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## Foreign Gifts and Higher Education: Evidence From the Us

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## INTRODUCTION

- Since 2013, over \$12 billion has been gifted to US universities
- Research on university-level characteristics that affect foreign funding is limited
- I examine how foreign funding received by universities changes over time
- I also account for university-level and geographic factors that influence the amount of foreign gifts

## GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION



Figure 1: Geographical location of countries that provide funding to US universities

### Gifts by Type

- Contract Gifts: 56.5%
- Monetary Gifts: 43.5%
- Real Estate Gifts: 0.0004%
- Total transactions: 23,021

### Top Gifting Nations (Since 2013)

- England: \$1.1B
- China: \$900M
- Canada: \$470M

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

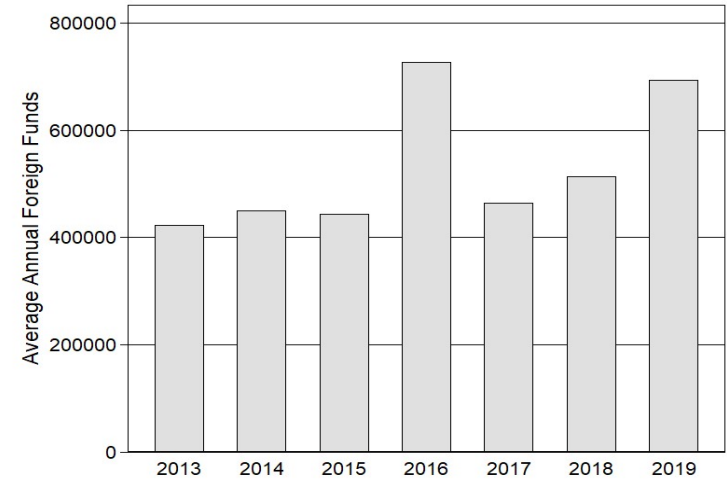


Figure 2: Annual trends in foreign funding received by US universities

### Changes Over Time

- 2016 recorded near \$2.5B in foreign gifts, the highest of any year in our data
- I would like to examine what factors lead to yearly spikes in foreign gifts, and whether differences in trends exist between private and public universities

### Conclusion & Next Steps

- Significant differences in foreign funding received by US universities exist across different years in the sample
- In the future, I plan to conduct fixed effects linear regression model to evaluate the linkage between foreign gifts and university-level characteristics