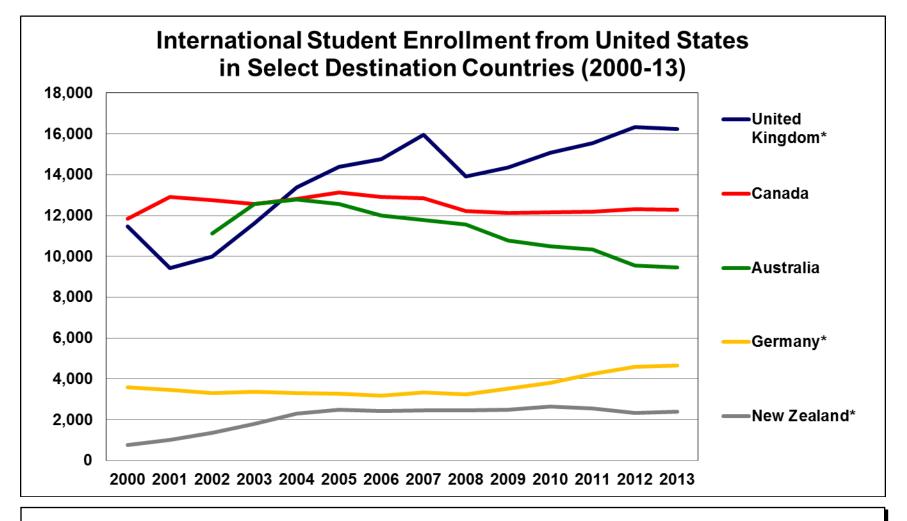


#### The Indian market is characterized by volatility

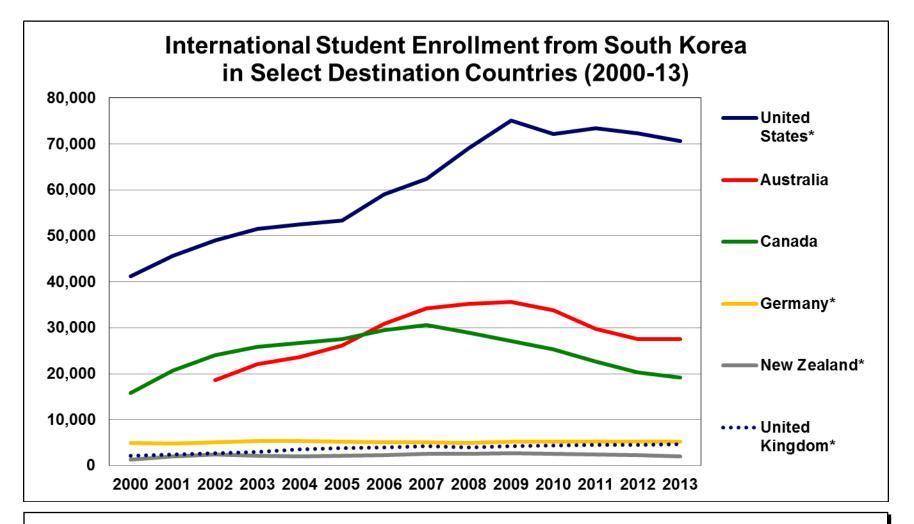


### Only the U.S. is experiencing sustained growth

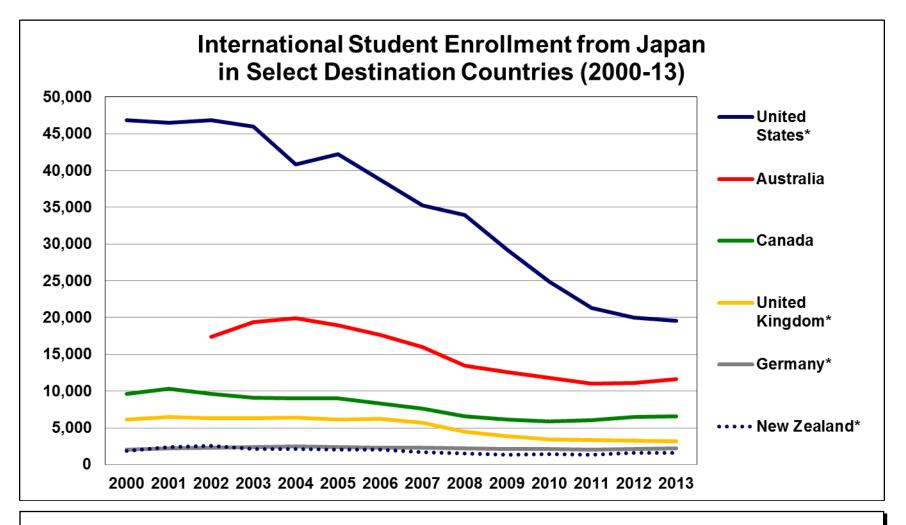
### COMPETITION DYNAMICS IN KEY RECRUITING MARKETS International Student Enrollment from the United States



#### The US is a complex market – UBC, UofT have been successful



South Korea has become a maintenance market; declines prevalent in K-12 (not displayed)



#### A long slide – there is no escaping demographics

Notes: Includes higher education only.

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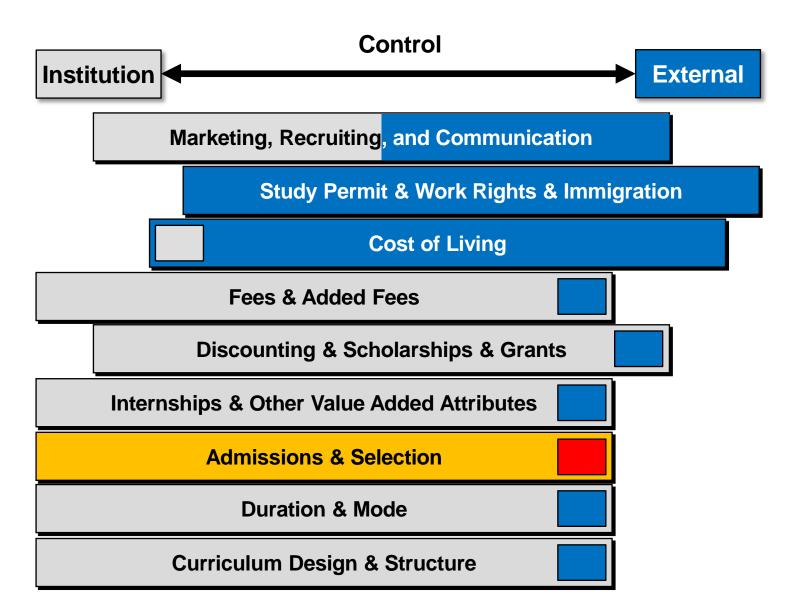
**Roundtable discussion** 

### CONCEPTS, PROCESSES, AND ANALYTICS Overview

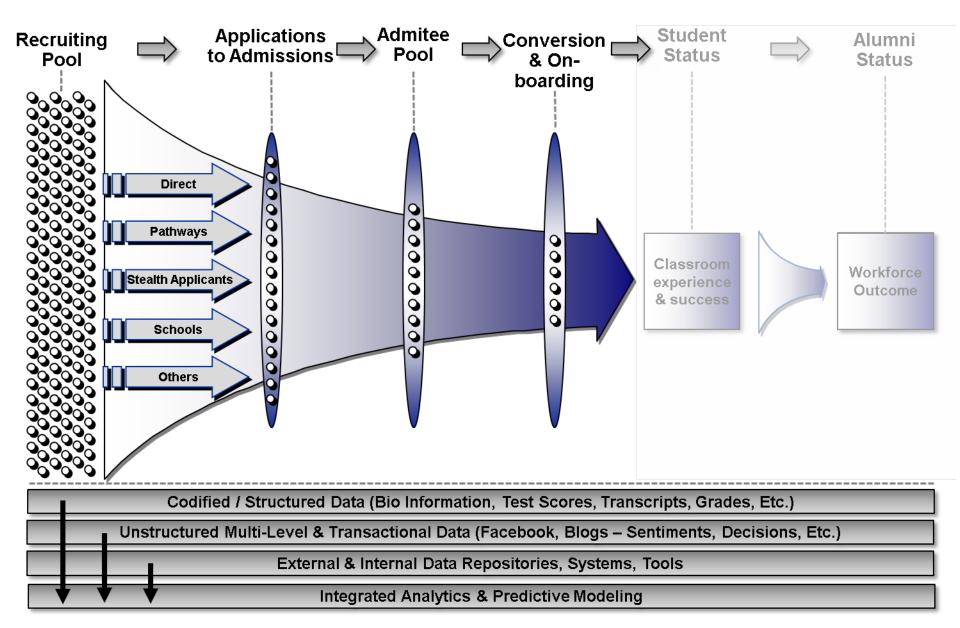
- The purpose of this section is to provide a broad survey-style approach to recruiting-to-admissions relevant information.
- Owing to time constraints, this section will not go into depth but rather showcase good practices or salient information.
- Please note that many slides will only be used to illustrate a point.
- A few issues which will not be discussed open for discussion in the Roundtable section:
  - Agents (more of a recruiting than an admissions topic)
  - Credential evaluation and fraud (big stand-alone topic)
  - Admissions systems and software (not germane to international admissions)
  - N.B. Organizational design questions are part of the case study section

# **The Student Lifecycle and Admissions**

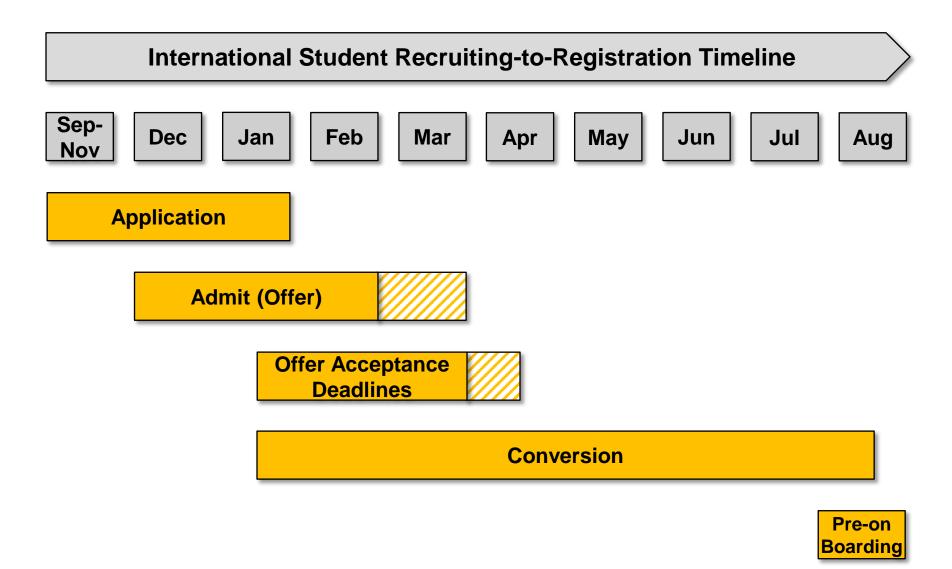
# ADMISSIONS AND SELECTION IS ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE OVERAL LANDSCAPE – BUT CONTROLLED BY THE INSTITUTION



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# **Recruiting and Admissions: Timelines**

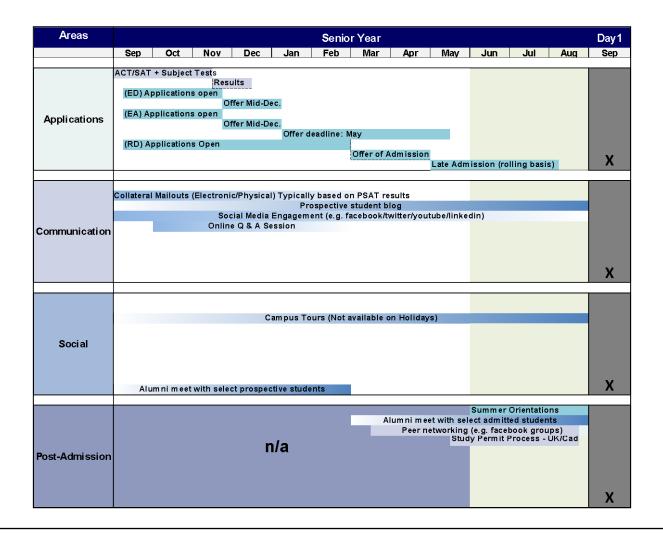


### RECRUITING AND ADMISSIONS TIMELINES Example: U.S. High School Junior Year

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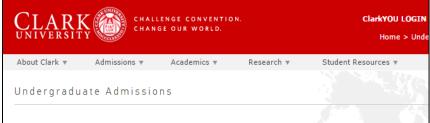
### Students begin testing to prepare for admission

### RECRUITING AND ADMISSIONS TIMELINES Example: U.S. High School Senior Year



### Application windows can open early in the school year

### APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCESSES Early Admission (EA) & Early Decision (ED)



#### U.S. Early Action: Overview

Students who are ready to start their college applications at the beginning of senior year are encouraged to apply Early Action. In completing your application to Clark by the November 1 deadline, you will receive an early notification of your admission decision. You will have until May 1 to decide if Clark is the right fit for you. Because Early Action is a nonbinding agreement, you will have the freedom to explore your list of top choice schools and confidently know that Clark is the right fit for you.

If your application is complete by November 1, including an official high school transcript, standardized test scores, and letters of recommendation, the Admissions Committee will notify you of a decision by mid-December. Students who submit their applications to Clark by November 1, but do not have all necessary documents in by the deadline will be reviewed for admission on a rolling basis. CLARK CHALLENGE CONVENTION. CHANGE OUR WORLD.

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#### U.S. Early Decision: Overview

Students who are certain that Clark is their first-choice institution are strongly encouraged to apply Early Decision. Clark's **deadline for Early Decision (ED) is November 1**. Students who apply by the deadline will receive early notification of their admission decision in mid-December. All admitted students will be notified of any merit scholarships that they were awarded at the time of decision. Any Early Decision student who also submits the CSS Profile by the November 1 deadline will receive an estimate of their need-based financial aid package when they receive their admission letter.

Because Early Decision is a binding agreement, any student admitted in the ED round must commit to enrolling at Clark University by submitting their nonrefundable deposit and withdrawing any remaining applications to other schools.

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#### Top students get recruited before (RD) applications begin

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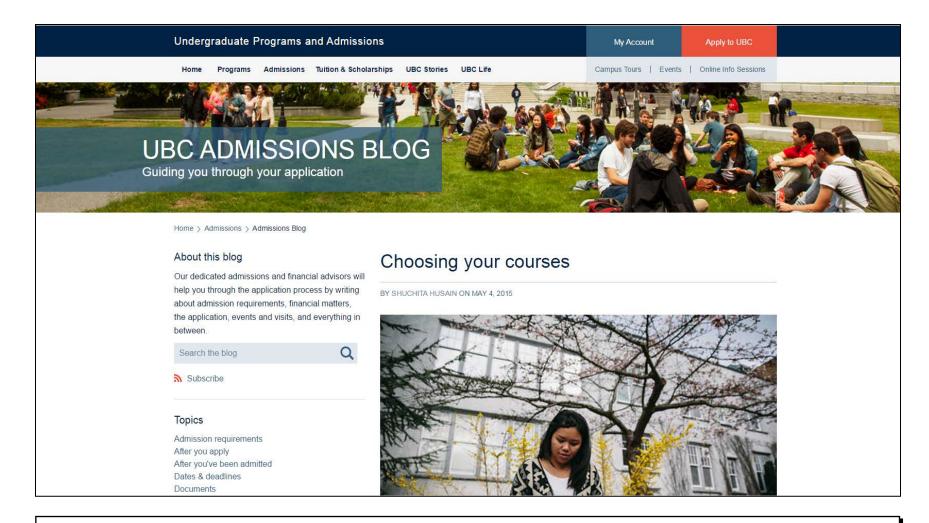
# **Recruiting and Admissions: Communication**

### COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS Collateral Mailouts

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Thanks, and we look forward to "hang	ng out" with you soon!	
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Collateral mail-outs (physical/electronic) sent out to prospective students

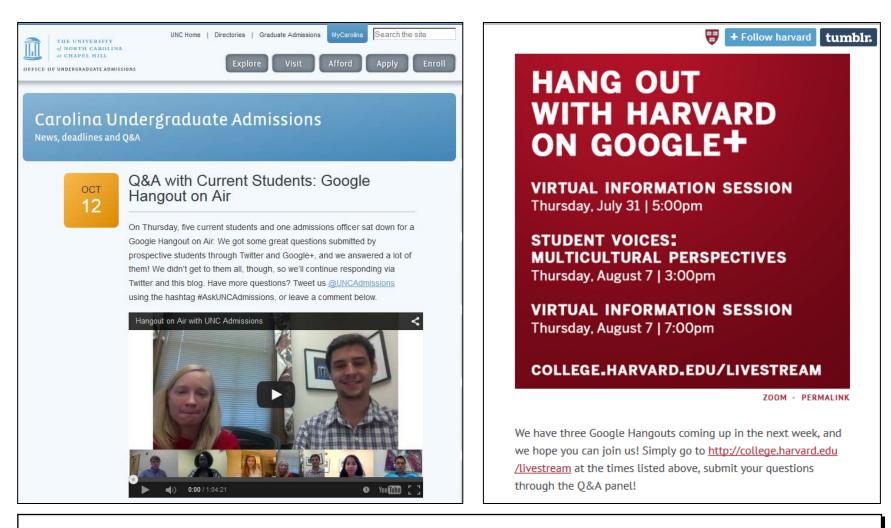
### COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS Admissions Blog



#### **Ongoing admissions guidance**

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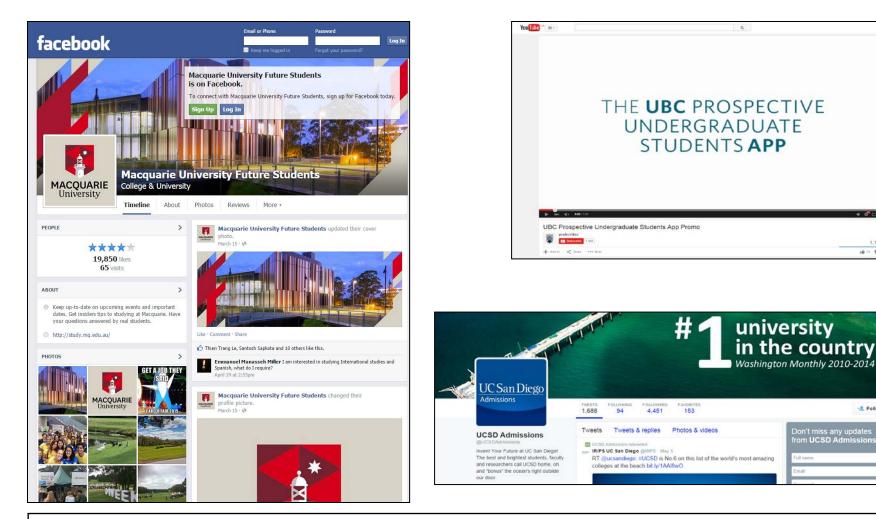
#### COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS Online Q&A Sessions



#### Using technology to connect with current students

Source: UNC Chapel Hill, Harvard. ICG © 2015

COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS Social Media (Facebook/Twitter/YouTube)



Social media engagement occurs throughout the year

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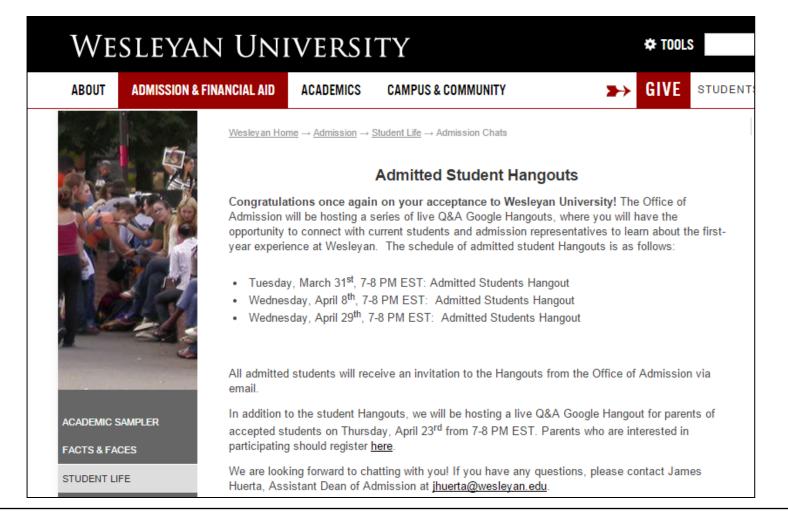
### **SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT** Social Media: Twitter Hashtags

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#### Universities can facilitate rallying points for new students

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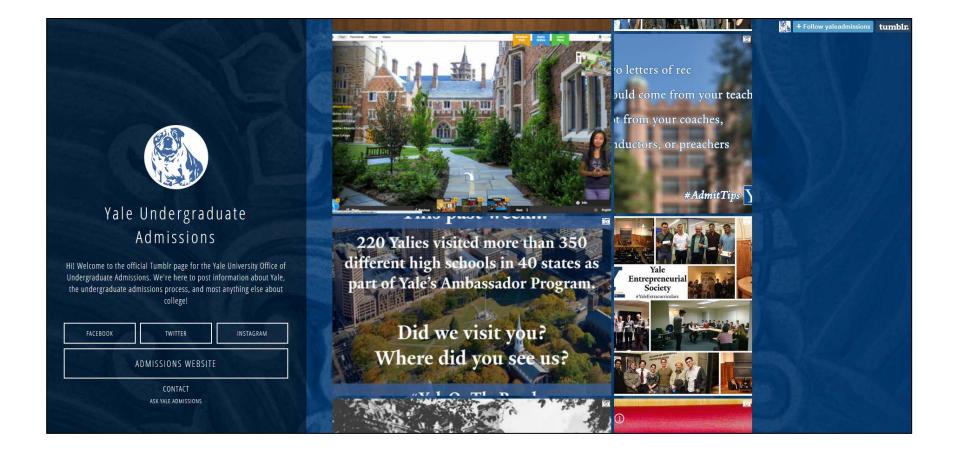
### POST-ADMISSION ACTIVITIES Admitted Student Online Q&A



#### Google hangout with admitted students

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### SOCIAL MEDIA Example: Yale University Admissions Tumblr

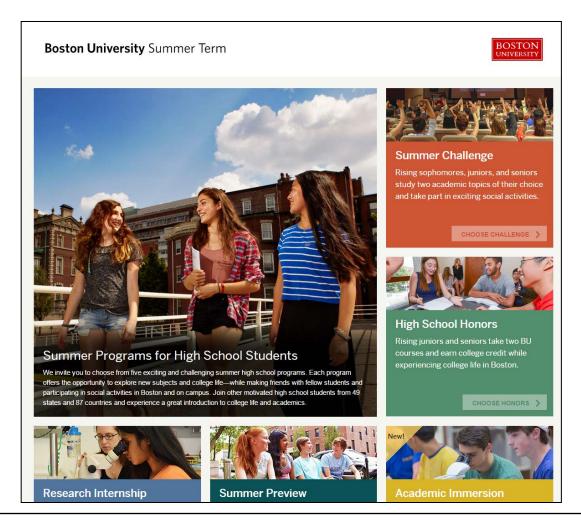


#### Lots of platforms – choose wisely

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# **Recruiting and Admissions: Engagement**

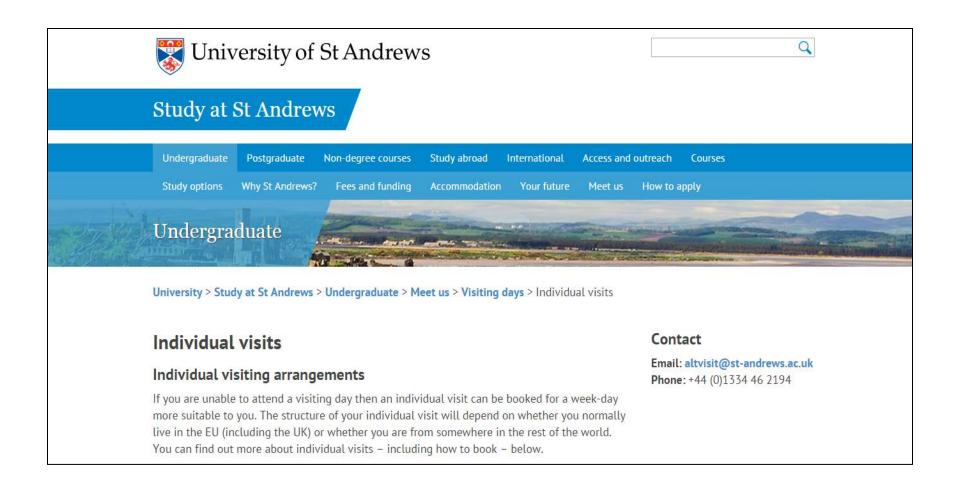
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Students typically go on summer programs in the summer of junior year

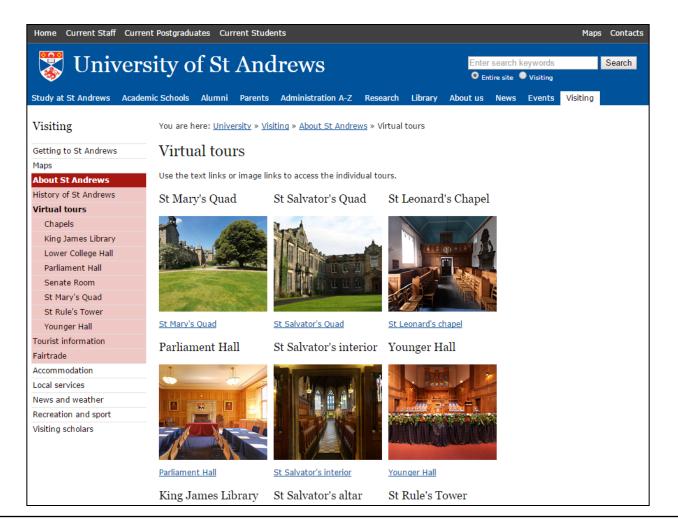
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### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT Campus Tours



### Campus tours (including virtual tours) are offered throughout the year

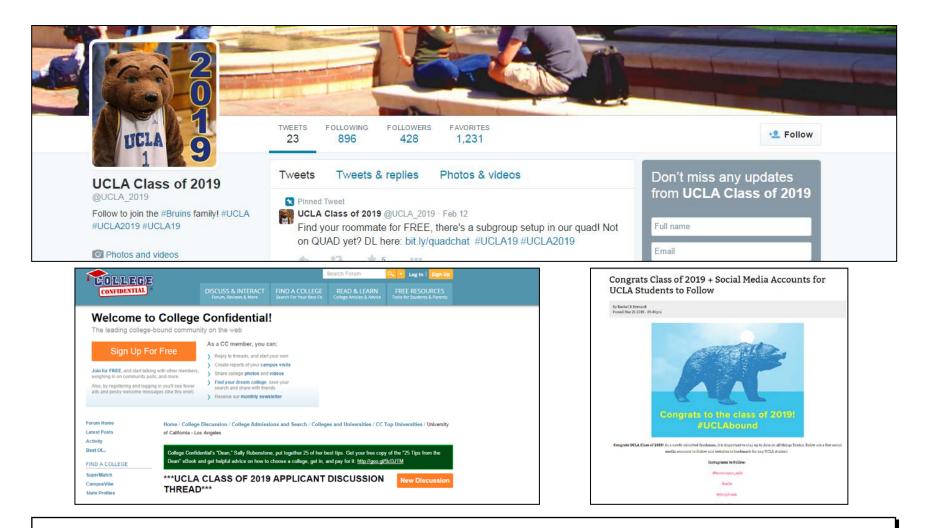
### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT Virtual Campus Tours



#### Campus tours (including virtual tours) are offered throughout the year

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### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT Peer Networking



#### Peer networking occurs even before students get admitted

#### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT Peer Networking (Facebook)

UCLA Class of 2019 LADIES	Join Group
Join this group to see the discussion, post and comment. + Join Group	ABOUT
Members (991) See All	For the ladies of UCLA Class of 2019 to find roommates and get to know each other a little more! (:
Admins Vanessa Nguyen	CREATE NEW GROUPS Groups make it easier than ever to share with friends, family and teammates. + Create Group
Shreya Singhal Lena Licht Bette Sylvie H-f Quan Rachel Song Briblescas	SUGGESTED GROUPS See All USC 2015 Admits (Official) 3,030 members +.loin

#### Facebook is a key social media tool for peer networking

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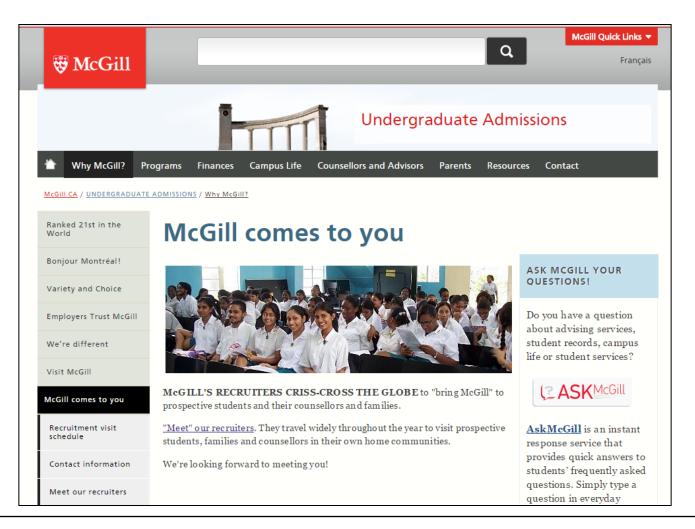
### POST-ADMISSION ACTIVITIES Alumni Engagement

## Alumni engage with prospective/admitted students

Source: UCLA

## **Recruiting and Admissions: Feeder Schools**

### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT School Visits



#### Universities reach out to feeder schools

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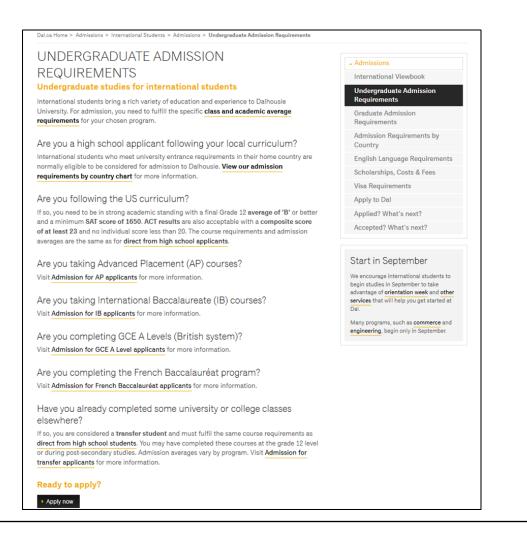
## COLLEGE FAIRS AND PORTFOLIO DAYS Example: Spring Visit Schedules

McGill
McGill on the Road: Fall 2014, Winter 2015, Spring 2015
Please note that dates and times are subject to change, so students are advise to confirm upcoming visits with their school's Guidance Office.
If there are no visits scheduled in your area, please <u>email us</u> to find out when we are next planning to be in your community or region.
Keep in mind that visits are not open to the public unless otherwise specified
Spring 2015 - Visit Schedule
Canada
April 24, 2015 - Toronto, Ontario <u>(IB Schools of Ontario University Fair)</u>
USA
April 13 - 21, 2015 - <u>Connecticut (College Fairs)</u>
April 18 - 24, 2015 - <u>Virginia (College Fairs)</u>
April 21, 2015 - <u>Maryland (AIMS College Fair)</u>
April 20 - 22, 2015 - <u>New Jersey (College Fairs)</u>
April 23, 2015 - <u>Long Island, New York (IB Fair)</u>
April 26 - 30, 2015 - <u>New York (College Fairs)</u>
April 26 - 30, 2015 - <u>Massachusetts (College Fairs)</u>
April 21 - 28, 2015 - <u>New Hampshire (College Fairs)</u>
May 5 - May 9, 2015 - <u>California (College Fairs)</u>

UBC (Western U.S.)								
State	Area	Dates	Activity					
California	Contra Costa	May 9, 2015	WACAC Fair at St Mary's College					
California	Los Angeles	March 15, 2015	Applicant Information Event					
California	Marin County	May 5, 2015	WACAC Fair at Dominican University					
California	San Francisco	March 14, 2015	Applicant Information Event					
California	San Francisco	May 6, 2015	WACAC Fair at Sonoma State University					
California	Santa Clara	May 7, 2015	WACAC Fair at Mission College					
Colorado	Denver	March 15, 2015	RMACAC Fair at the University of Denver					
Colorado	Denver	March 15, 2015	Applicant Information Event					
Colorado	Greater Denver Area	March 16 - 17, 2015	School visits					
Hawaii	Honolulu	March 15, 2015	Applicant Information Event					
Oregon	Portland	March 15, 2015	Applicant Information Event					
Oregon	Portland	April 26, 2015	PNACAC Fair at the University of Portland					
Washington	Greater Seattle Area	April 20 - 24, 2015	school visits					
Washington	Seattle	March 14, 2015	Applicant Information Event					
Washington	Seattle	April 25, 2015	PNACAC Fair at Seattle University					

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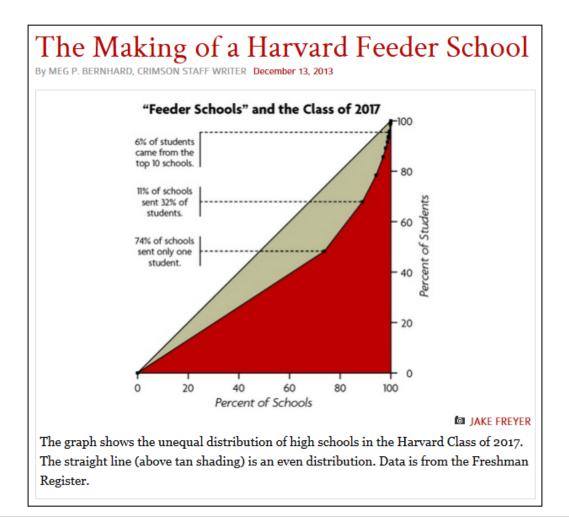
### SCHOOLS-BASED RECRUITING Example: Dalhousie Undergraduate Admission Requirements



#### Important to communicate requirements to students and counselors

Source: Dalhousie. ICG © 2015

### SCHOOLS-BASED RECRUITING Feeder Schools



#### Selective U.S. universities have their own feeder school dynamics

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# **Recruiting and Admissions: Alumni**

- One of the most salient functions of international alumni is to reach out, market, and recruit for their alma mater.
- Alumni recruiting involvement is fundamentally based on affirming an alum's own choice and an easier ask than a traditional gift ask.
- Young(er) international alumni have shown to be highly receptive to a potential role as talent scouts.
- Properly set up, risks are small.
- Under this model, alumni report and volunteer to recruiting and admissions units. This has brought about many conflicts between institutional units; alumni tend to not care.
- For U.S. students, it is also important to be able to demonstrate the success of graduates in the U.S. where many of them will return.

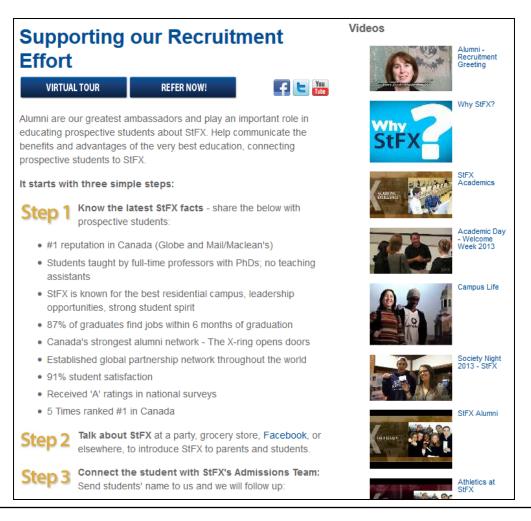
### ALUMNI NETWORKS Example: Ohio State University Buckeye Alumni Recruitment

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	ambassadors for Ohio S	tate.				Apply 🔊

#### Other activities: Phone calls, postcards, send-off events

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### ALUMNI NETWORKS Example: St. Francis Xavier Alumni Recruitment



#### What recruitment tools can you provide for alumni?

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## ALUMNI NETWORKS Example: University of King's College U.S. Students Page

At King's, you'll experience the academic excellence found in an Ivy League school with the added benefit of the new insights that come from studying and living in another country.

There have been 29 Rhodes Scholars who gained their academic foundation from King's, including Rosanna Nicol, who was awarded the prestigious scholarship in 2009. She is currently attending Oxford. Our students have also pursued graduate studies at Harvard, Cambridge and Columbia, to name a few.



#### U.S. Students and Parent Testimonials



#### Claire Guyer (BAH '08) King's Alumna

Listen as King's Alumna **Claire Guyer (BAH '08)** shares how the community spirit at King's made her feel at home.



#### Will English (BAH '07) Kings Alumnus

Listen as Will English (BAH '07) discusses his involvement in the King's student government, the foundation year program and what he enjoyed about King's.

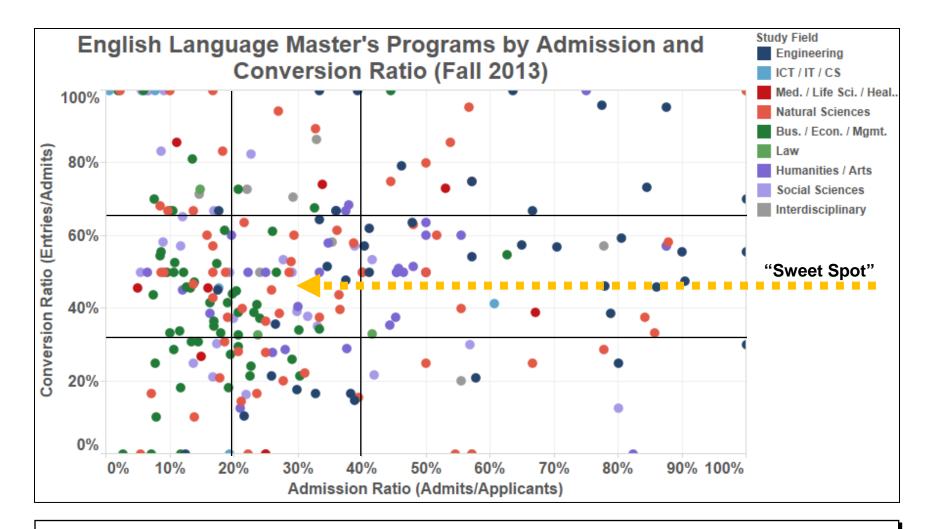
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# **Recruiting and Admissions: Analytics**

M&R	Apply	Offer	Accept	Confirm	Visa	Register
Funnel	100	50	25	20	18	17
Yield	"0.x"	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.94
ROI	•/••••	••	•••••	••••	●	•
Drivers	Qualified application	Mutual fit	Superior conversion	Relationship creation	Service and engagement	Pre On- boarding
Avoid	Noise	Chasing Ioad	False positives	Over-serve	Over-serve	Under-serve
Intel	Mod., Seg., Sur., Pre.,	Mod., Pre.	Sur., Mod., Pre.	Sur.	Load calculation	Perform. Assessment
CRM		ERP				

Notes: Data is for illustrative purposes.

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Business and Social Sciences programs appear to be most selective

Notes: Information has been sanitized. Source: ICG. ICG © 2015 BCCIE



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#### BREAK OUT SESSION WITH CASE STUDY Overview

- This workshop section is dedicated a group work-based case study.
- Each presenter will lead a group to address the overleaf presented case study questions.
- Each group will have 30 minutes to discuss and answer the case study questions.
- Subsequently, each group will present and defend their solutions for five minutes.
- We look forward to spirited discussions and creative answers.

- Baseline: You were just hired to create an admissions processing function for BC's new University College of Higher Learning.
- Expectation: The target is to admit 400 international students each year into Diploma and Bachelor degrees.
- Admissions Requirements:
  - IELTS 6.0; high school equivalent of 60%; and completion of an essay.
  - The flagship Bachelor's program, International Education Management, requires an IELTS 7.0 and a high school equivalent of 85%.
- The new University College will operate with the following three characteristics:
  - Each student needs to spend one term in China or Brazil (study abroad).
  - The admissions model is "first past the post".
  - Every student scoring between 75-85% is offered a 50% tuition scholarship.
- You have six months to assemble a team, implement a system, and define all policies and processes.

- How would you define the admissions function from an organizational perspective?
- What systems, policies, procedures, and processes do you need to put in place (think high level / about categories rather than details)?
- What kind of students do you think you would admit, and why do you think would they join the University College?
- What complexities do you foresee in processing applications regarding the admissions requirements and likely applicant pool (please define the latter)?
- What are key challenges you foresee? What new practices could you establish?



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