



Tampere University's Internationalisation Grant

**Event for information and
discussion**

Agenda

- What is the grant for internationalisation/Kaisa Keskitalo, head of student services, Tampere University
- Why Tampere University wants to support internationalisation and Integration of international students/ Terhi Kipinä, senior specialist, Tampere University
- International students: integration and inclusion to the community/ Tiina Nilsson, specialist, Tampere University
- Application period and criteria for awarding grants 2022/ TREY

What is the grant for internationalisation?

- Tampere University has a specific fund for student societies and associations operating under the student union TREY's umbrella. Grant applications are invited on an annual basis. The University manages the fund but coordinates the awarding of grants in cooperation with TREY. Grants are available for the following purposes: internationalisation, cultural activities and student sports.
- Preparations for the allocation of grants are taken by the [Student Organisation Funding Committee](#) comprising staff members and representatives of TREY. The committee is tasked with preparing a proposal for the allocation of grant funds and with reviewing the reports that must be submitted by grant recipients to record the use of funding. Grant decisions are made by the president of Tampere University.

Internationalisation Grant 2022

- The grant is worth €20,000
- The purpose of the grant is to support and encourage student associations to carry out activities that support internationalisation among students, especially internationalisation on the home campus.
- A particular goal is to support the efforts taken by student associations to promote the integration of international students (both degree-seeking and exchange students) into our student community.

Integration of international students

Terhi Kipinä

What is integration?

- A student has successfully integrated to the (student) community when s/he is able to actively function towards her/his goals in the new environment and feels part of the community while still maintaining her/his own cultural identity.
- Integration is an interactive, two-way process: “non-dominant groups can only integrate successfully if the dominant society is open in its attitude towards cultural diversity; in other words... mutual accommodation is needed.”
- Social and academic integration
- Social connections, friendships and events with local students the most effective facilitator of integration!

(quote from Spencer-Oatey, H., & Dauber, D. (2019). What is integration and why is it important for internationalization? A multidisciplinary review. *Journal of Studies in International Education*, 23(5), 515-534. doi:10.1177/1028315319842346)

Value of integration

- Successful academic and social integration improves students' wellbeing, sense of belonging, success and progress in studies, and gives them language skills and cultural knowledge which are important employability skills
- These effects extend also to the larger academic community! The university community gains diversity and is known as an international community.
- While integration is essential not only for the wellbeing of international students but also domestic students and the academic community, it also contributes to objectives set in the University strategy as well as to the national objectives of making Finland an attractive destination for study- and work-based immigration.

Some strategy objectives on integration

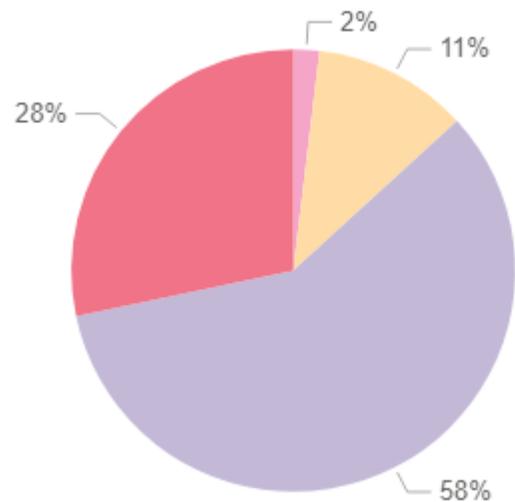
- **Tampere University strategy:** We will support international students' integration into Finnish society by expanding our range of Finnish language courses, helping them build contacts with potential employers and developing the existing service offerings in cooperation with the City of Tampere and other stakeholders.
- **Talent Boost service promise** includes university-specific actions with which the university promotes international students' and researchers' integration into the Finnish society and their transition to the Finnish labour market.
- **Roadmap for Education-based and Work-based Immigration 2035:**
 - "Promote meaningful internationalisation of HEIs by promoting interaction between Finnish/Swedish-speaking students and international students during their studies."
 - "Launch measures supporting comprehensive integration of international talent and cooperation with the world of work, from the student marketing stage through to the job-seeking stage post-graduation."

Some results from the International Student Barometer

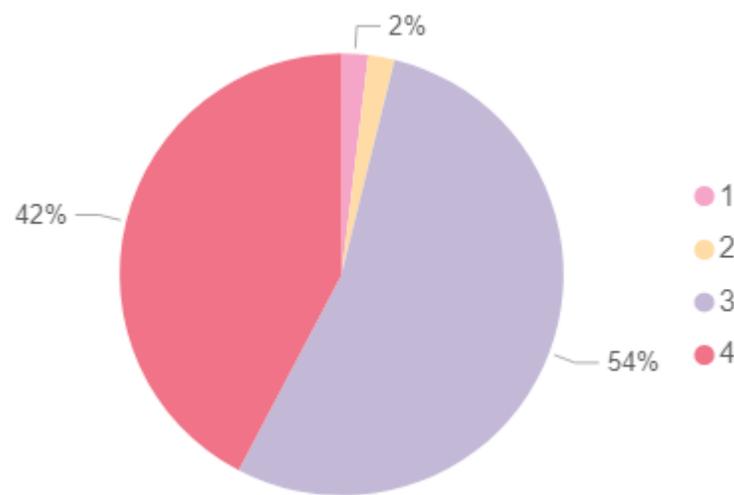
Inclusion

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3 = agree
2 = disagree
1 = strongly disagree

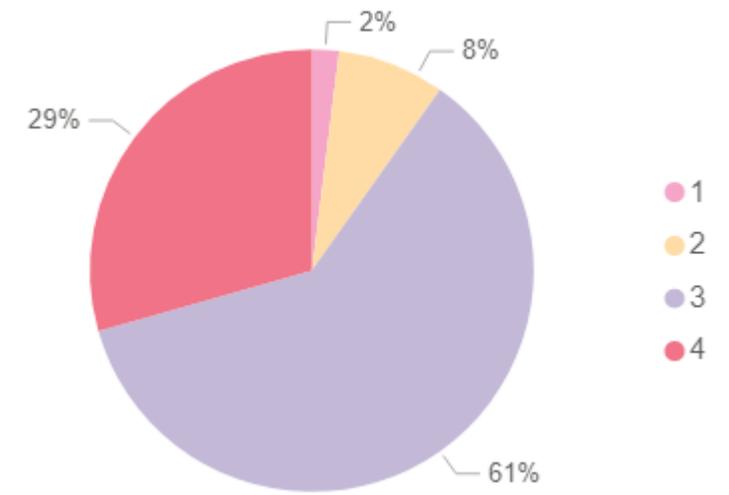
I feel welcome as
an EU / international
student in this country



There is a friendly
attitude towards EU /
international students at TAU

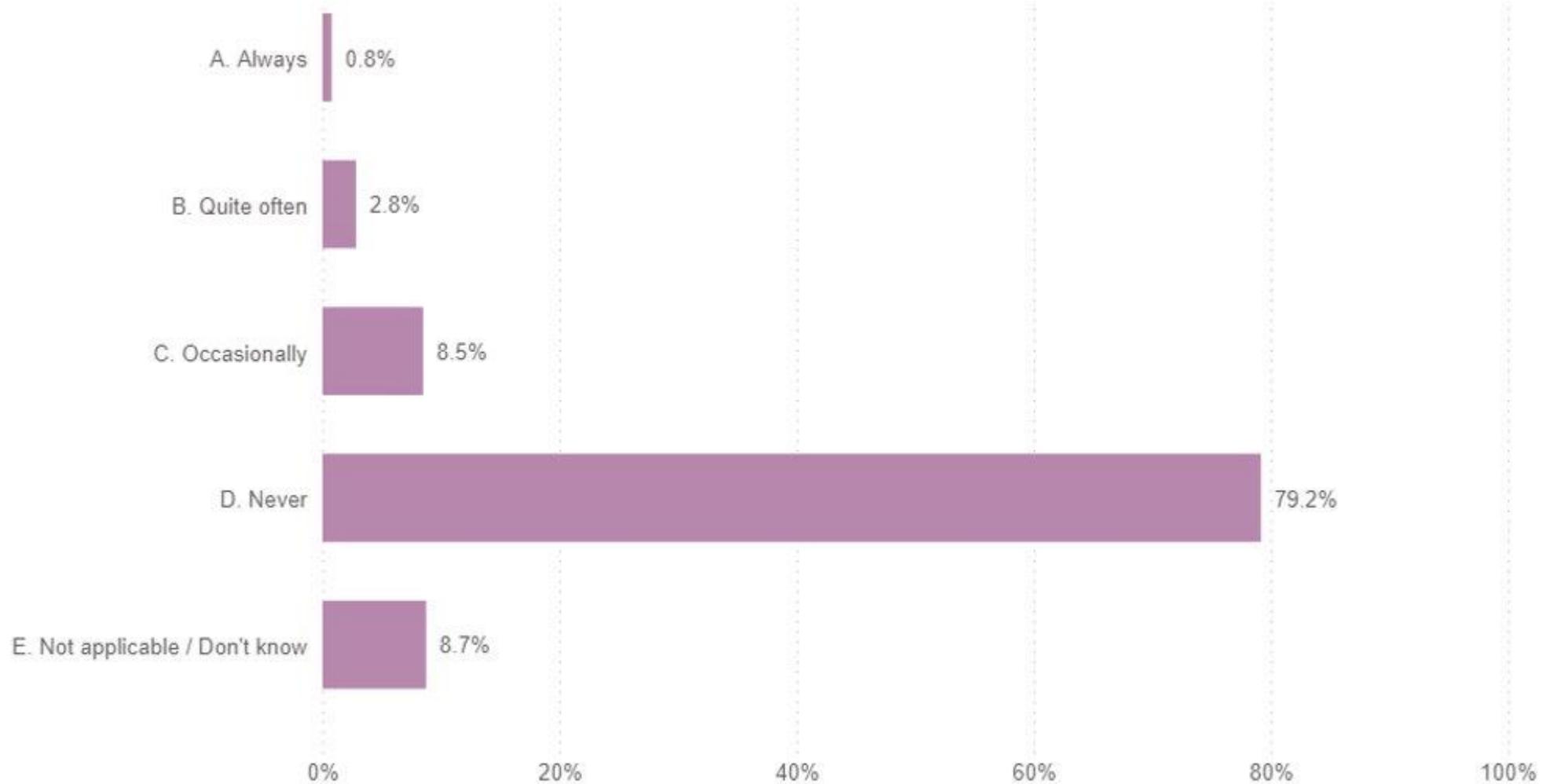


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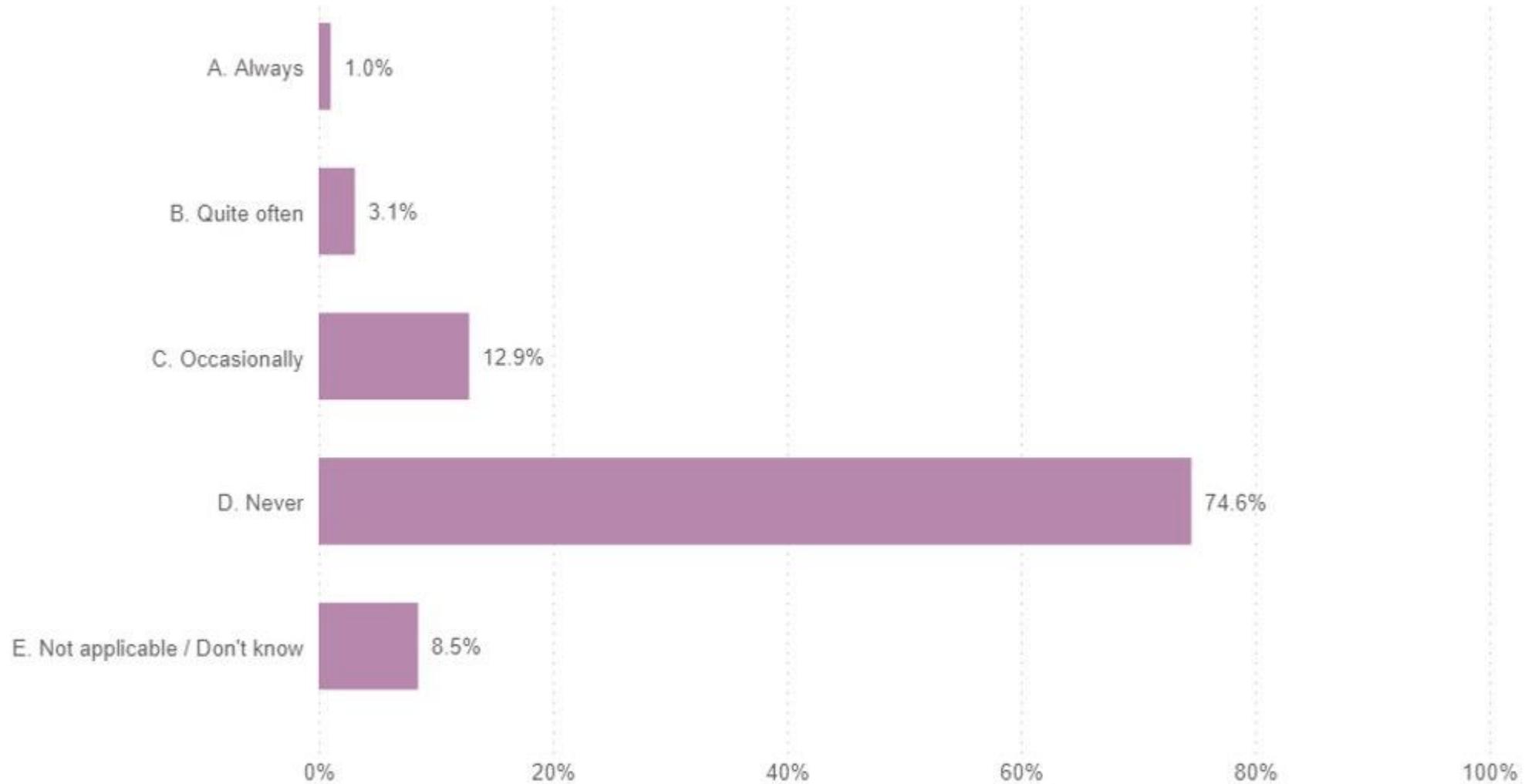
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Race or Ethnicity



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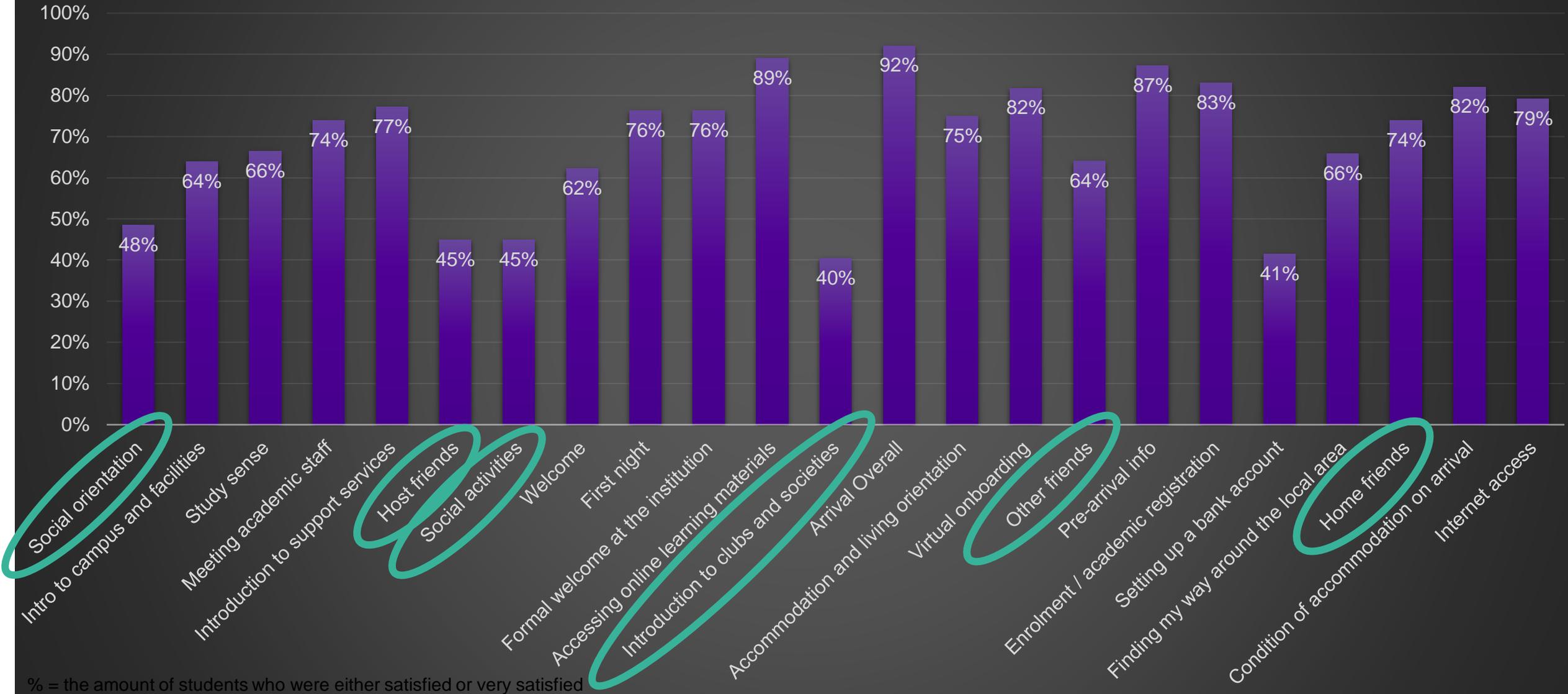
Nationality



Social integration

Arrival

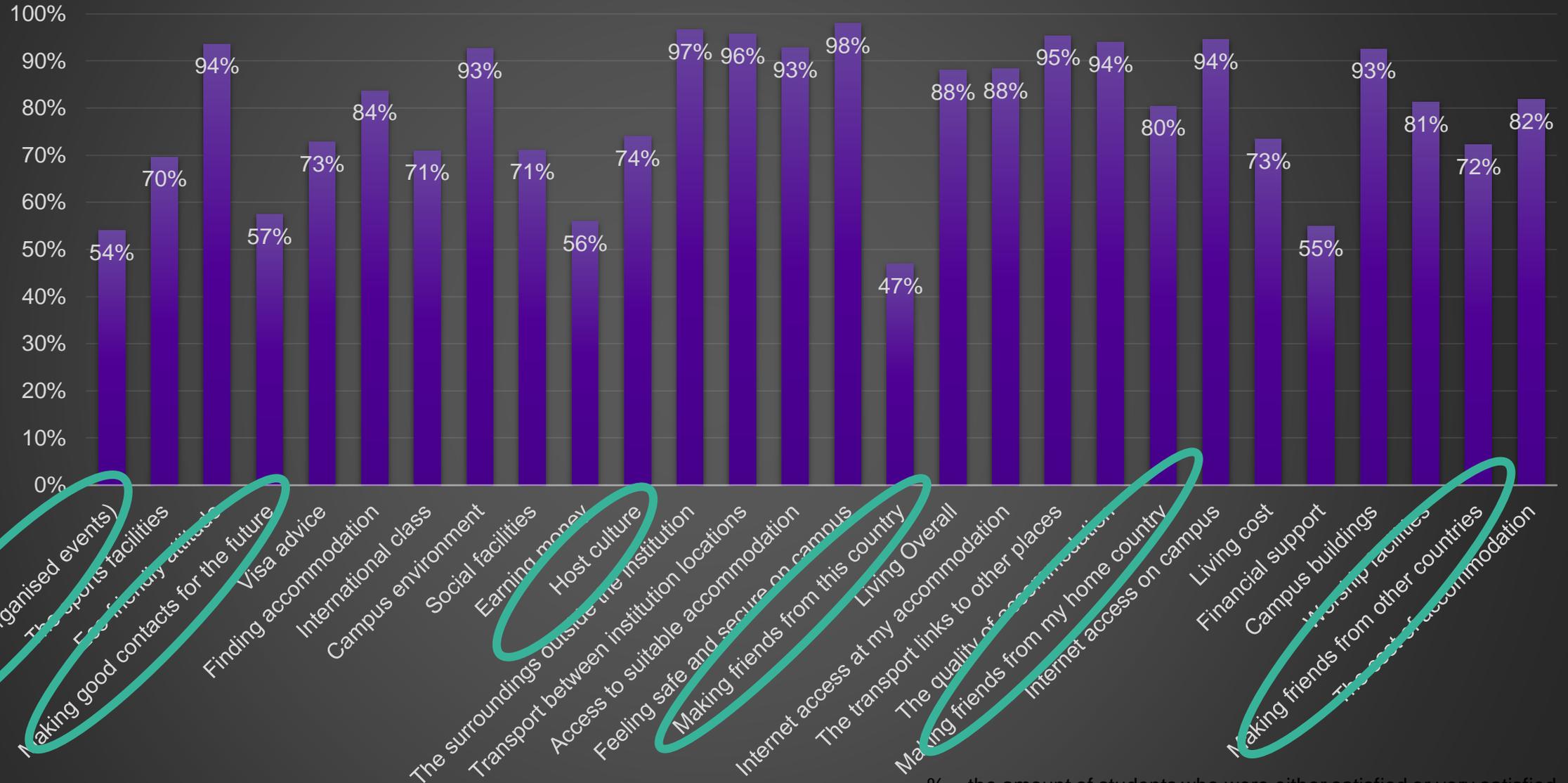
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Living

Tampere University



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International students: integration and inclusion to the community

Tiina Nilsson

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Support at the beginning of studies

Degree students

- Early information sessions in April & May
- Early communication - a lot of “extra” info from programmes via email
- Welcome new students! web pages
 - linkages to all inter-country relevant info (in addition to the Finnish language programmes)
- Pre-tutoring actions during summer: Guidebook & Guidebook tutoring
- Extensive Welcome Week Moodle with sections from TREY, student associations, DVV, city, FSHS, etc. & live info sessions

Exchange students

- Early arrangements communication
- Welcome new exchange students! Web pages
 - linkages to all inter-country relevant info
- Pre-arrival info in December
- Extensive Welcome Week Moodle (in August and in January for the newly arrived) with section from TREY, ESNs, health services, DVV, etc.

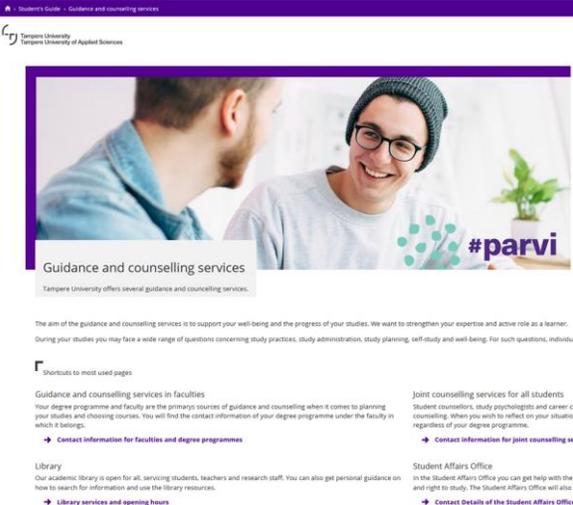
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Support during studies – degree students

Provided by

- Faculties and degree programmes
- Support Services for Counselling and Well-being
 - Guidance & counselling services
 - Navigaattori
- Career Services (including Study & Stay)

#parvi – all well-being services – incl. meeting friends, free time, etc.



Students Guide - Guidance and counselling services

Tampere University
Tampere University of Applied Sciences

Guidance and counselling services
Tampere University offers several guidance and counselling services.

The aim of the guidance and counselling services is to support your well-being and the progress of your studies. We want to strengthen your expertise and active role as a learner. During your studies you may face a wide range of questions concerning study practices, study administration, study planning, self-study and well-being. For such questions, individuals

Shortcuts to most used pages

Guidance and counselling services in faculties Your degree programme and faculty are the primary sources of guidance and counselling when it comes to planning your studies and choosing courses. You will find the contact information of your degree programme under the faculty in which it belongs. → Contact information for faculties and degree programmes	Joint counselling services for all students Student counsellors, study psychologists and career counselling. When you wish to reflect on your situation regardless of your degree programme. → Contact information for joint counselling
Library Our academic library is open for all, servicing students, teachers and research staff. You can also get personal guidance on how to search for information and use the library resources. → Library services and opening hours	Student Affairs Office In the Student Affairs Office you can get help with the and right to study. The Student Affairs Office will also → Contact Details of the Student Affairs Office

Criteria for internationalisation grants in 2022

TREY

Criteria 2022

Tampere University aims at supporting activities with a larger impact. The impact of the applied funding and activities will be evaluated with the help of following questions and guidelines:

- How will the proposed activities promote further integration of international students into the student community at TAU?
- How will the proposed activities help international students get settled in Tampere?
- How will the proposed activities enhance the internationalization skills of local students?
- Approximately how many students will the proposed activities reach? What is the main target group of the activities? Will the proposed activities be organised for students of a certain study field/degree programme or at university level?
- The association operates and provides services at the university level and/or fields crossing levels when it comes to internationalization.

- Grants are offered to support activities that will take place in 2022. Funding may be sought for one or more types of activity.
- The maximum amount of grant per association is €3,000. Exceptions to granted amounts can be made for especially valid reasons.
- When organising activities associations must take into consideration the latest updates and guidelines on safety instructions issued by Tampere Universities and local or national authorities.
- The closing date for applications is 21.1.2022.
- Apply for an internationalisation grant by filling out the application form.
- See TREY's website for more information after 7.12.2021.