

International students at  
Russell Group universities generate  
**£4.8 billion**  
in educational exports for  
the UK economy



Equivalent to the  
cost of building nine  
Olympic stadiums



## The economic impact of Russell Group universities on UK educational exports

International students from the EU and across the globe are indispensable for world-class universities. They contribute to a **diverse student body** and a **thriving society, culture and economy** – on campus, in local regions and **across the whole of the UK**.

**Over a third** of students choosing to study at Russell Group universities are from outside the UK. Many continue to maintain strong links with their universities after graduation. These friendships and bonds later develop and sustain **trade links, cultural ties** and **diplomatic partnerships**, boosting the UK's **soft power** across the globe.

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Analysis carried out by London Economics shows that the immediate export value to the UK associated with the 100,000 international students starting courses at Russell Group universities in 2015/16 is **£4.8 billion**.



Students from all over the world make a **vital contribution** to our universities, their local economies and the UK overall. Throughout their studies, international students starting courses at Russell Group universities in 2015/16 generate:

**£2.4 billion** + **£2.4 billion** = **£4.8 billion**

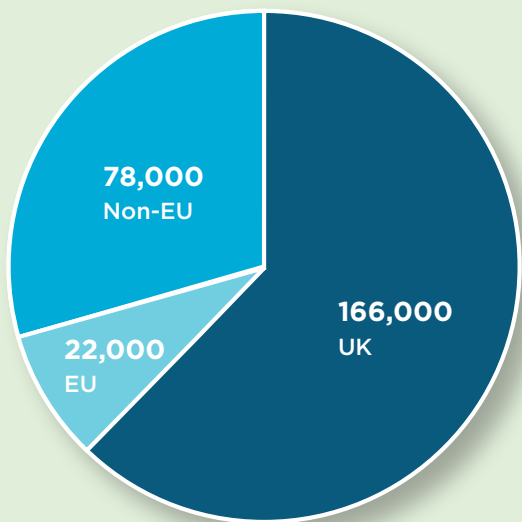
Tuition fee income      Non-tuition fee income (including accommodation, subsistence and travel)      Total export impact



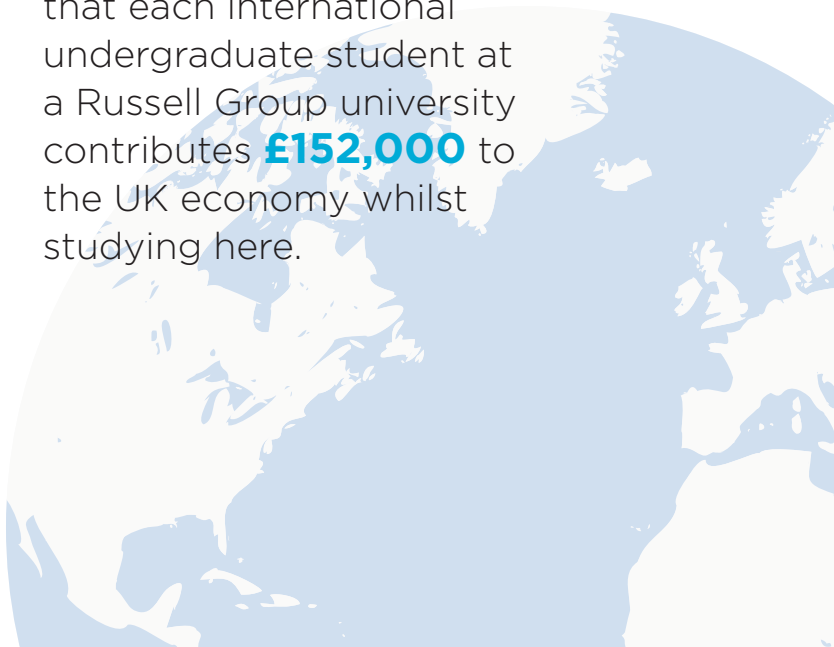
Adding the additional supply chain and wage spending effects, the analysis indicates that:

**Every 7 non-UK students** undertaking an undergraduate degree at a Russell Group university generate **£1 million** of impact to the UK economy.

Number of first-year students at Russell Group universities in 2015-16, by (known) domicile



On average, this means that each international undergraduate student at a Russell Group university contributes **£152,000** to the UK economy whilst studying here.



The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

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- University of Leeds • University of Liverpool • London School of Economics and Political Science
- University of Manchester • Newcastle University • University of Nottingham • University of Oxford
- Queen Mary University of London • Queen's University Belfast • University of Sheffield • University of Southampton
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