Does it feel like we are still open for business?

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Globalise Your Future, Boost Economic Recovery

The view of international students

1. Part of Immigration campaign
2. Cancellation of PSW
3. Restrictive rules on working rights
4. Immigration changes vs institution support
5. Short-term solution vs long term solutions
6. Design of the Survey: Oct 2011-Dec 2011
7. Survey: Jan 2012-March 2012
8. 1,200 response, 906 valid
9. Promoted: NUS, UKCISA, AGCAS, NASES, Employability-development etc.

Overview

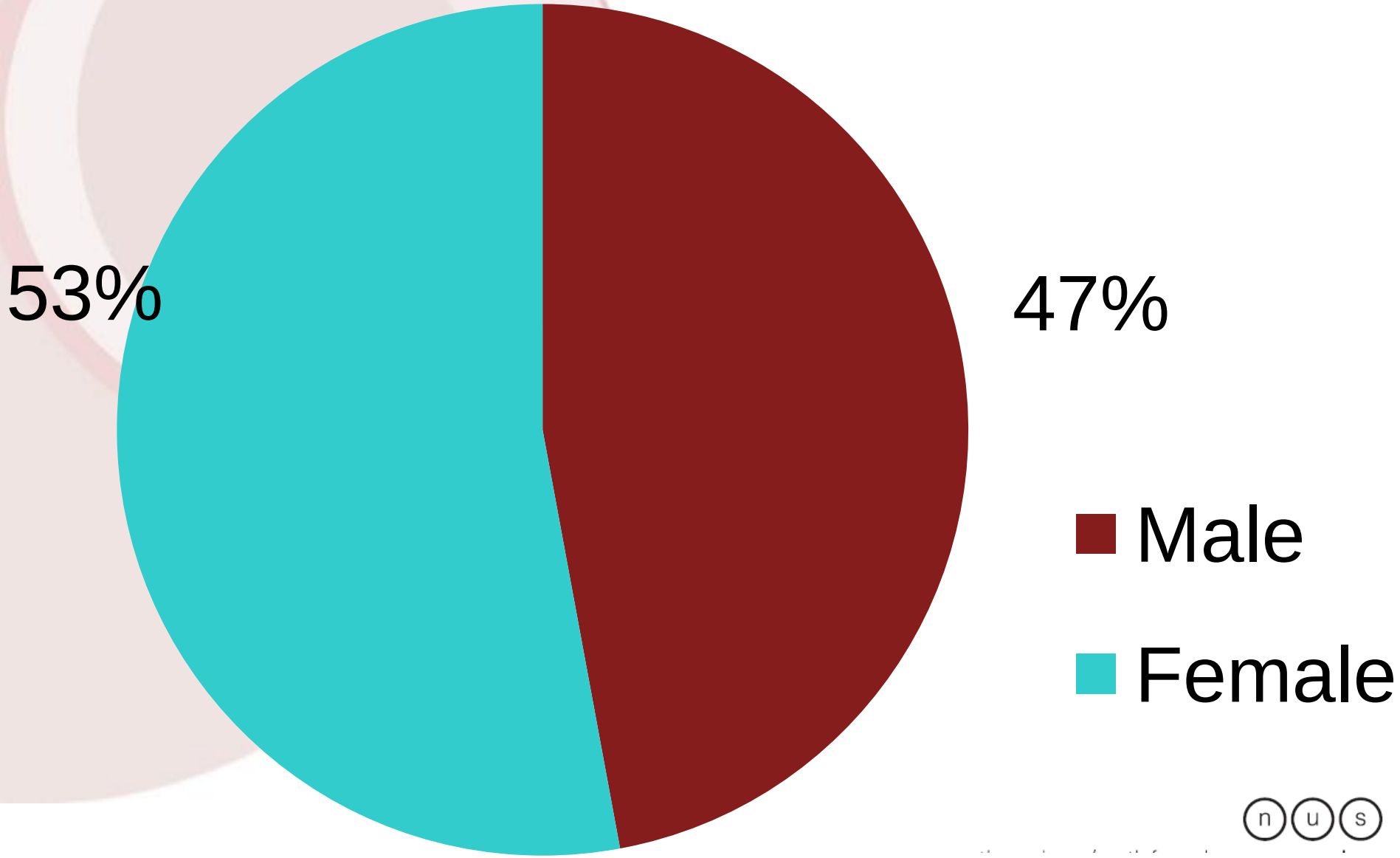
1. **Main reason for international students choose to study in the UK:**

- **global job prospects**
- **not to gain PR**
- **Increase employability due to high quality of education+ the PSW**

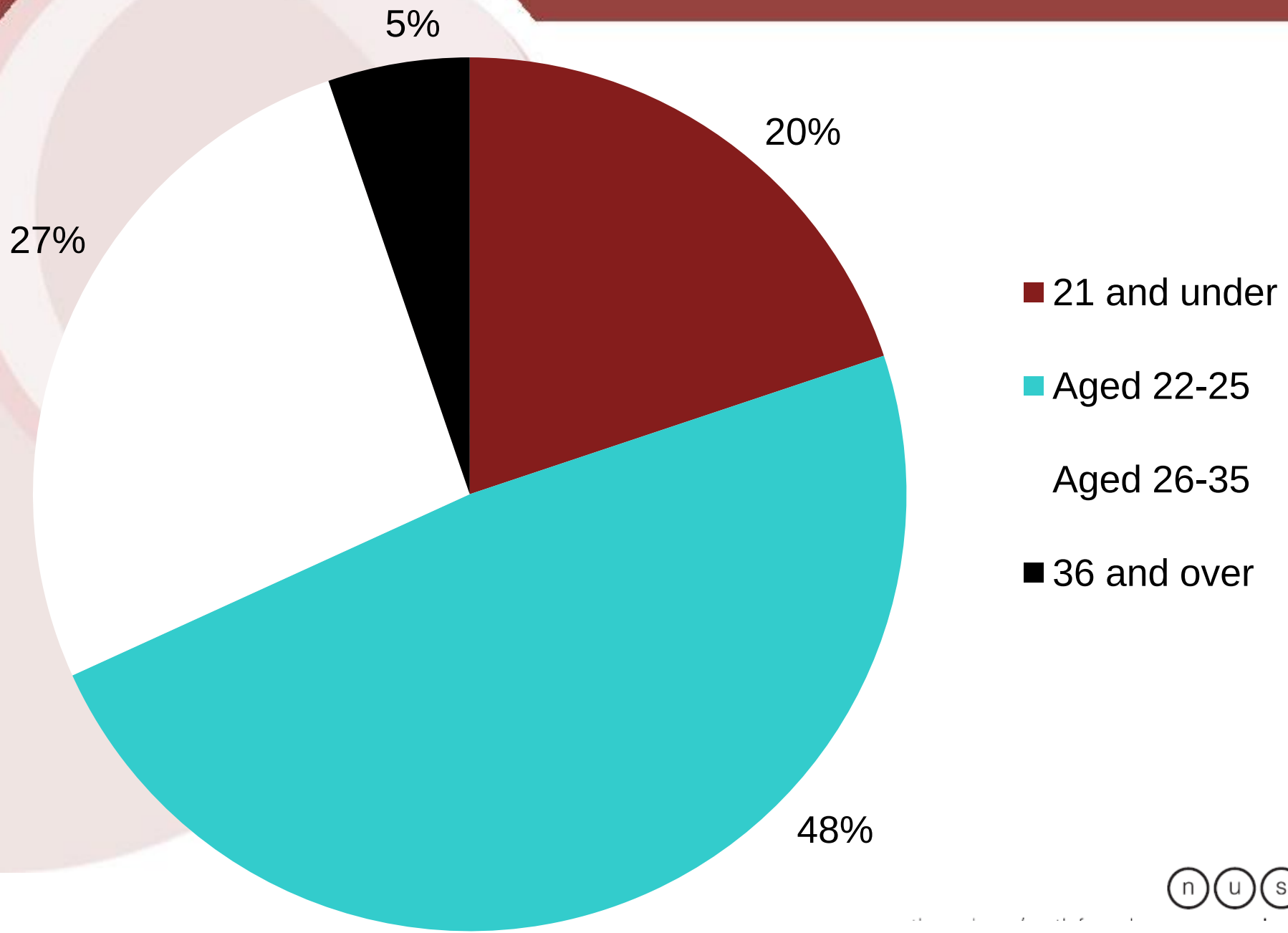
2. **Significant outrage, disappointment of closing PSW**

- **62% South Asian**
- **63%: short term paid internship upon graduation**
- **Some feel not welcomed**

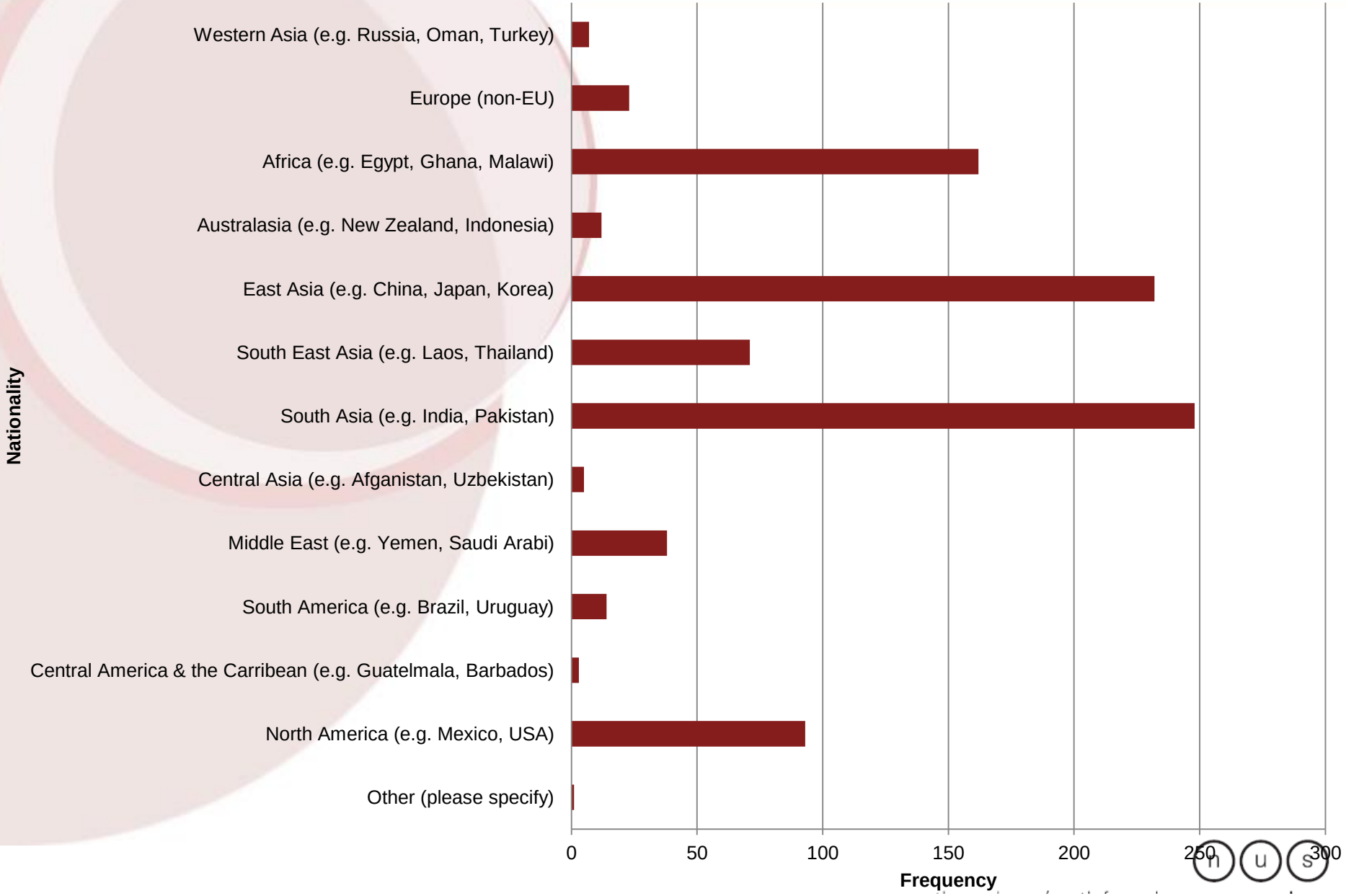
Gender



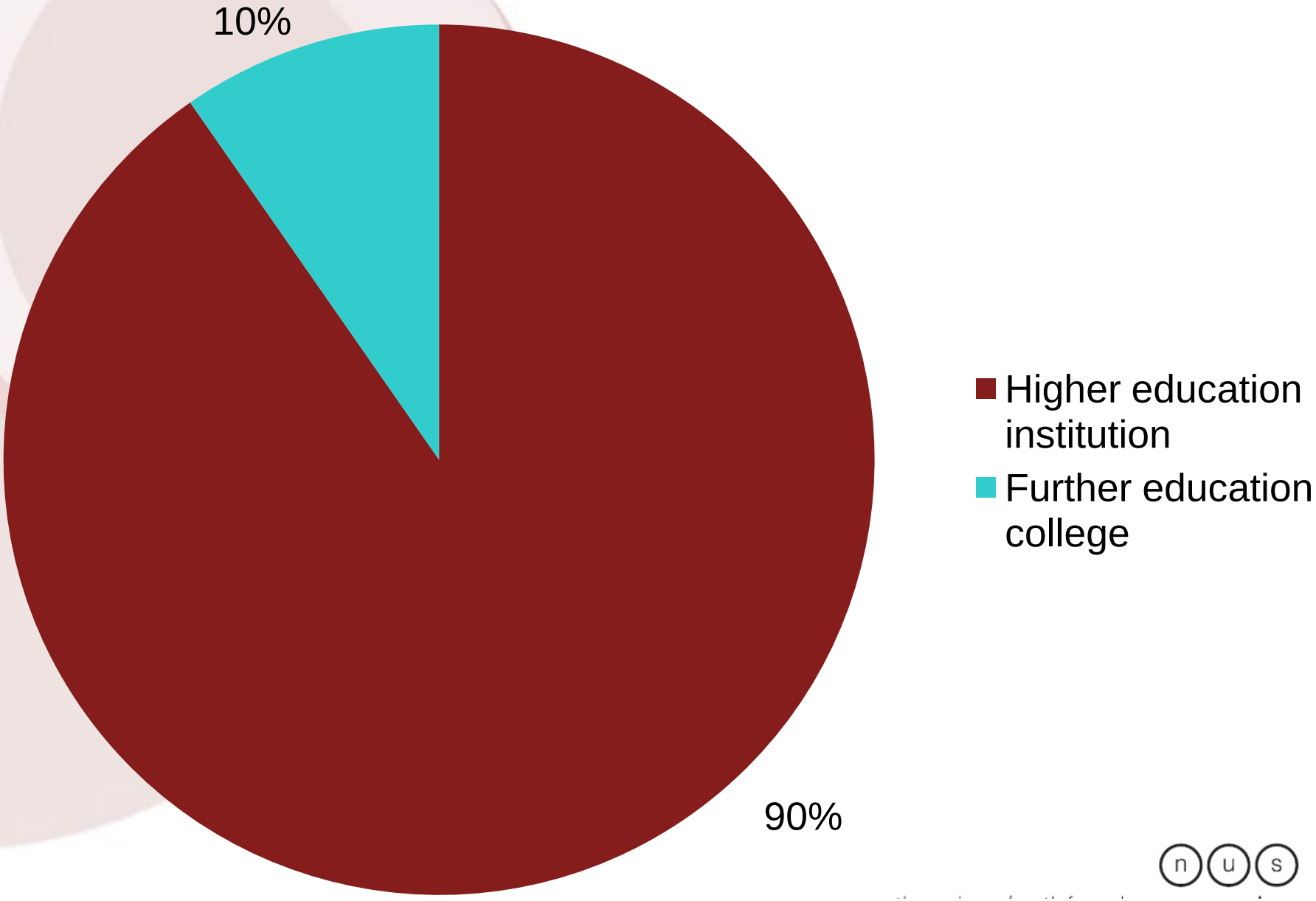
3. What was your age on 20/01/12?



Nationality

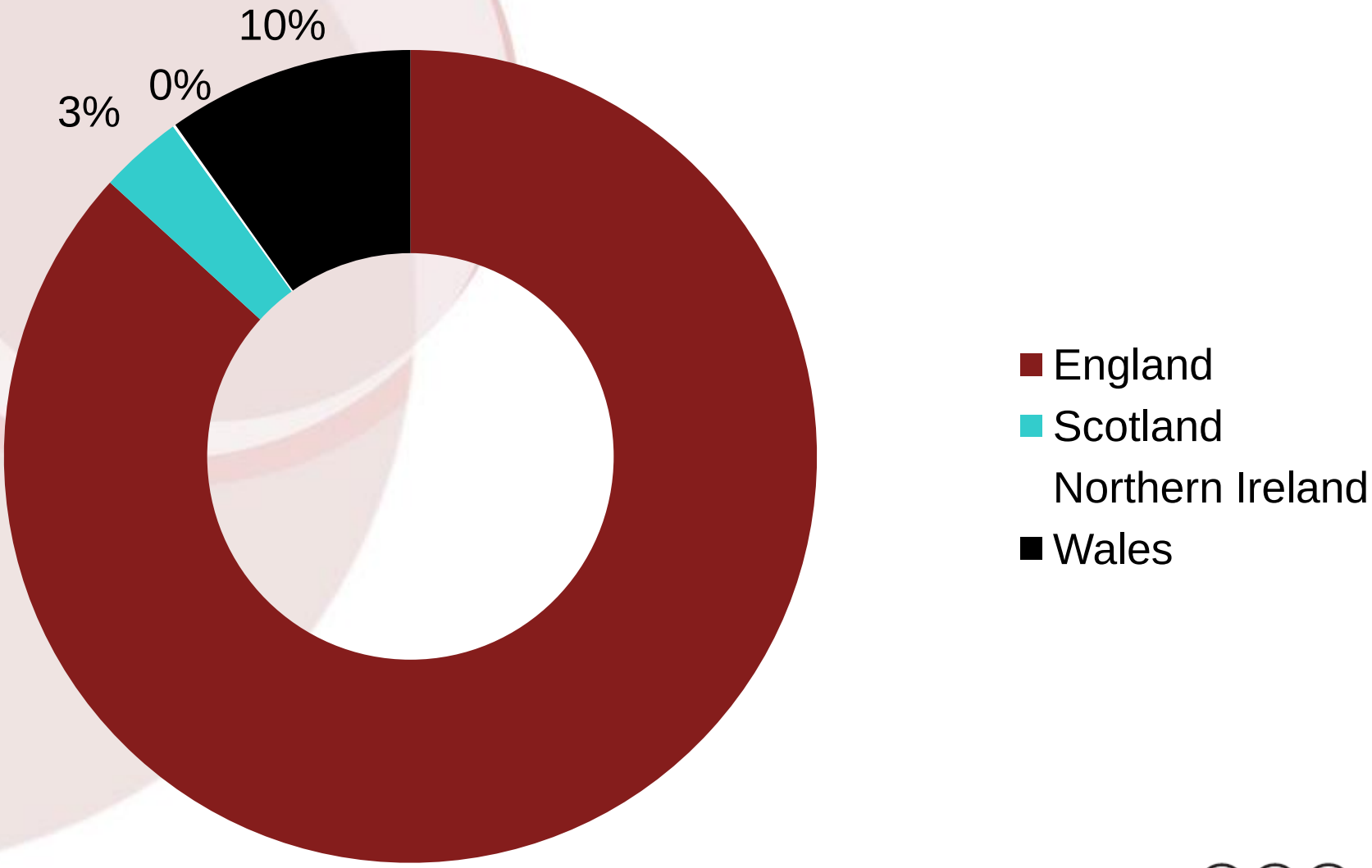


6. What type of institution do you study at?

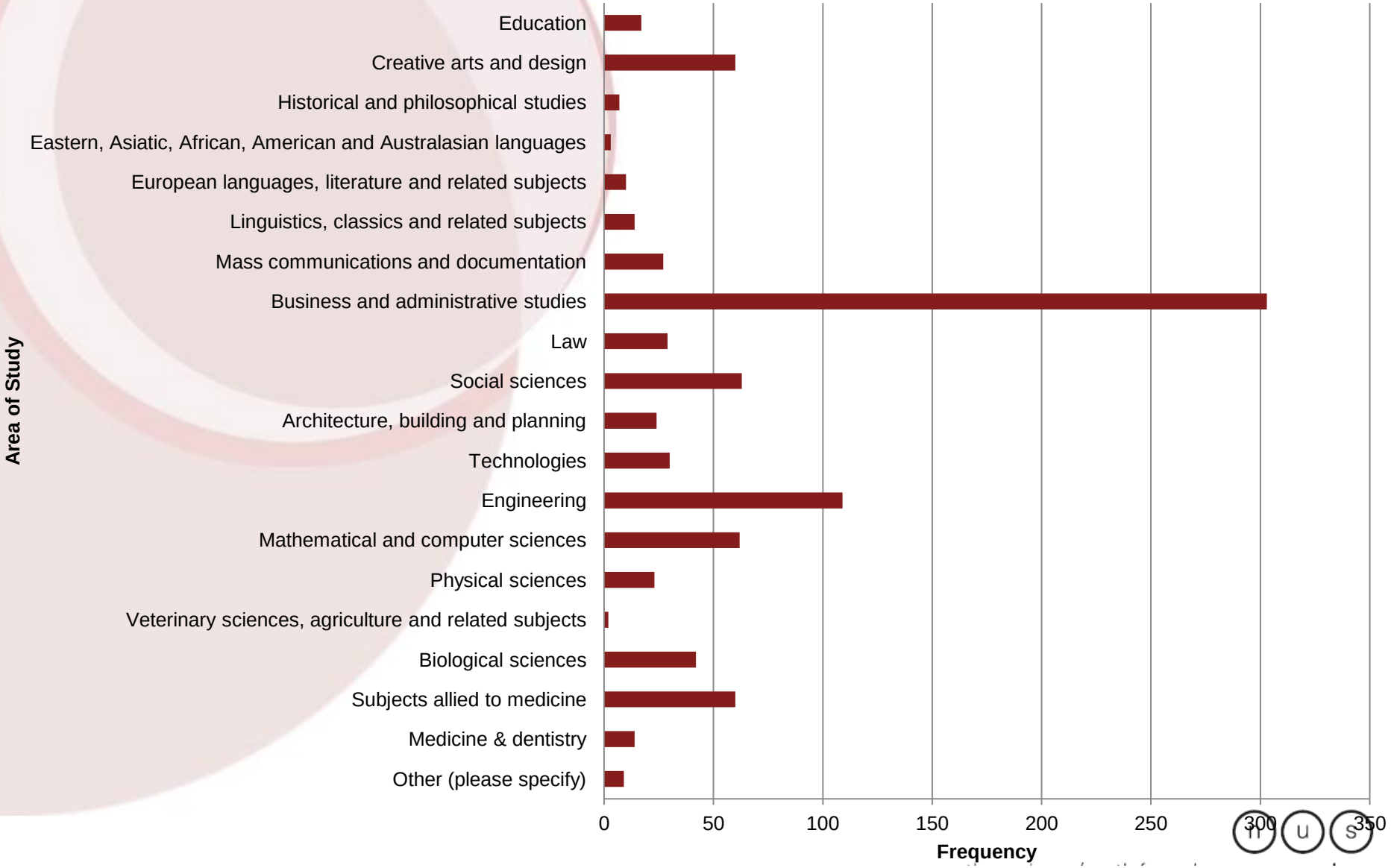


Location

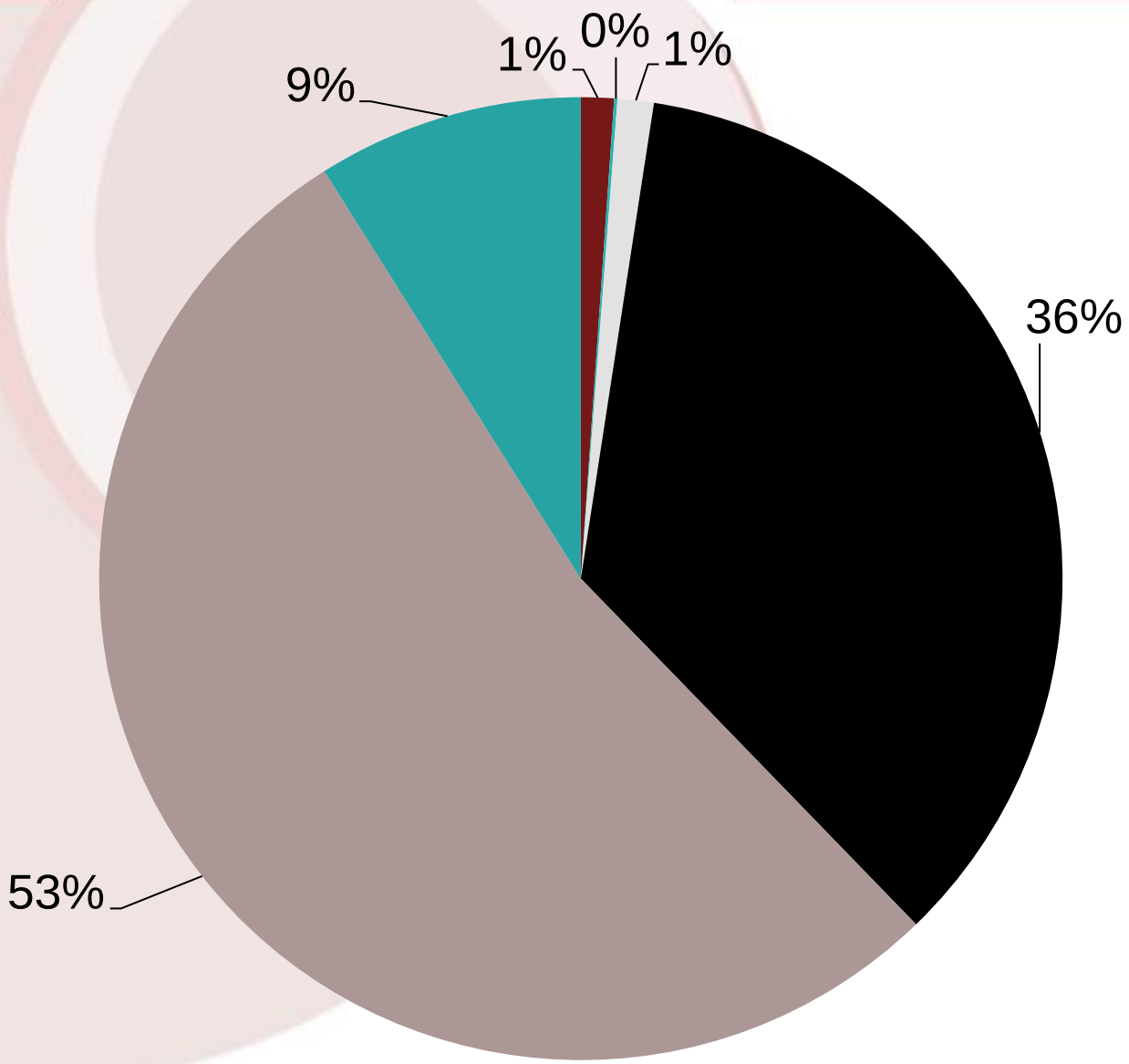
8. Where in the UK is your institution?



9. What is your area of study

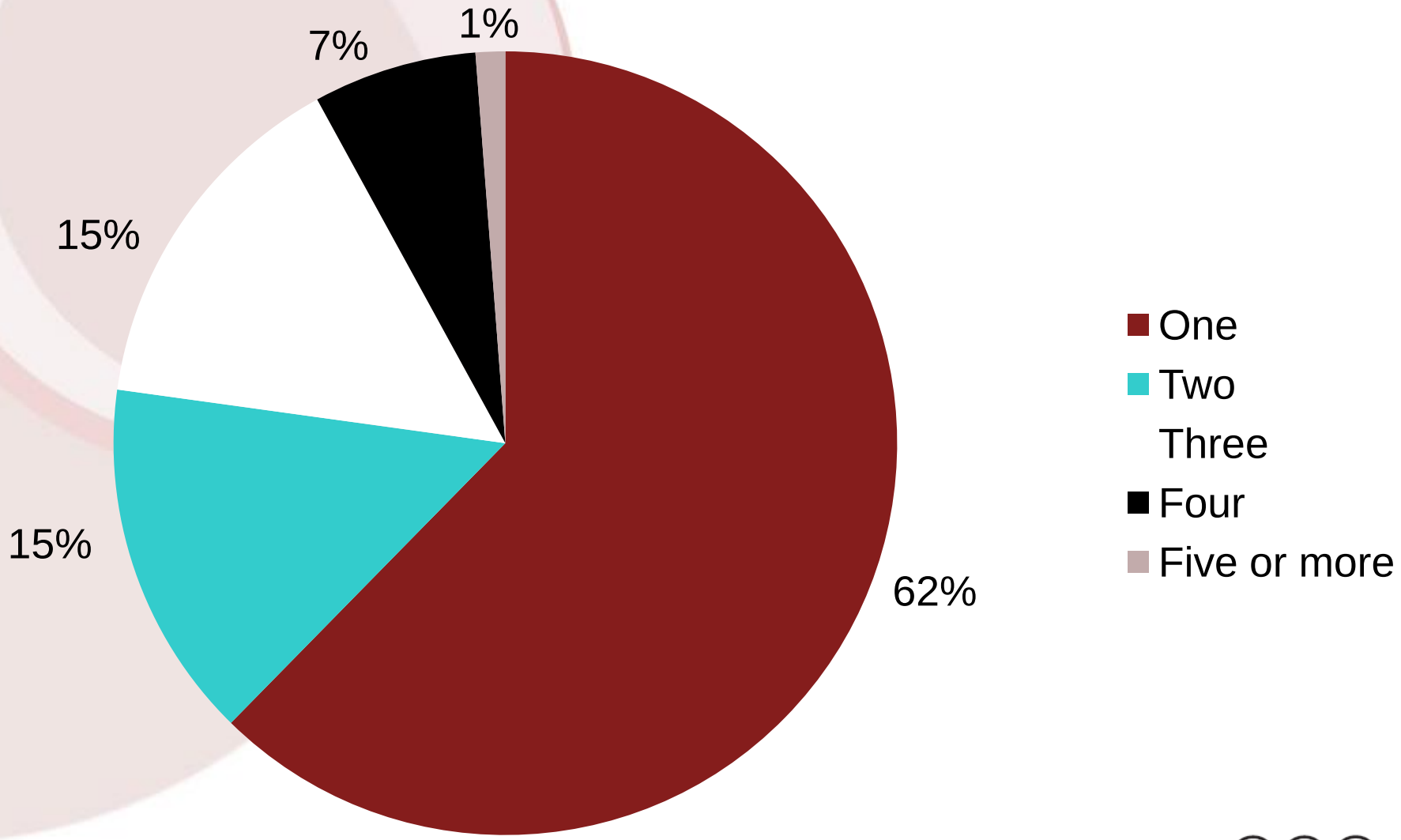


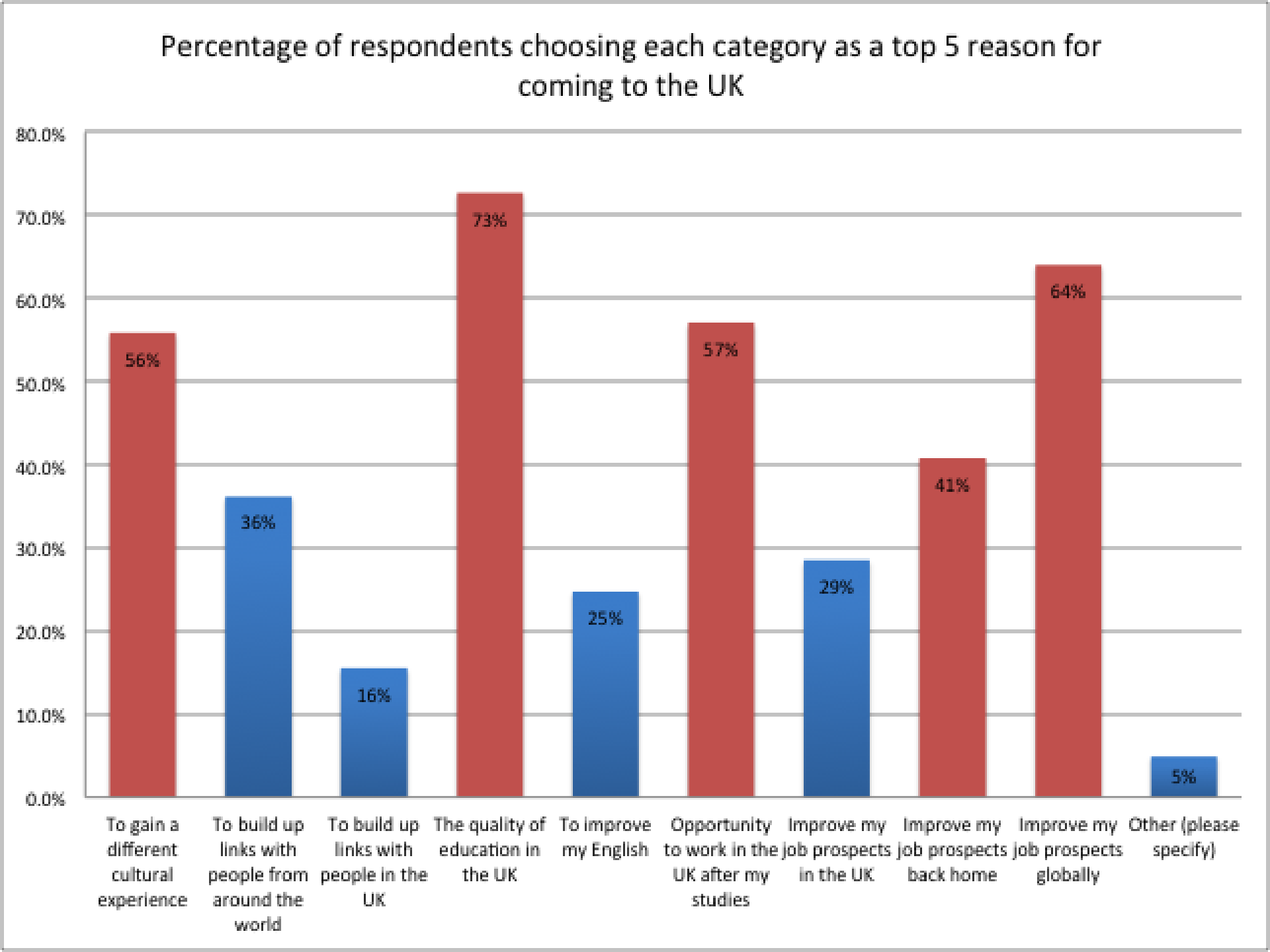
Level of Study



- Other (please specify)
- BTEC/NVQ or other qualification at Level 3
- Foundation
- Undergraduate
- Postgraduate Taught (Masters, Postgraduate Certificate)
- Postgraduate Research (MPhil, PhD)

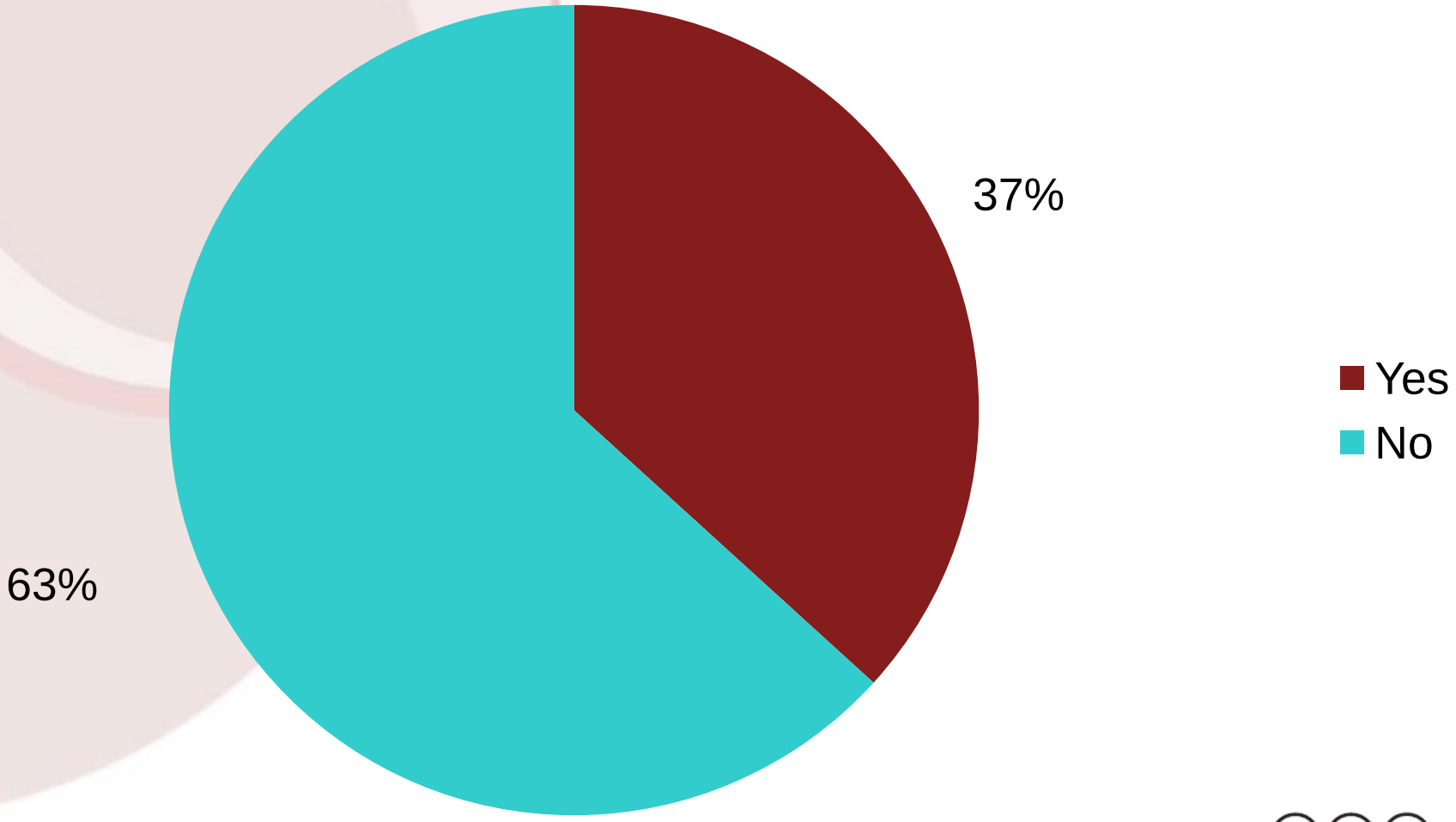
11. What is your year of study?



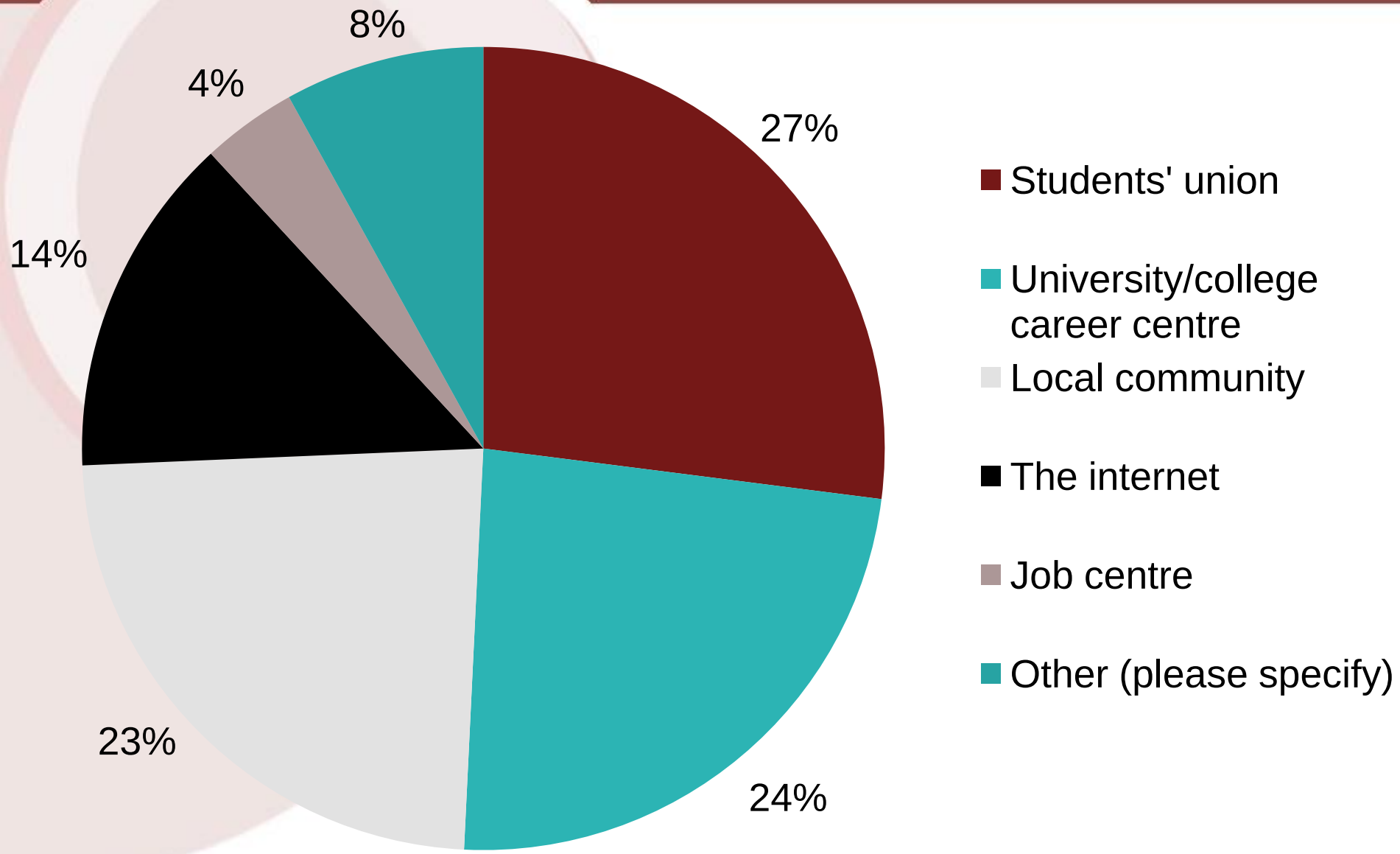

Percentage of respondents choosing each category as a top 5 reason for coming to the UK
80.0%
70.0%
60.0%
50.0%
40.0%
30.0%
20.0%
10.0%
0.0%
56%
36%
16%
73%
25%
57%
29%
41%
64%
5%
To gain a different cultural experience
To build up links with people from around the world
To build up links with people in the UK
The quality of education in the UK
To improve my English
Opportunity to work in the UK after my studies
Improve my job prospects in the UK
Improve my job prospects back home
Improve my job prospects globally
Other (please specify)

Volunteering

13. Do you or have you ever done any volunteering whilst studying in the UK?

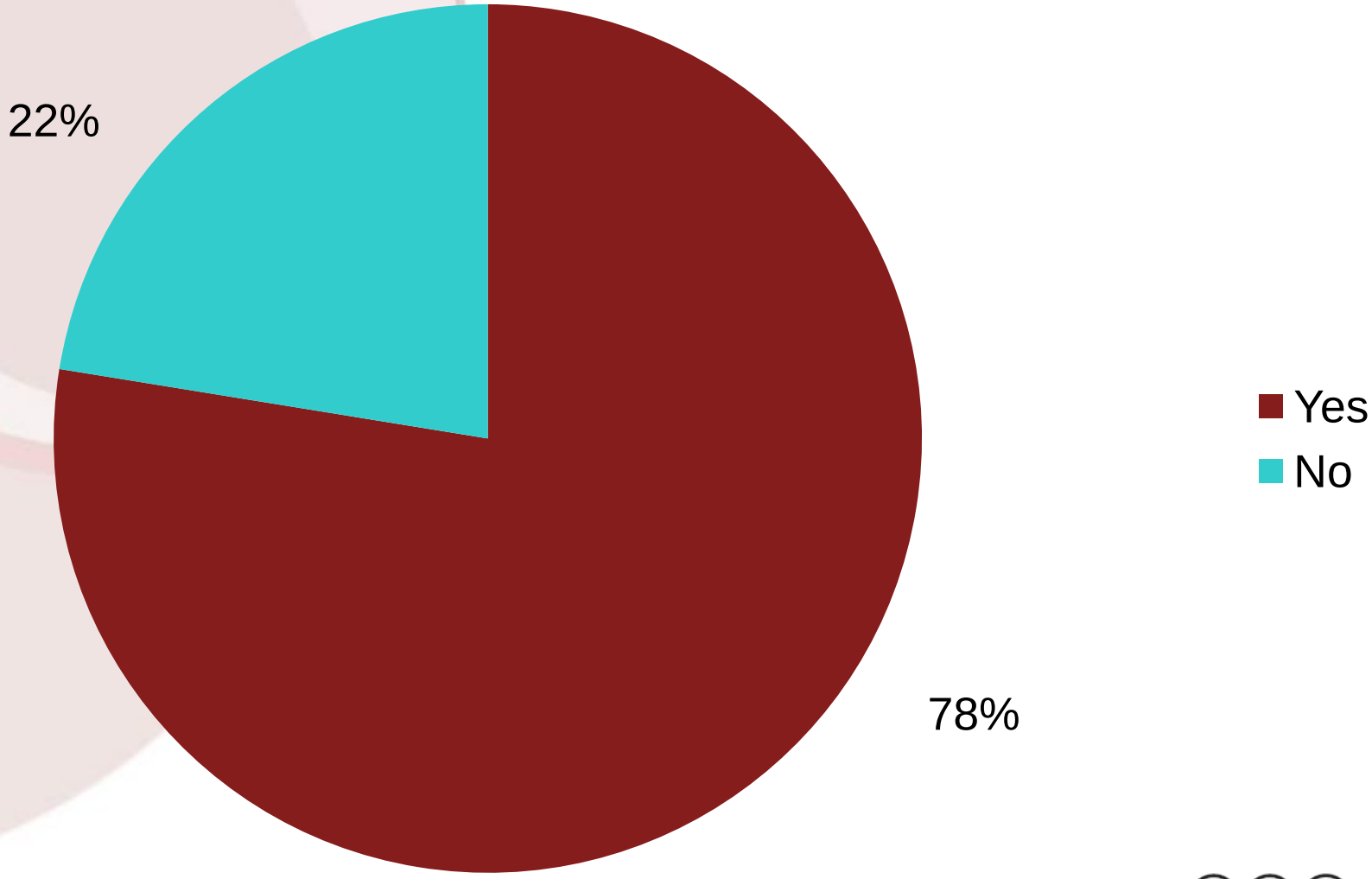


Find volunteering opportunities?

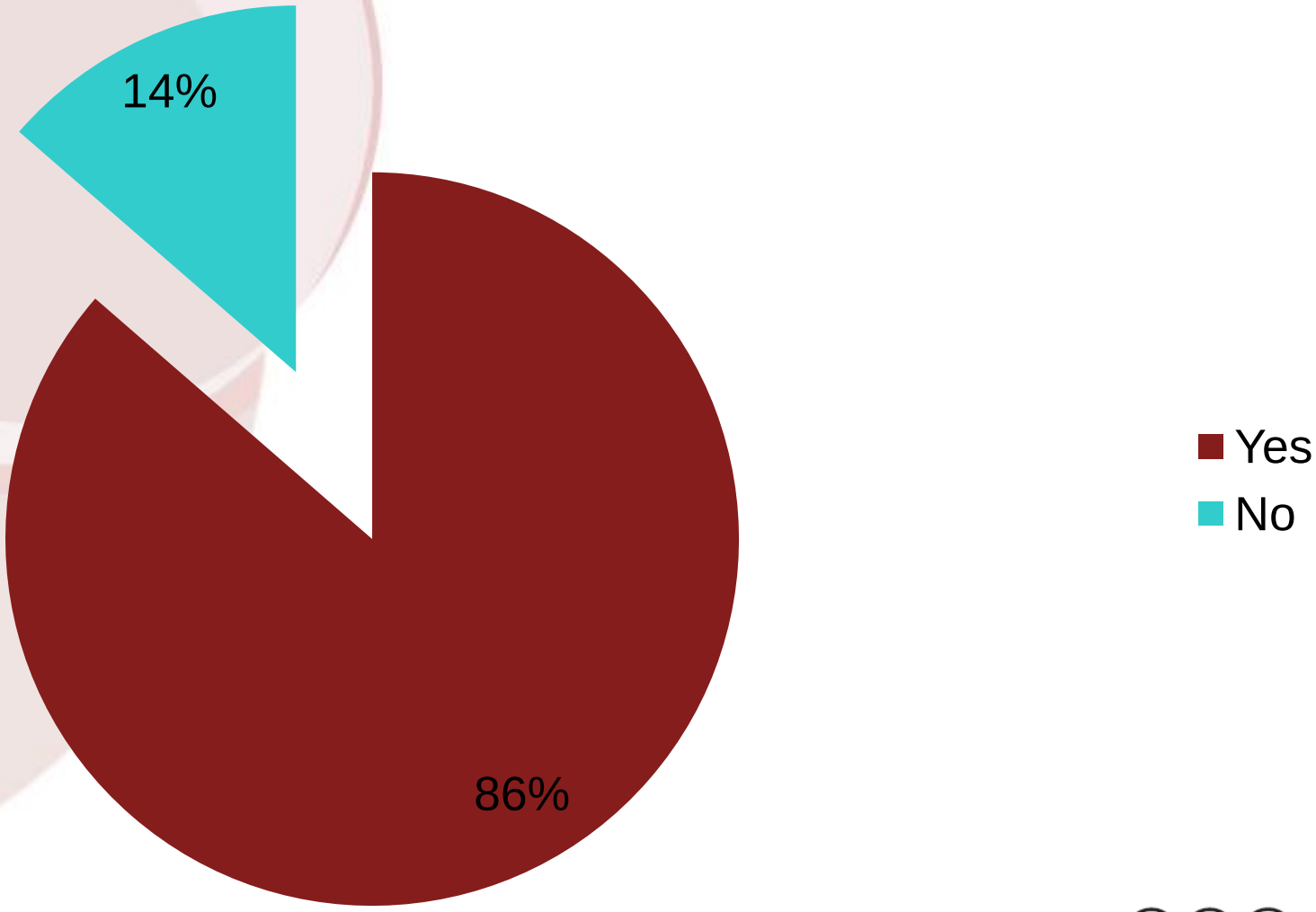


Work while study

15. Have you, or do you intend to work whilst studying in the UK?

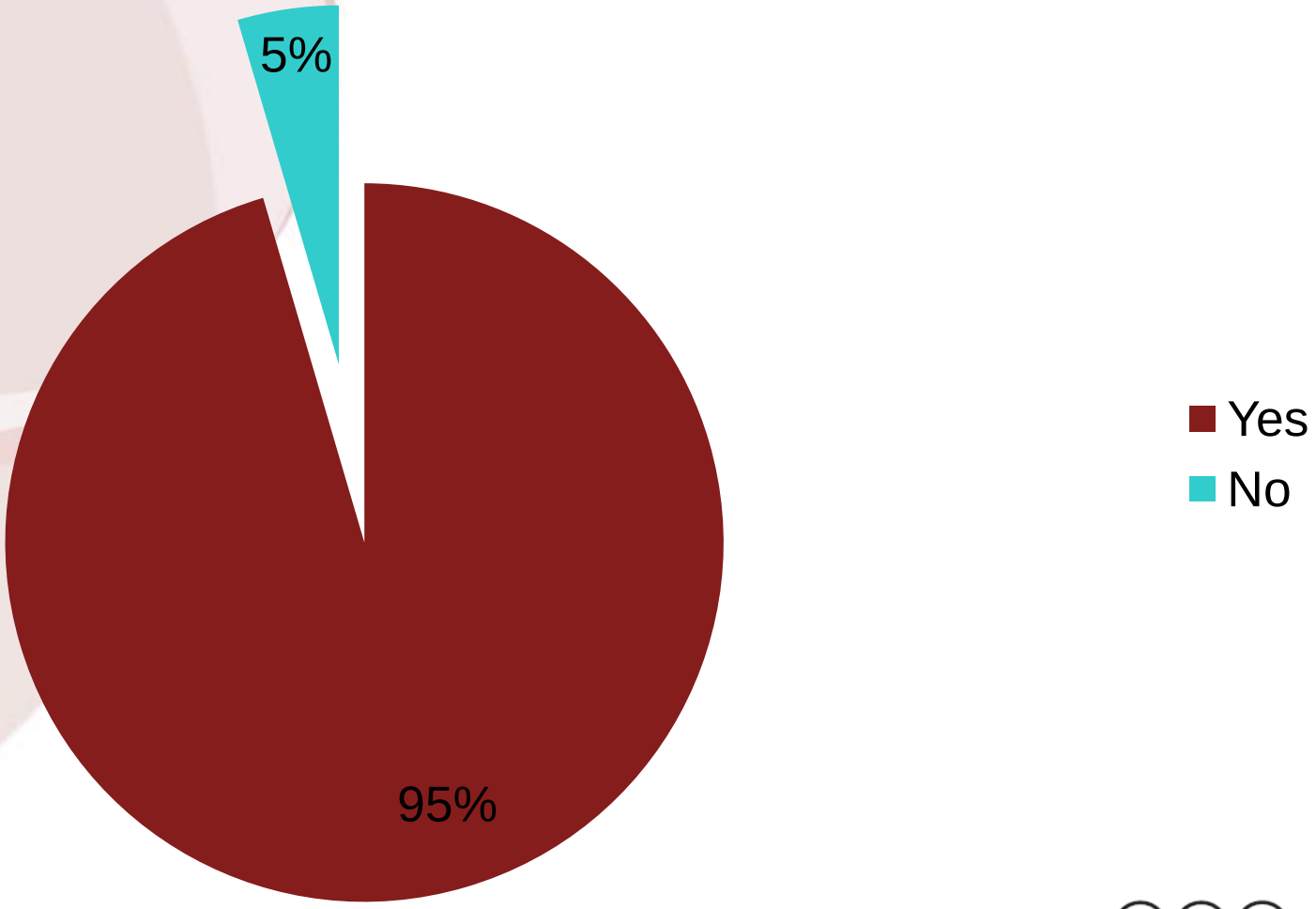


I feel confident that I am aware and understand all the regulations around my right to work during my studies in UK

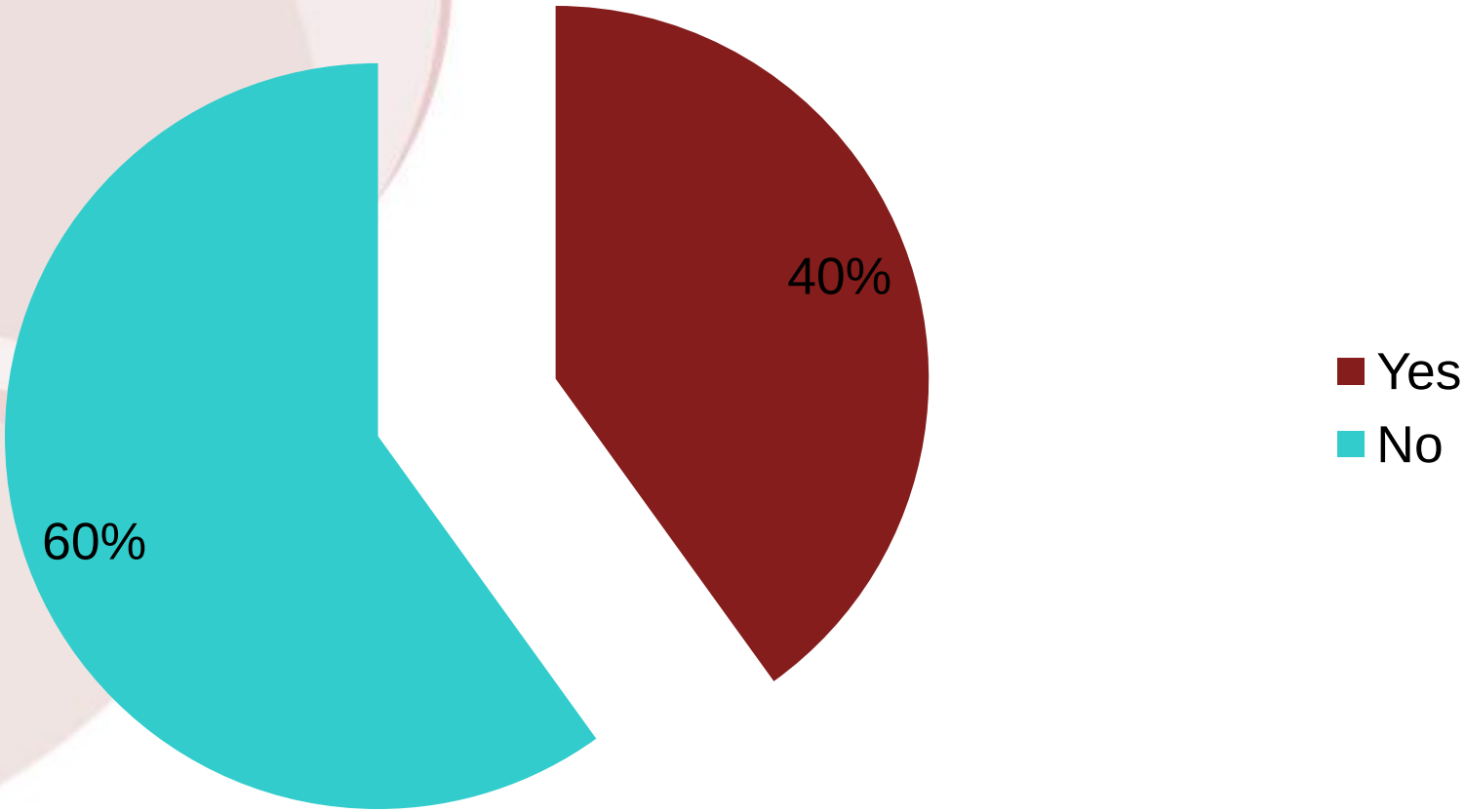


Work Experience

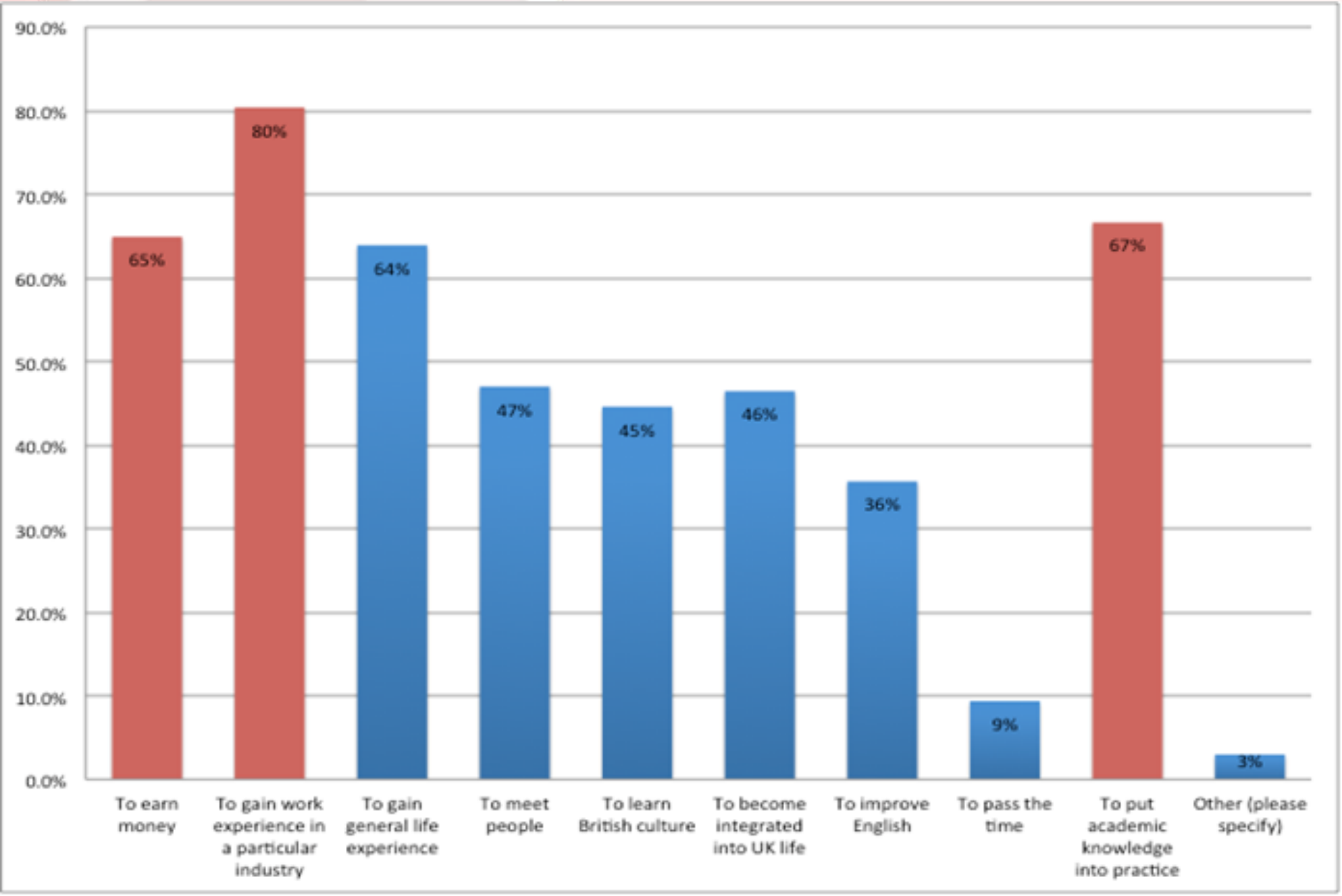
17. Gaining work experience during my studies in the UK is important to me



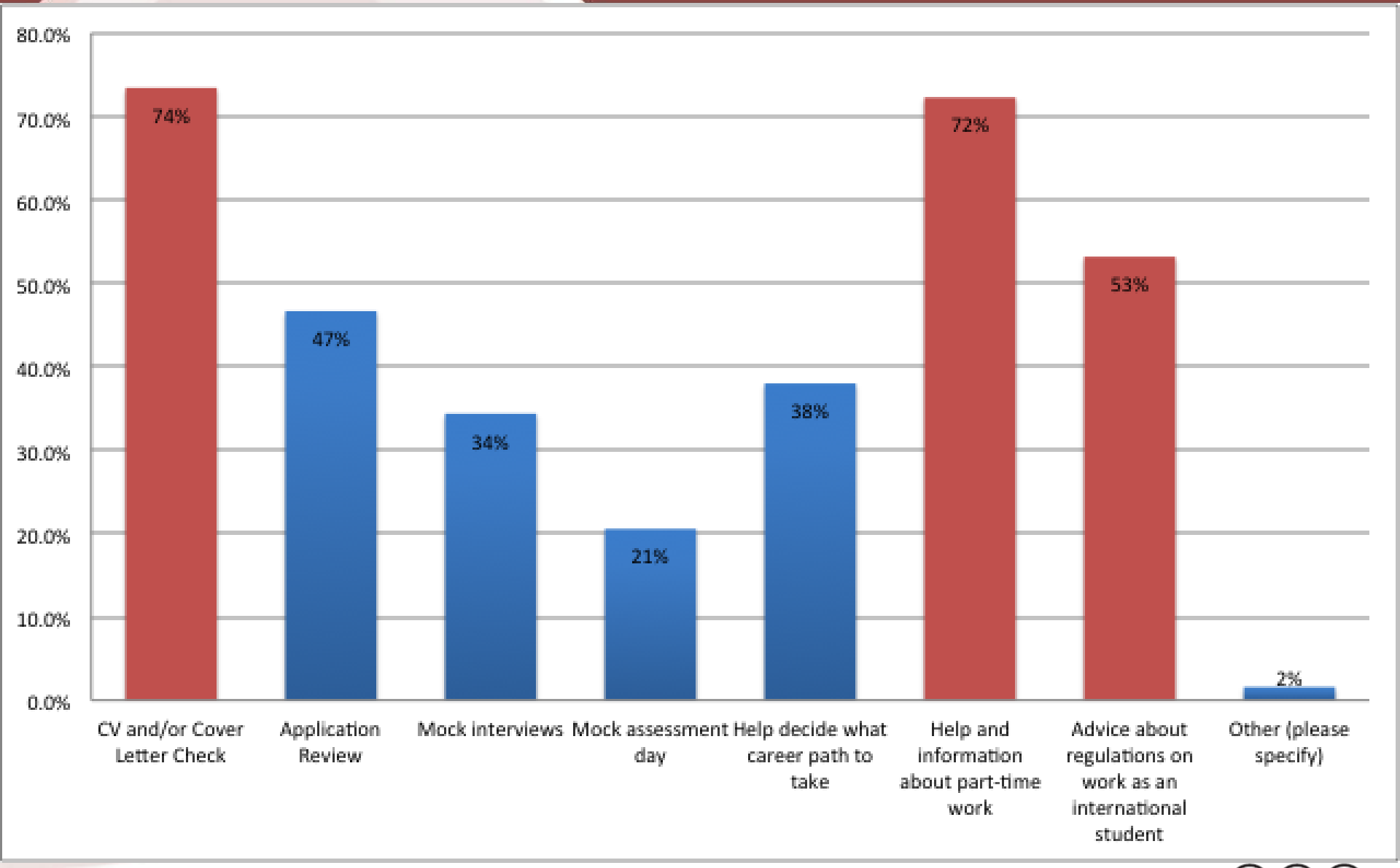
18. Gaining work in the UK that is relevant to my chosen career is easy to achieve



Why work during study?



What support you want from career service



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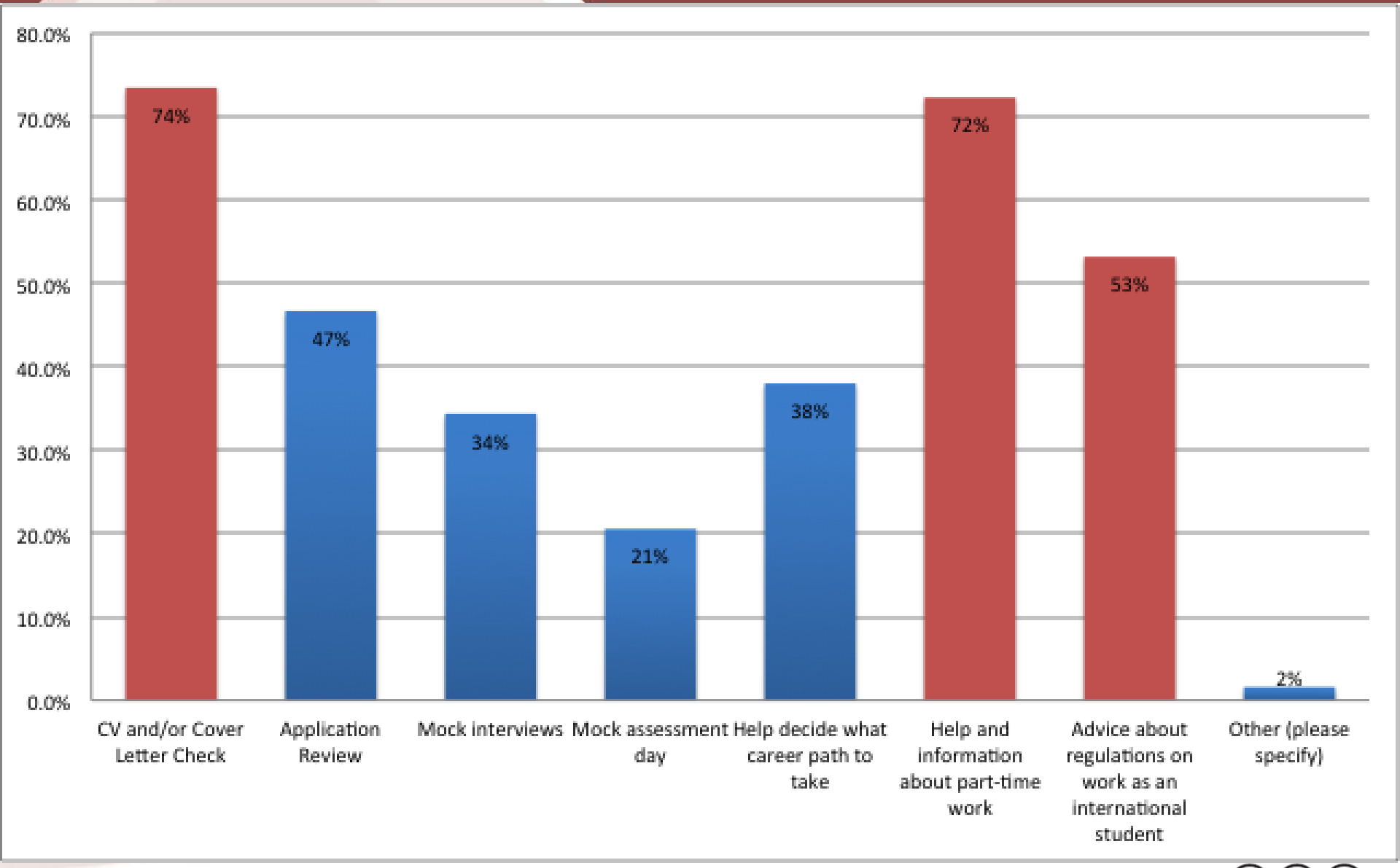
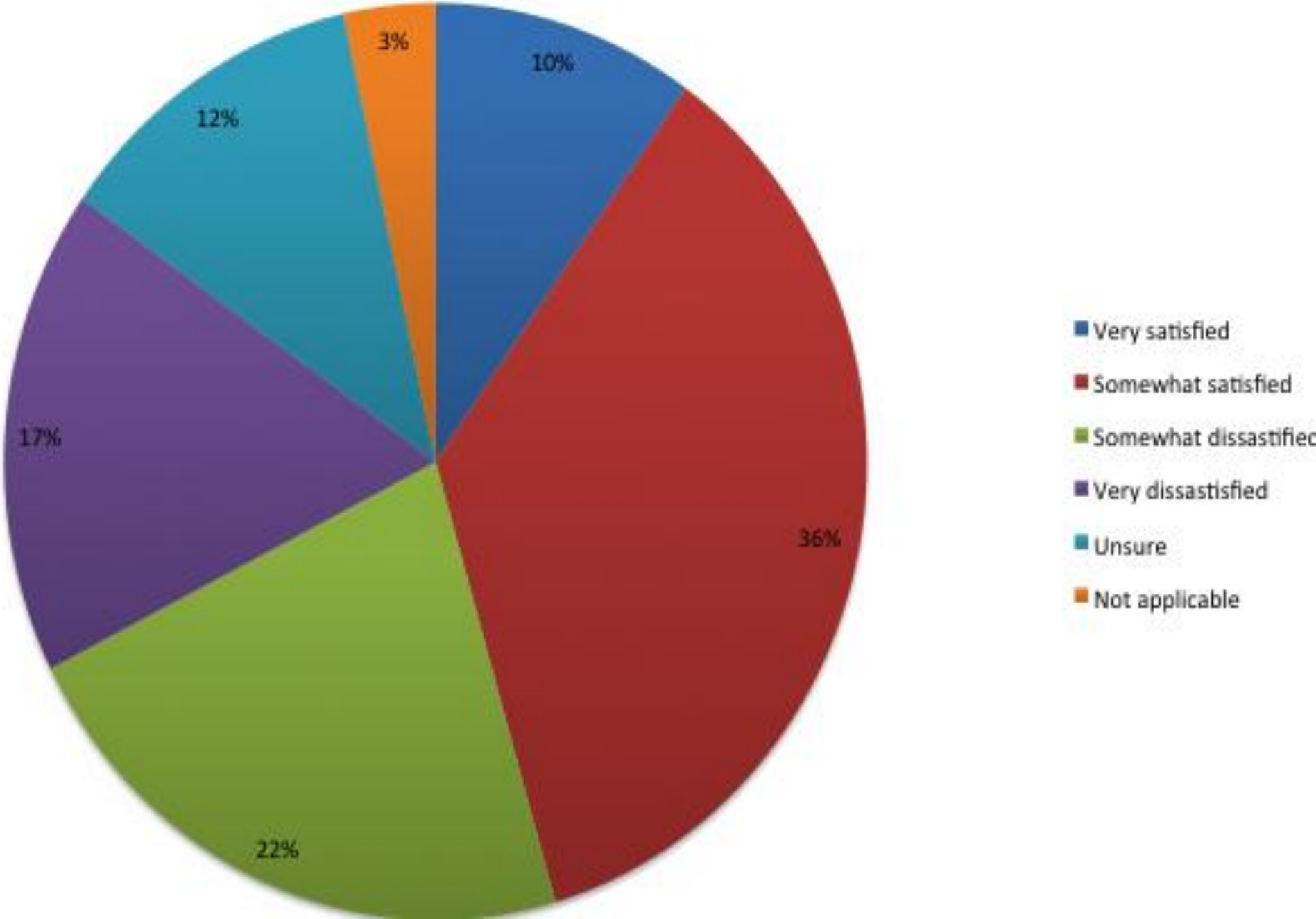
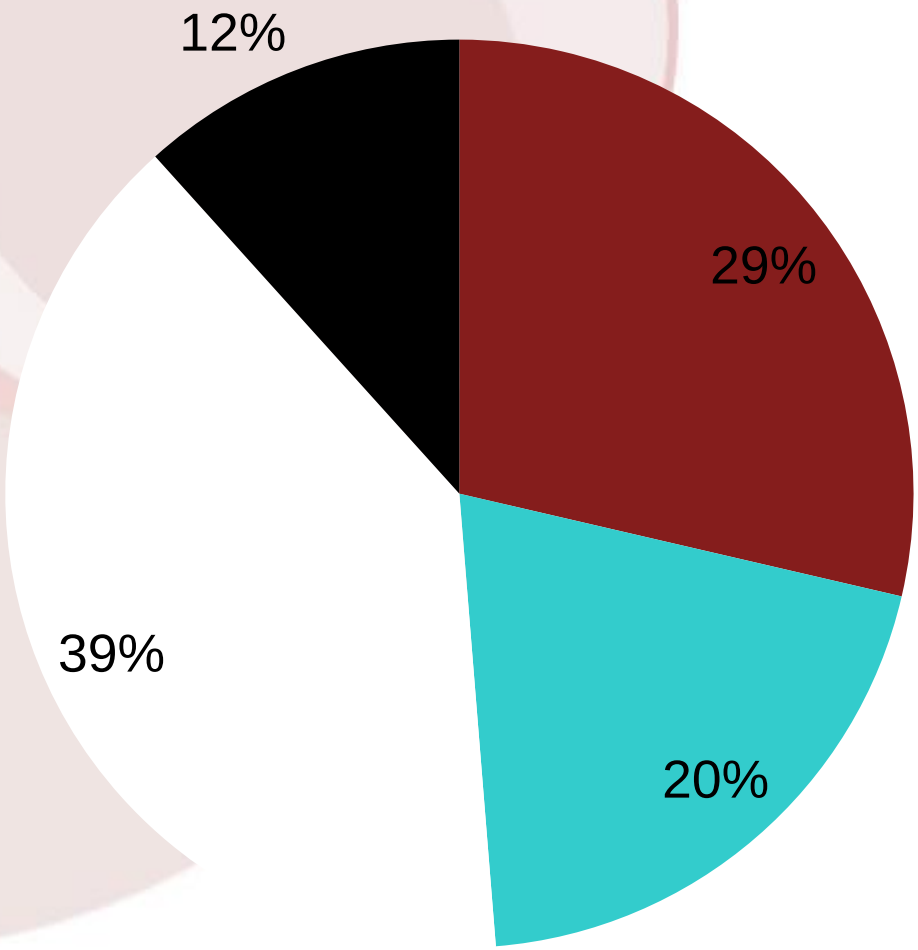


How satisfied are they to career support



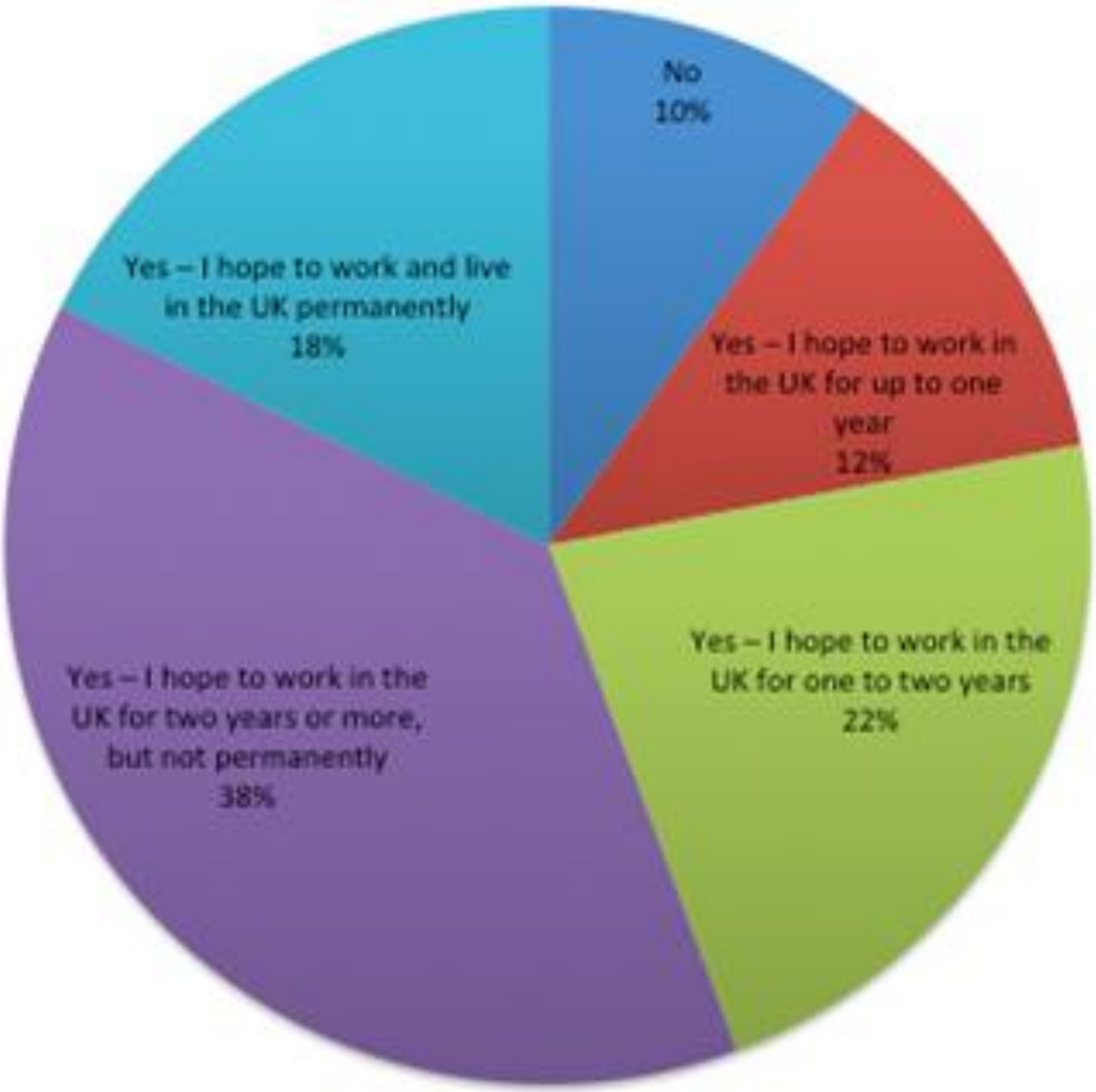
Placement

22. Would you be interested in taking a period of time out of your studies to complete a work placement, relevant to your subject area with an employed in the UK?

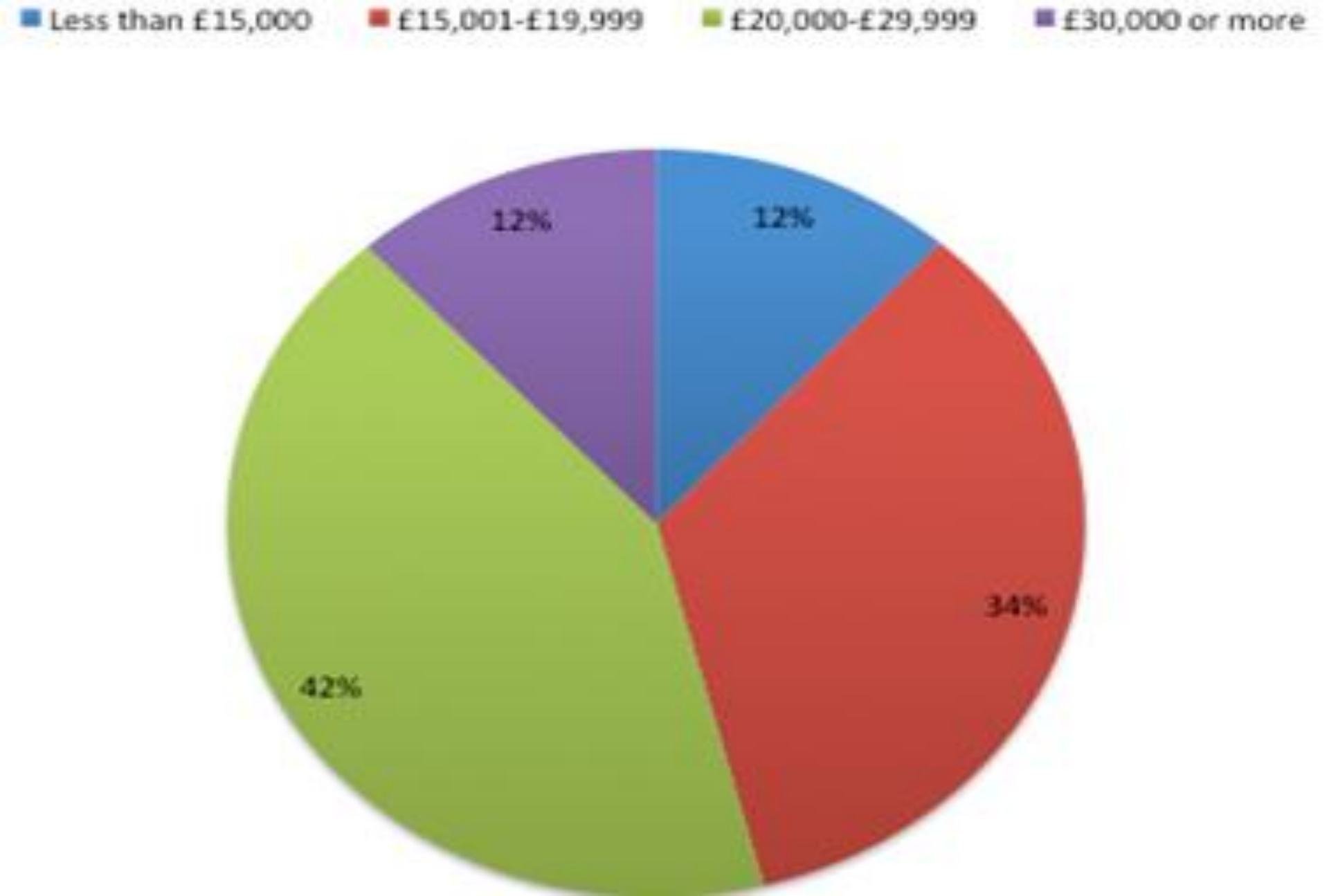


- Yes, for a period of less than one term
- Yes, for a period of one or two terms
- Yes, for up to a year
- No, this would not interest me

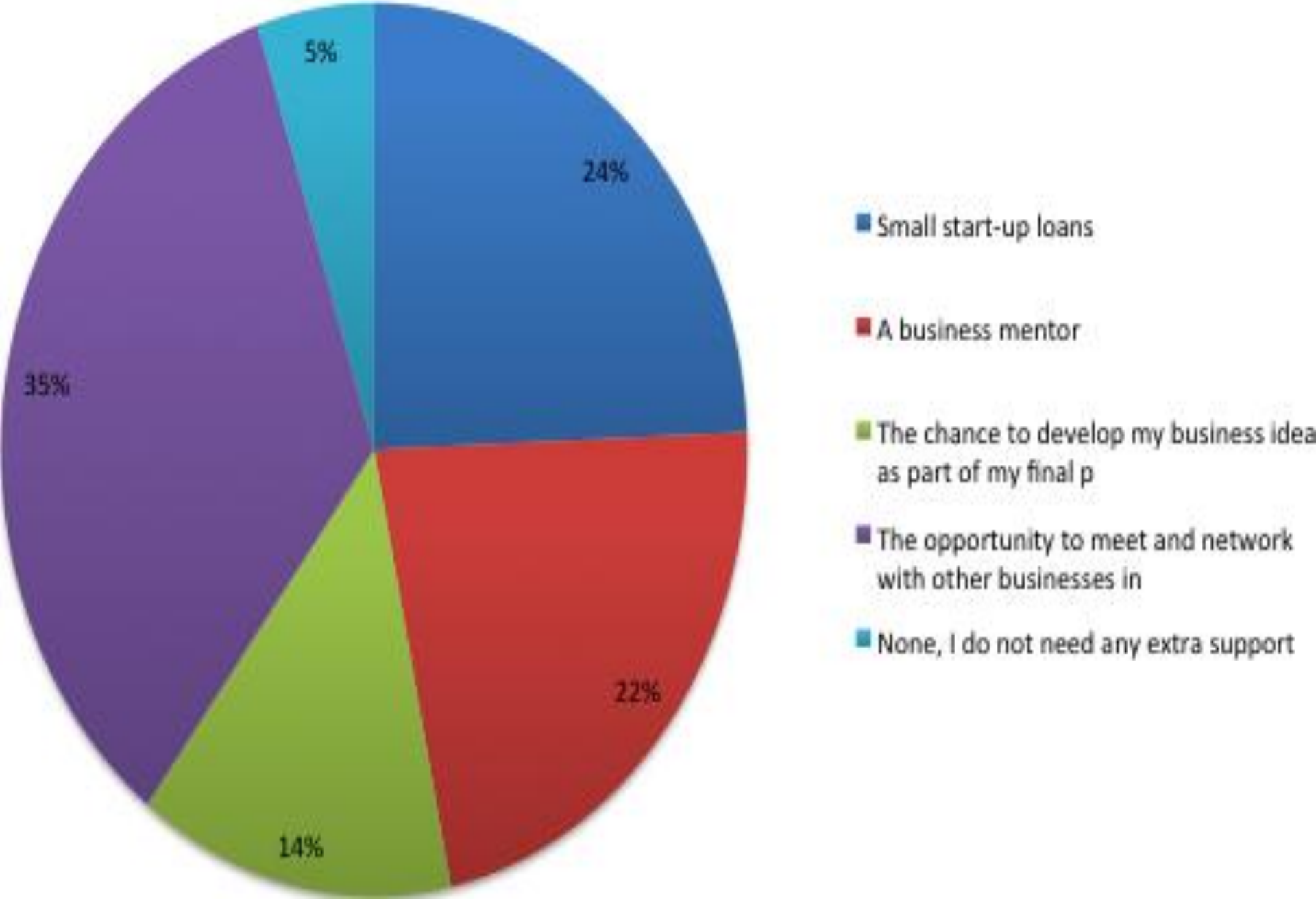
Work in the UK after studies



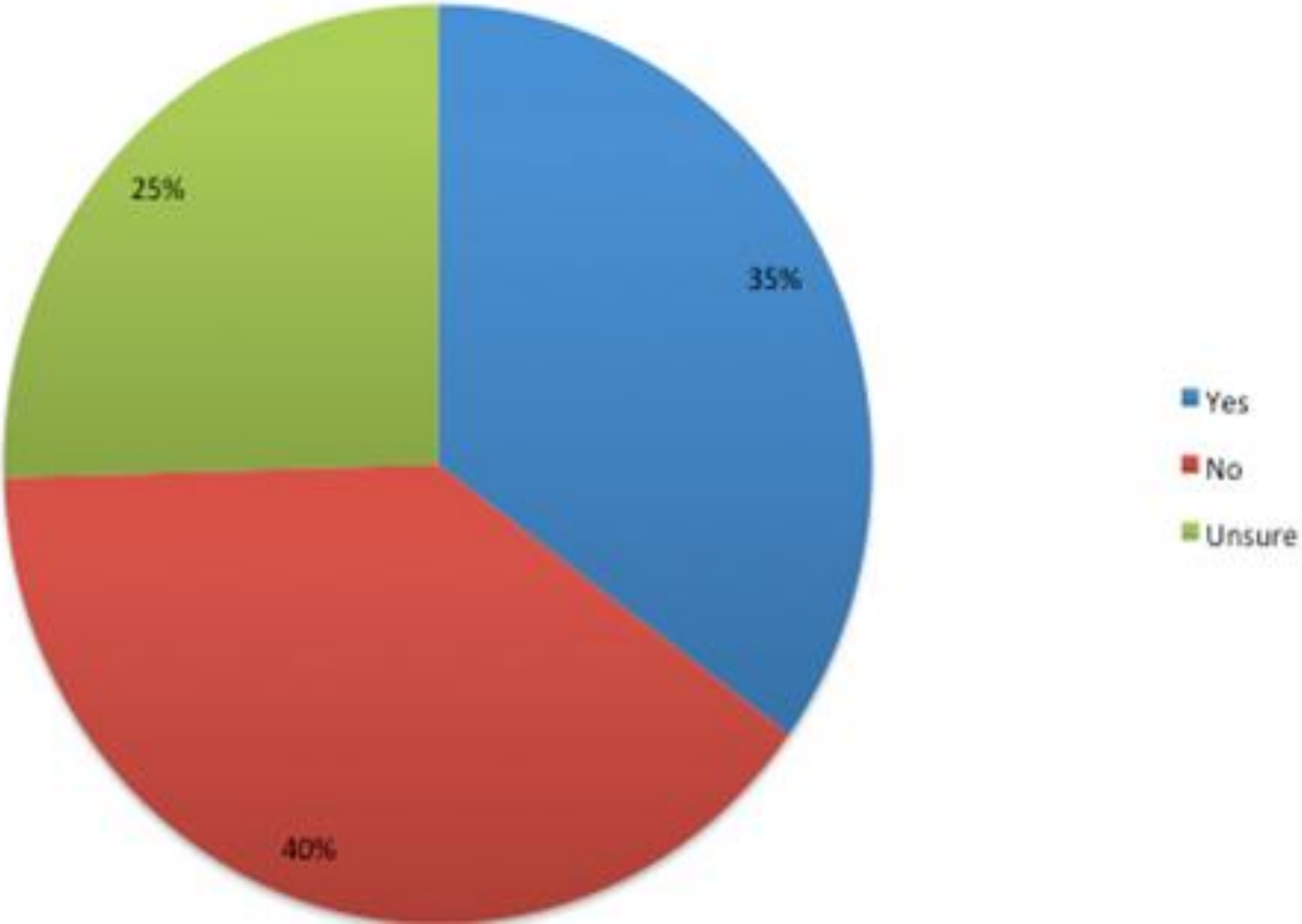
Expected Starting Salary



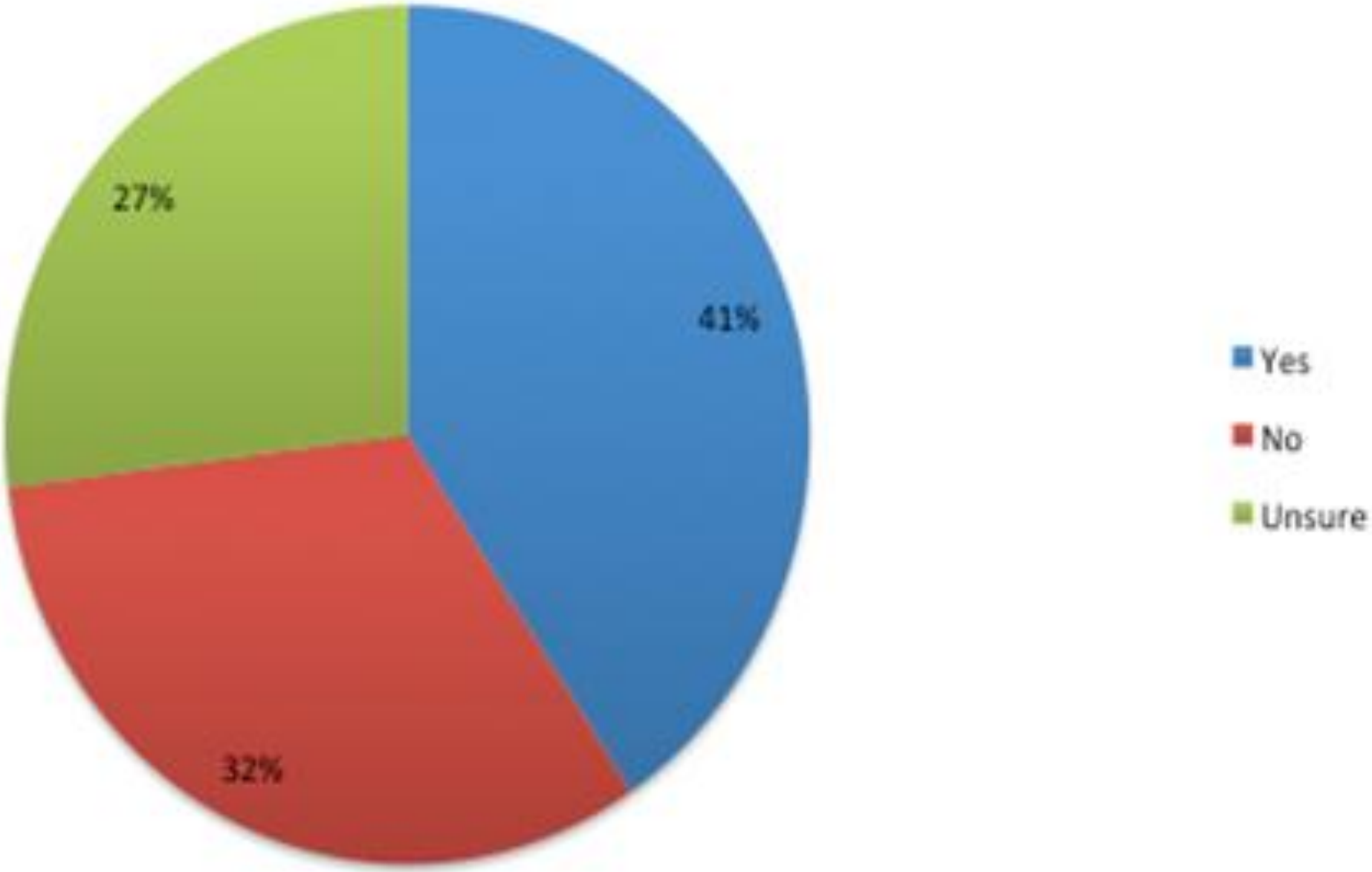
What is most useful to Entrepreneurship?



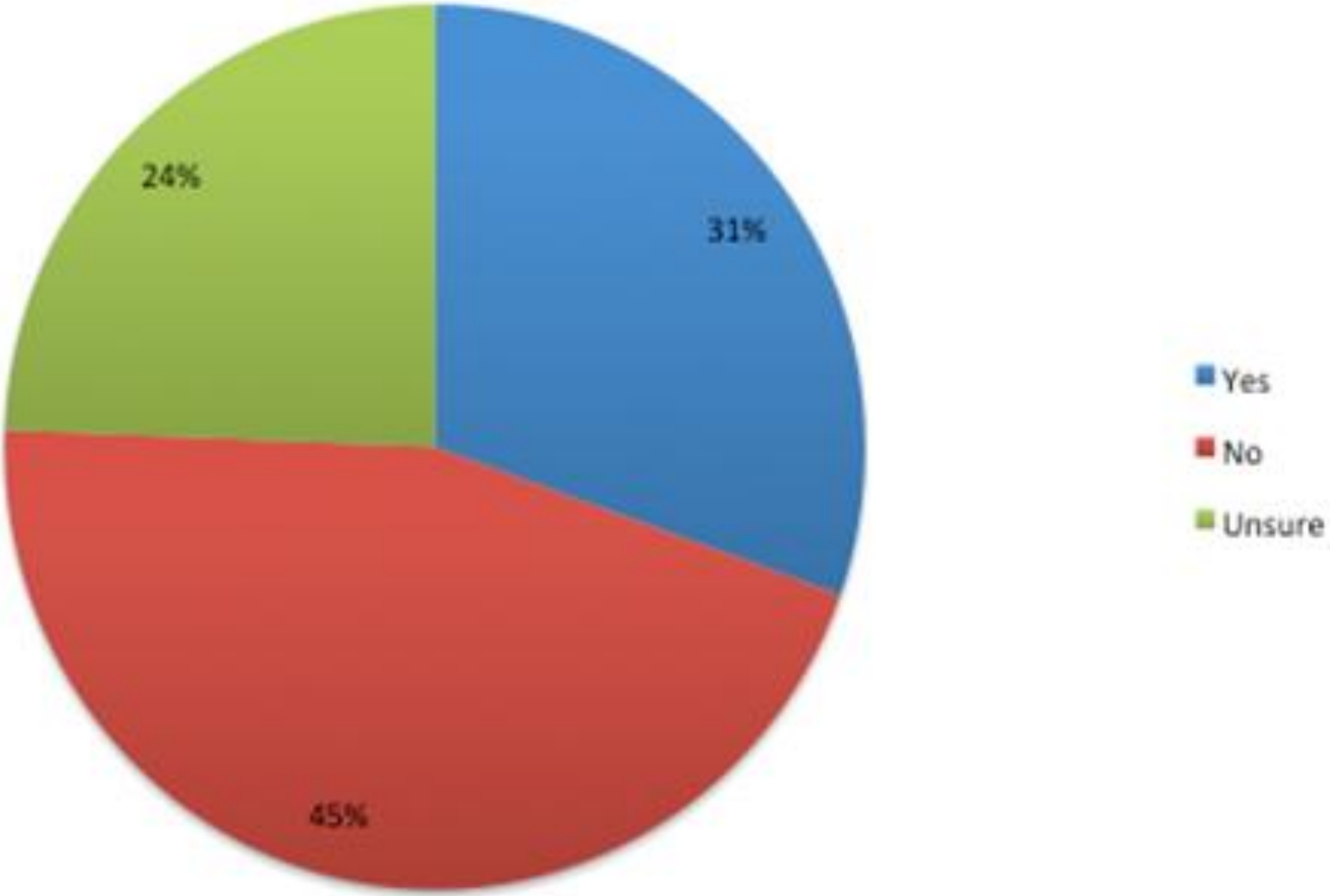
Recommending UK study?

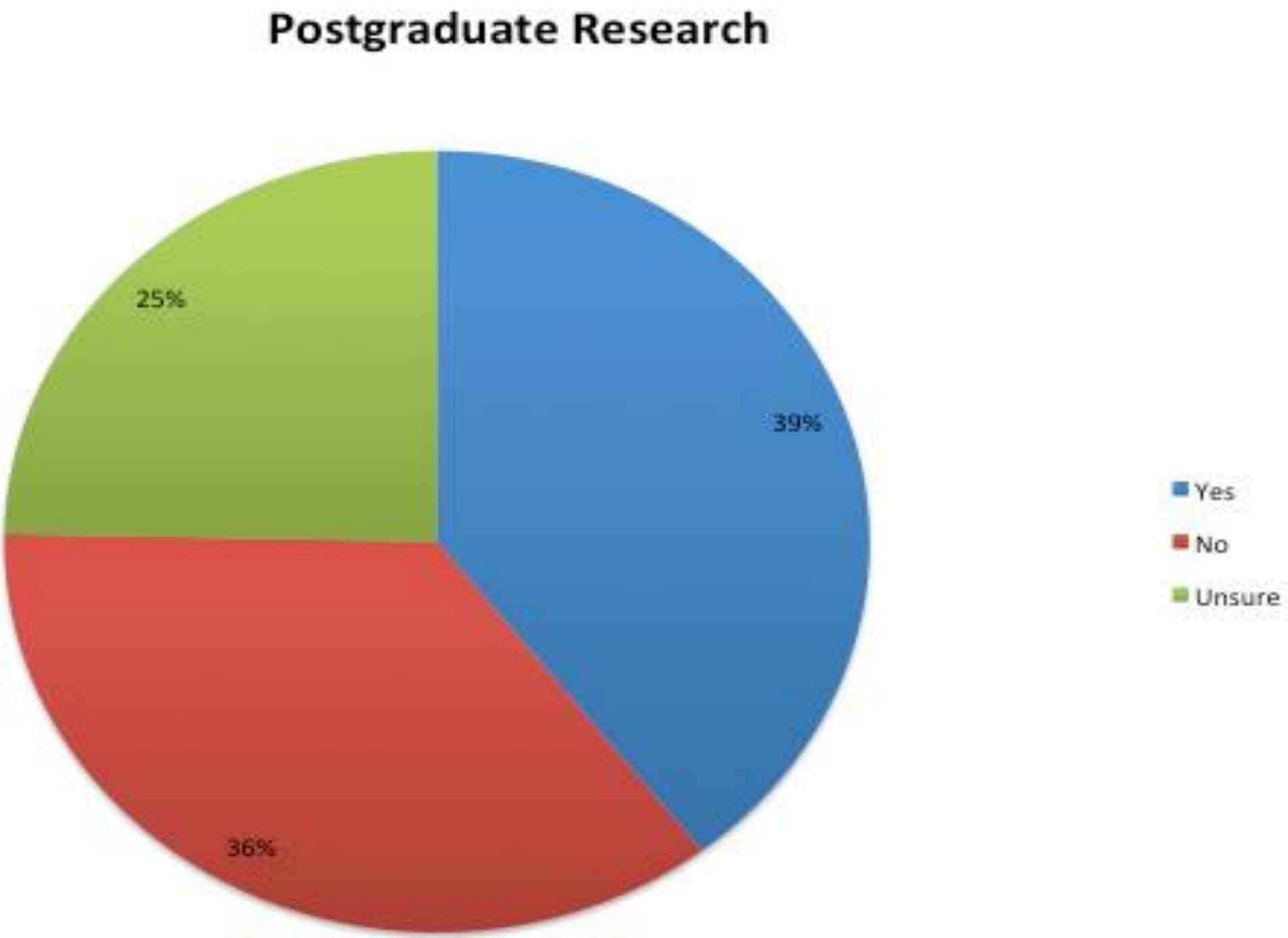


Foundation and undergraduate

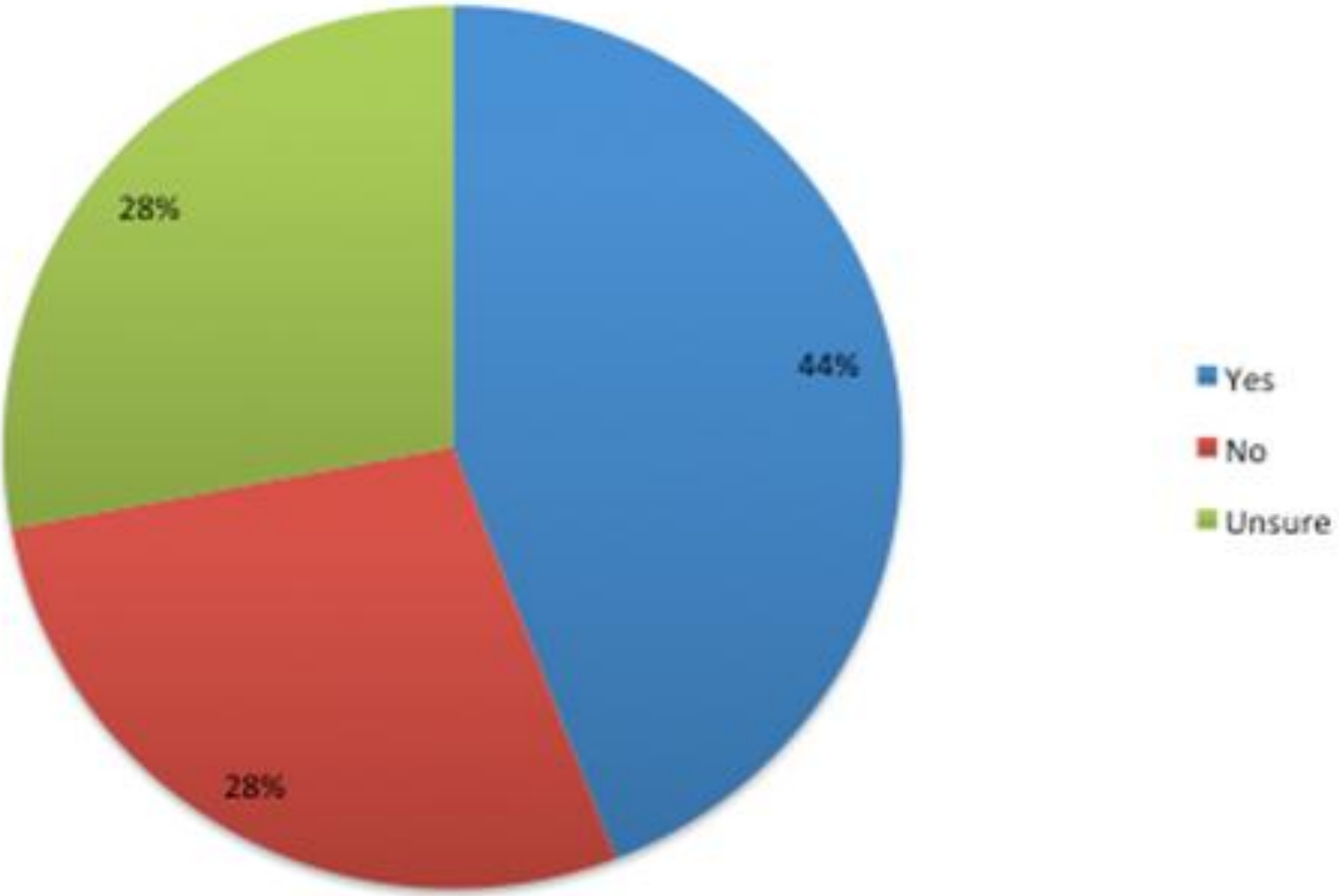


Postgraduate Taught

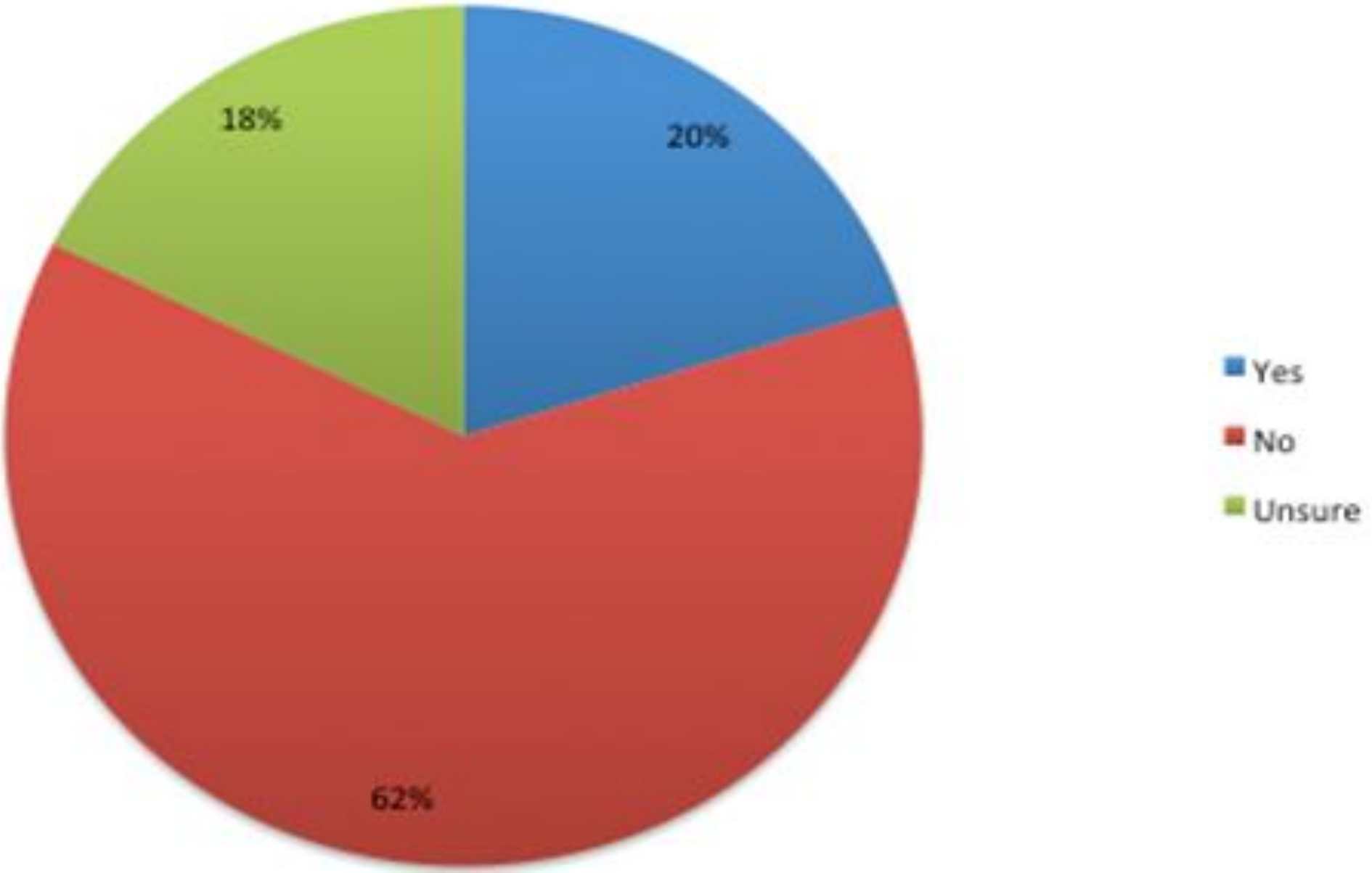



Postgraduate Research
25%
39%
36%
Yes
No
Unsure

North America



South Asia



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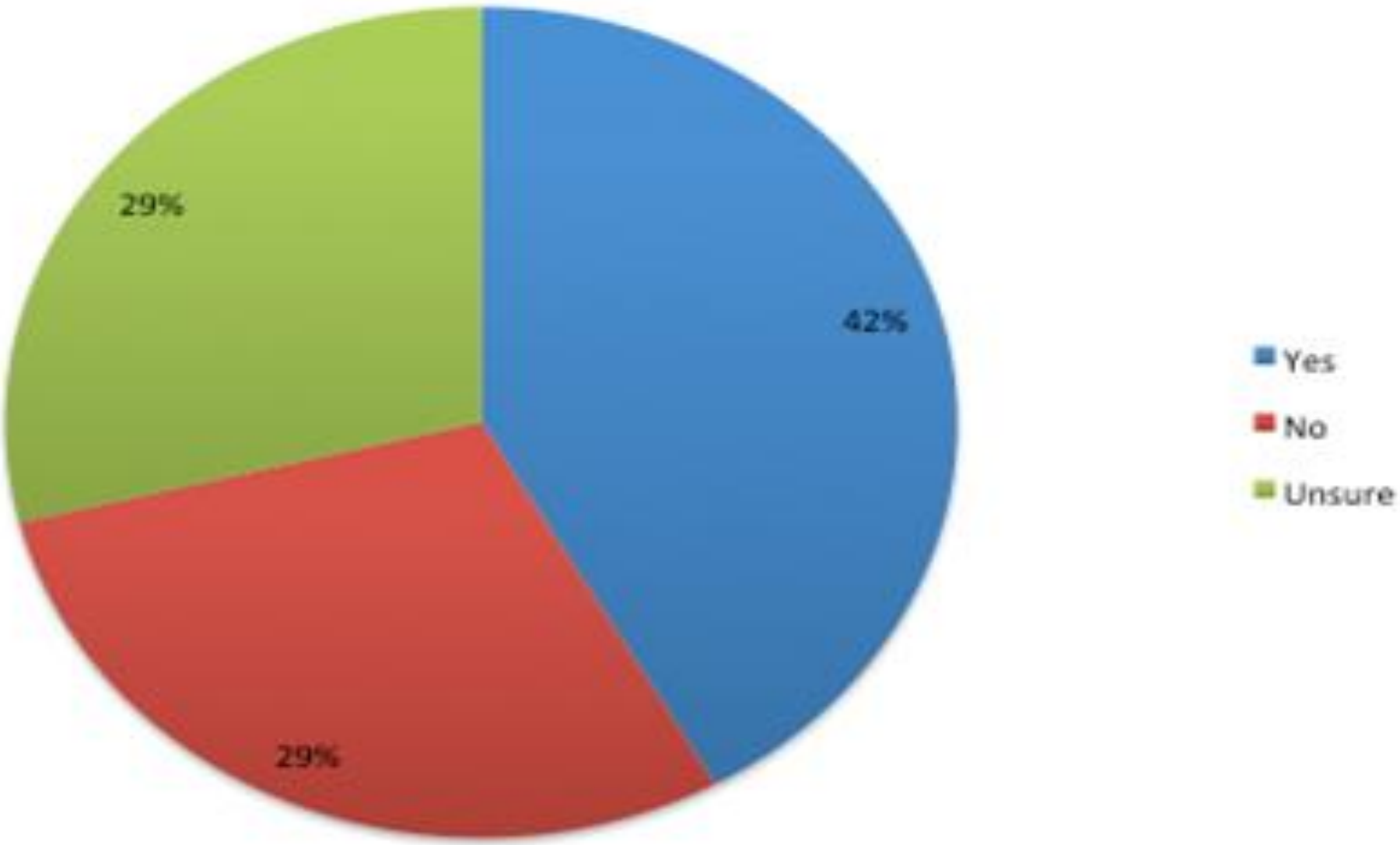

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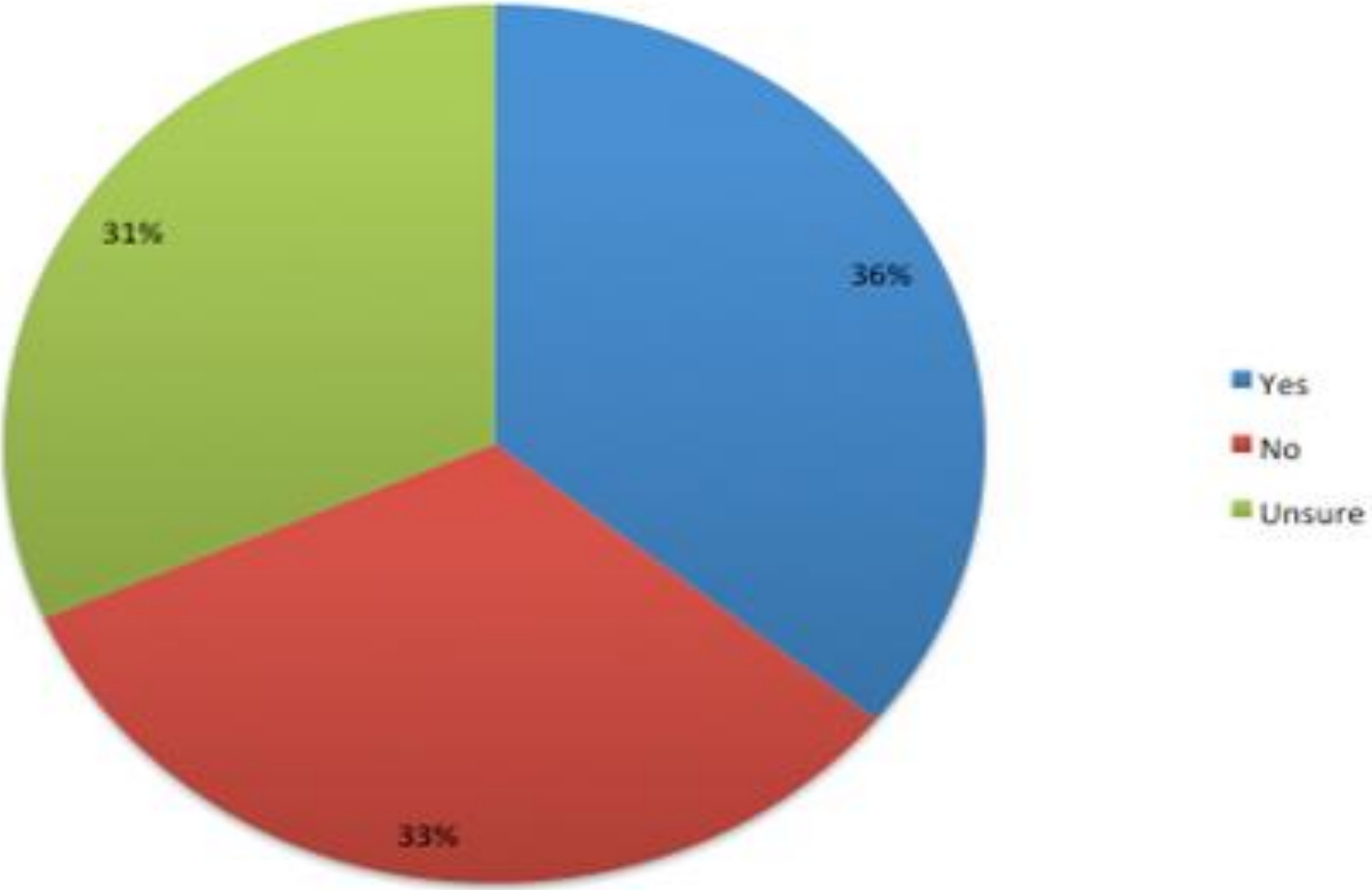

Campaign Plan?

1. Case study

- University/college career centre, job centre
- National sectors: AGCAS, NASES
- Recruiters: AGR, CIHE, CBI, BCC
- Students

2. Lobby:

- Migration Advisory Committee: Codes of Practice, Graduate level jobs
- Update the list of UKBA Registered Sponsors
- Educate British Employers on the new PSW: CAS no.

3. Campaign:

- Signature of prospective students
- Graduate Entrepreneur Scheme?

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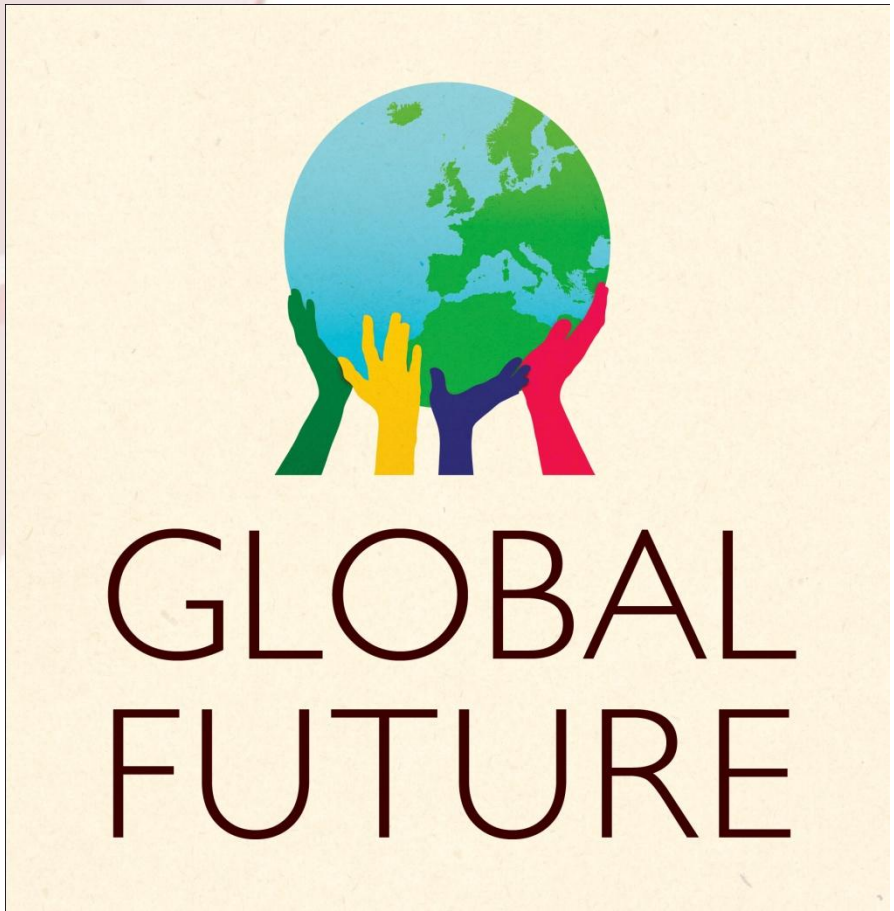
Campaign Plan?

1. Judicial Review
2. Share Your Story
3. Exclude International Students outside Net Migration
4. Global Coalition to get UN to update definition
5. Government Overseas Reciprocal Immigration Change
6. Cultural change:

What can we do after the close of PSW?

- International students Career adviser
- Transnational Education
- Encourage international students to stand for election
- Create Global Students Officer in students union
- Employability module?
- Global Accreditation Scheme?
- Global Employment Exchange?
- Global Enterprise Programme?
- Global Paid UK Industry final project
- 4 months paid subject area related internship
- Global Alumni Career Mentoring?
- Domestic job opportunities promotions?

Globalise Your Future, Beat Economic Downturn!



The Future

Question and Contact

Any Question?

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