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

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Changes Over Time
- 2016 recorded near $2.5B in foreign gifts, the highest of any year in our data

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

Top Gifting Nations (Since 2013)
- England: $1.1B
- China: $900M
- Canada: $470M

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

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

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