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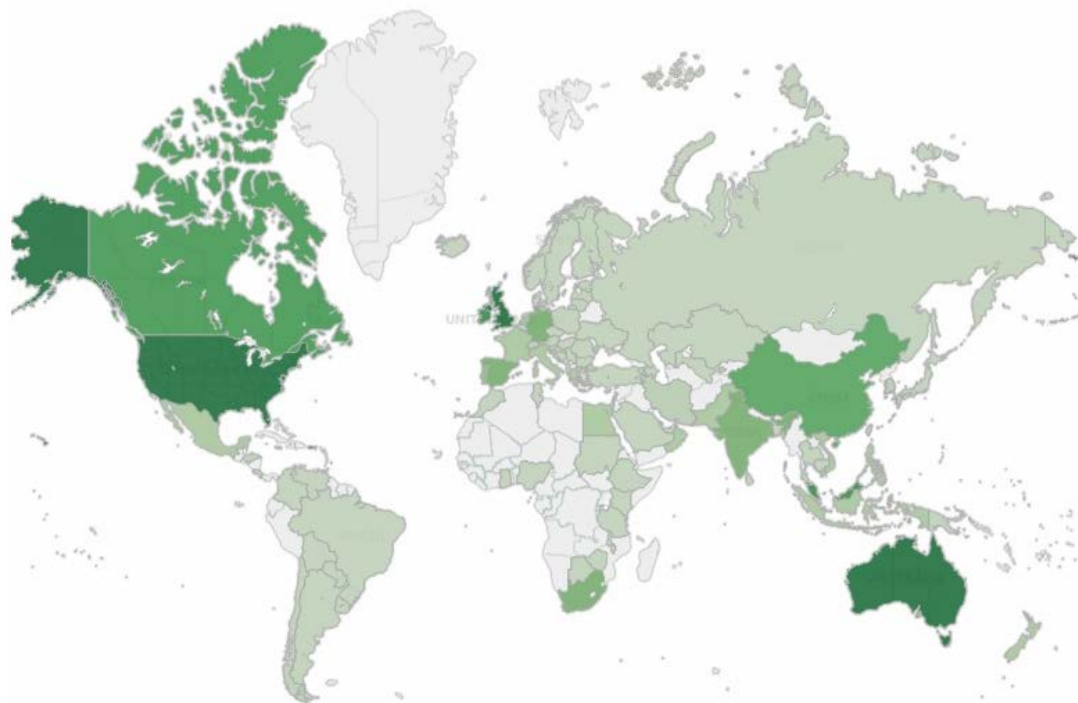
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As a subscriber to the Higher Education Empirical (HEER) Database, the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) is delighted to welcome you to our first monthly HEER newsletter - *HEER today*.

As we're sure you already know, the HEER Database comprises summaries of the latest published research on a range of topics related to higher education, and is intended for use by policymakers, academics and researchers. *HEER today* has been specially designed to keep all our subscribers up to date with the latest entries and additions to the database, as well as highlighting popular themes and links to the month's most read articles. It provides quick links to the database itself, and many ways to keep in touch with HEER.

We hope that you find the newsletter interesting and informative!

Did you know?



We have subscribers from over 100 countries. Have a look at our subscriber map!

Top five summaries from the past month...

[Variable tuition fees in England: assessing their impact on students and higher education institutions](#)

Report presenting statistical data on the initial impact of the introduction of variable tuition fees. Found slight increase in the level of applicants, including those from minority ethnic and lower socio-economic groups.

[The international branch campus - models and trends](#)

Eighty-two branch campuses based in

...and five you may have missed

[Graduates in the UK labour market 2013](#)

Analysis of data on graduates in the labour market undertaken by the Office for National Statistics.

[Undergraduate research engagement at major US research universities](#)

Study exploring the extent to which undergraduate students are engaged in research at 15 US universities.

[What students think of their higher](#)

36 countries are identified; of these 50% have been opened since 2000. Details of the levels and subjects offered and the funding models used are provided.

[Encouraging a British invention revolution: Sir Andrew Witty's review of universities and growth](#)

How universities can drive growth in their areas and for the benefit of the wider UK, and disseminate knowledge and best practice.

[Trends in young participation in higher education](#)

An analysis of young participation in higher education reporting on the proportion of young people who enter higher education at age 18 or 19 - the 'young participation rate'.

[Learning from Futuretrack: The impact of work experiences on higher education student outcomes](#)

Analysis of the paid and unpaid work undertaken by students while studying using data from the Futuretrack study.

[education](#)

Analysis of student written submissions to the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education 2011-12.

[Student expectations and perceptions of higher education](#)

Study exploring the issues affecting student expectations and perceptions regarding the quality of their learning experience and the academic standards of their programmes of study.

[The power of part-time: review of part-time and mature higher education](#)

A review of part-time higher education in the UK.

You said, we did...

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent HEER user survey. You gave us a lot of great feedback which will help us as we develop the HEER service over the coming months. This newsletter is our response to your suggestion of more regular communication about additions and updates to the HEER Database. All feedback and thoughts on *HEER today* are much appreciated, please just email us at heer@qaa.ac.uk.

Most popular themes

- [Graduate earnings, careers and destinations](#)
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Service update

Please note, there will be no summaries released from Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January. Service will resume as normal on Monday 6 January.

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