

GRADUATE OUTCOMES 2026

EMPLOYMENT REPORT



BASED ON 2023 – 24 GRADUATE OUTCOMES DATA FROM HESA



At Surrey, we put our students’ careers first with tailored career support and opportunities. We continue to build on our renowned Professional Training Placements scheme, ensuring our students have access to a variety of opportunities to enhance their employability, both in the UK and overseas.

We also offer graduate internships, and have a strong network of industry partners, to support our students and graduates in a competitive job market.

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INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

See how many of our international graduates are employed or in further education.

TOP FINDINGS

93%

of Surrey undergraduates are in work or further education

81%

of undergraduates are in graduate level roles (as opposed to roles not requiring a degree)

84%

of graduates agree that their current activity is meaningful

74%

said their current activity fits with their future plans

SEVEN YEARS AS A **TOP 25** UK INSTITUTION OVERALL

Surrey's ranking for the number of graduates in high-skilled jobs*



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INTRODUCTION



The Graduate Outcomes survey is the biggest annual social survey in the UK and captures the perspectives, current employment and further studies of university graduates.

All graduates who completed a higher education course in the UK between 1 August 2023 and 31 July 2024 were invited to take part in the latest survey.

GRADUATE INSIGHTS

In addition to finding out what graduates are doing after their studies, the Graduate Outcomes survey also discovers a more in-depth 'graduate voice', understanding:

- How meaningful or important they feel their job or further study is
- Whether they're using the skills gained from their qualification in their current job or study
- How they're progressing towards their future goals.

The survey also allows us to gather deeper insights into graduates pursuing non-traditional career paths, such as those developing creative portfolios or setting up a business.

RUNNING THE SURVEY

Graduates were surveyed by telephone or online approximately 15 months after completing their studies.

The survey is run and managed by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) to ensure that any data gathered remains impartial and of high quality. We supply Surrey graduate details to HESA and promote the survey itself, both during our students' time at Surrey, upon graduation and before each survey begins.

HOW THIS SURVEY WILL BE USED

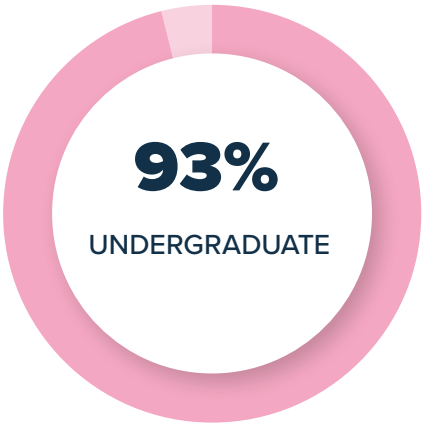
The results from this survey provide us with key insights into how we can better support our current students and our graduates. They also provide us the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our graduates and build on the employability of our students as the next generation of workers and future change makers. Additionally, the survey results feed into league tables and the Office for Students data to inform student outcomes, the Teaching Excellence Framework and our Access and Participation Plan targets. They are also used in the media and to inform policy.

GRADUATE OUTCOMES RESULTS

GRADUATES IN EMPLOYMENT

92%
OVERALL

Surrey graduates who have said they're working or in full-time study (or both).

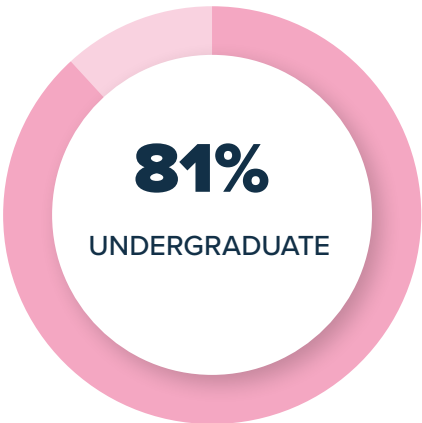


Graduates who state they are working or studying (or both) out of all respondents who are working, studying or seeking work. All other categories are excluded. Includes complete and incomplete responses where an activity has been reported.

GRADUATE-LEVEL DESTINATIONS

81%
OVERALL

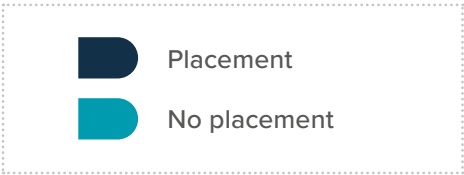
Surrey graduates who have gone on to graduate level roles, as opposed to roles that do not require a degree.



PLACEMENT IMPACT

Surrey graduates who either took a work placement or didn't, and whether they went on to gain a work, study or a graduate level destination.

Data is from UK undergraduates, full-time, first degree in work or study



AVERAGE SALARY

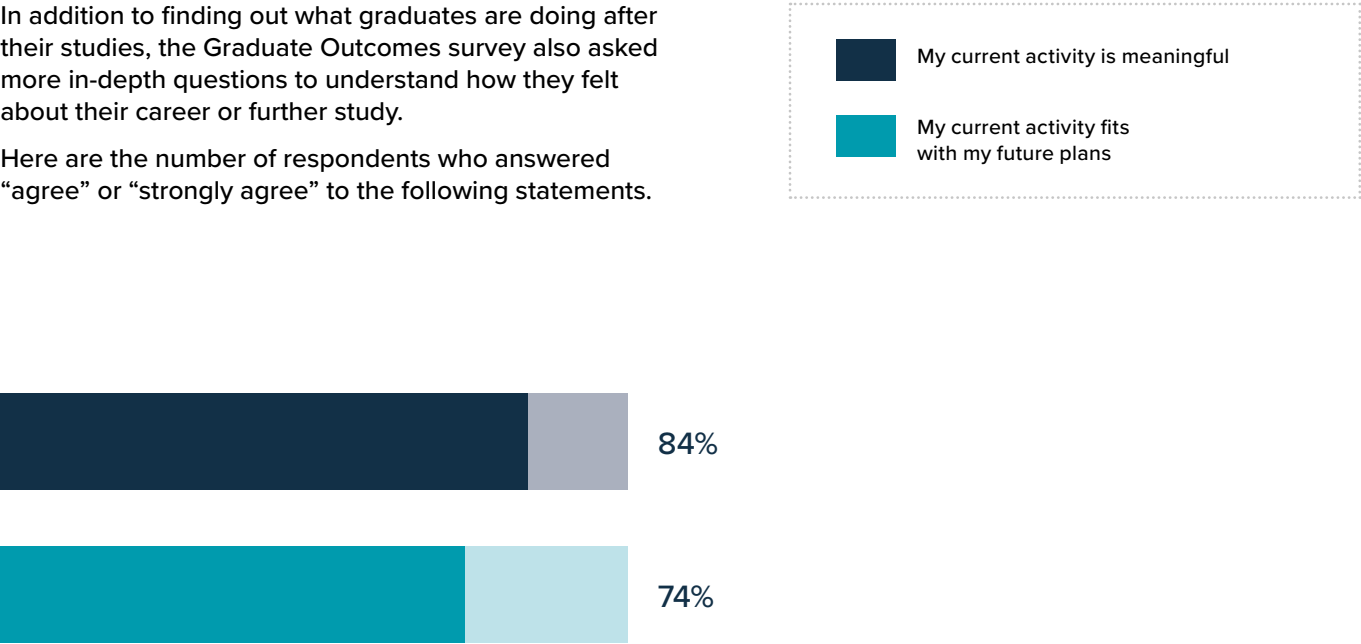
Average salary for Surrey graduates who are now in full-time work and paid above minimum wage.



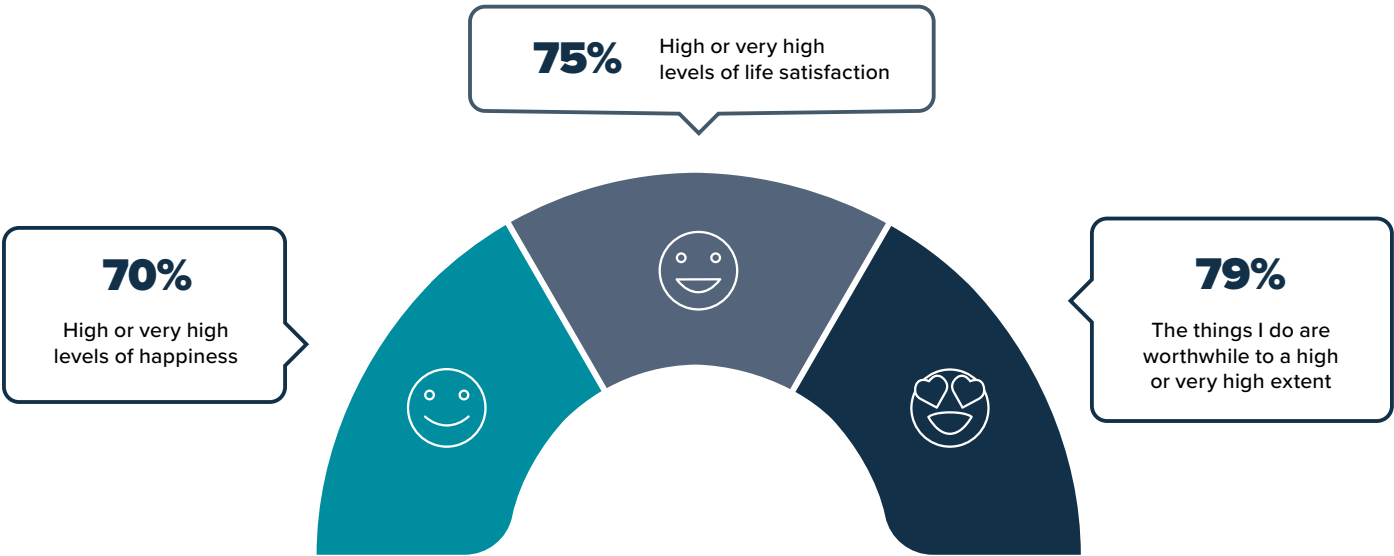
GRADUATE VOICE

In addition to finding out what graduates are doing after their studies, the Graduate Outcomes survey also asked more in-depth questions to understand how they felt about their career or further study.

Here are the number of respondents who answered “agree” or “strongly agree” to the following statements.



GRADUATE WELLBEING



TOP 10 GRADUATE JOBS



TOP 10 EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



RESULTS BY DEPARTMENT

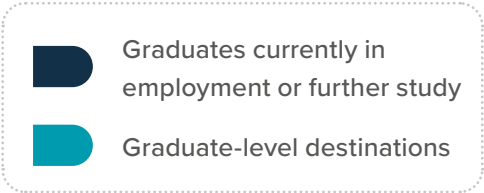
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CHEMISTRY AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS



NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS

MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



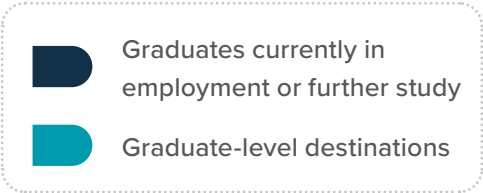
ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES AND RELATED TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY

AVERAGE SALARY



COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS



ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIANS

MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



COMPUTER PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES



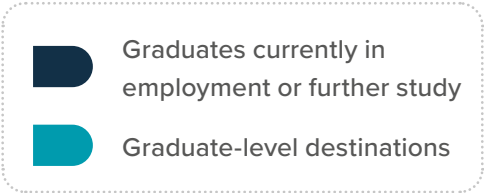
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ECONOMICS

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POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



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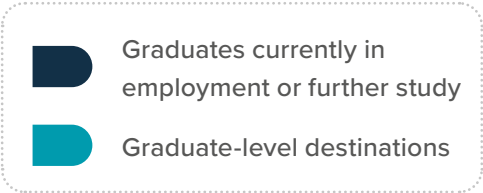


AVERAGE SALARY



GUILDFORD SCHOOL OF ACTING

UNDERGRADUATE



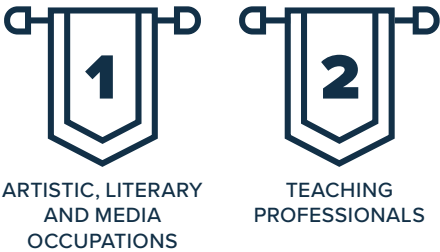
POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



AVERAGE SALARY

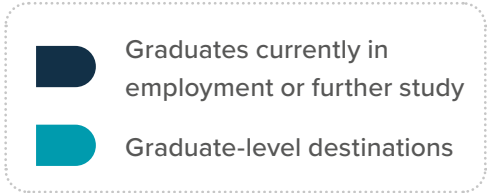


HOSPITALITY, TOURISM AND EVENTS MANAGEMENT

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



SALES, MARKETING AND
RELATED ASSOCIATE
PROFESSIONALS

MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



HOTELS AND SIMILAR
ACCOMMODATION

AVERAGE SALARY



MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

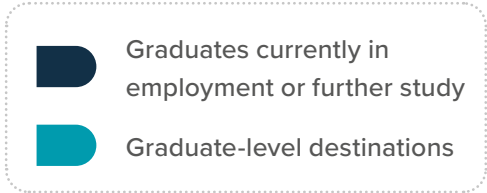
UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



NATURAL AND
SOCIAL SCIENCE
PROFESSIONALS



TEACHING
PROFESSIONALS

MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



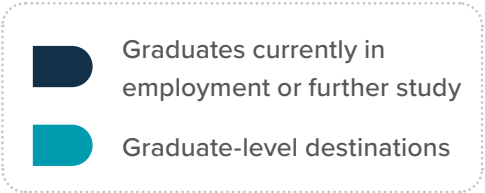
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PROGRAMMING
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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES

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AVERAGE SALARY

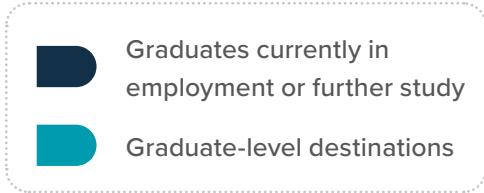


AVERAGE SALARY



MUSIC AND MEDIA

UNDERGRADUATE

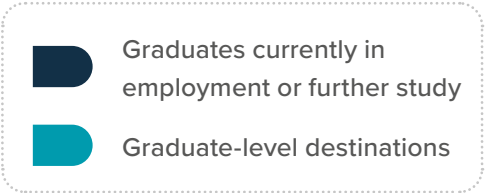


POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



POLITICS

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT

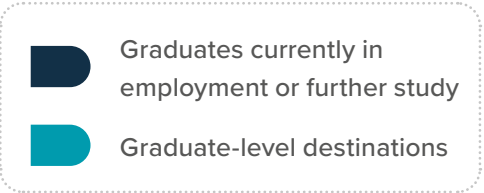


AVERAGE SALARY



PSYCHOLOGY

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



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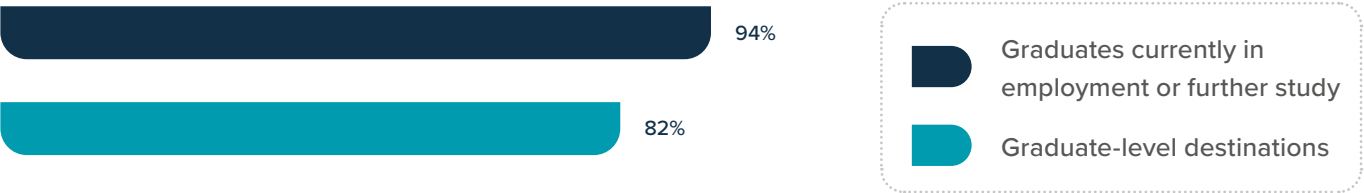


AVERAGE SALARY



SCHOOL OF BIOSCIENCES

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



AVERAGE SALARY



SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES

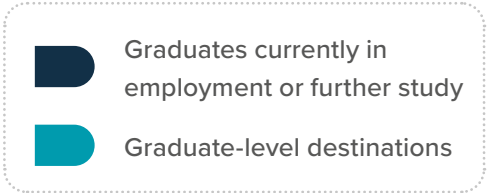


AVERAGE SALARY



SCHOOL OF LAW

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



LEGAL PROFESSIONALS



LEGAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS

MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



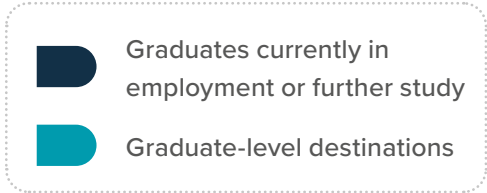
LEGAL ACTIVITIES

AVERAGE SALARY



SCHOOL OF LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



SALES, MARKETING AND RELATED ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS

AVERAGE SALARY



SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



- Graduates currently in employment or further study
- Graduate-level destinations

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



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MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



AVERAGE SALARY



SOCIOLOGY

AVERAGE SALARY

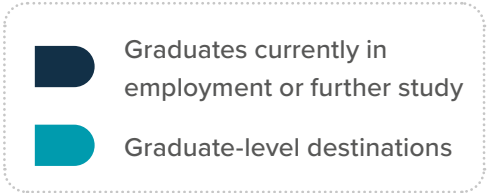


SURREY BUSINESS SCHOOL

UNDERGRADUATE



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



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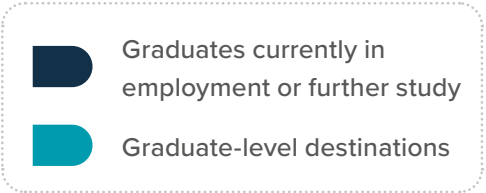


AVERAGE SALARY



SURREY INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



AVERAGE SALARY



SUSTAINABILITY, CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

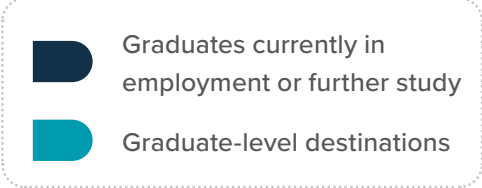
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POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH



MOST POPULAR GRADUATE OCCUPATIONS



ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS



CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONALS

MOST POPULAR EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



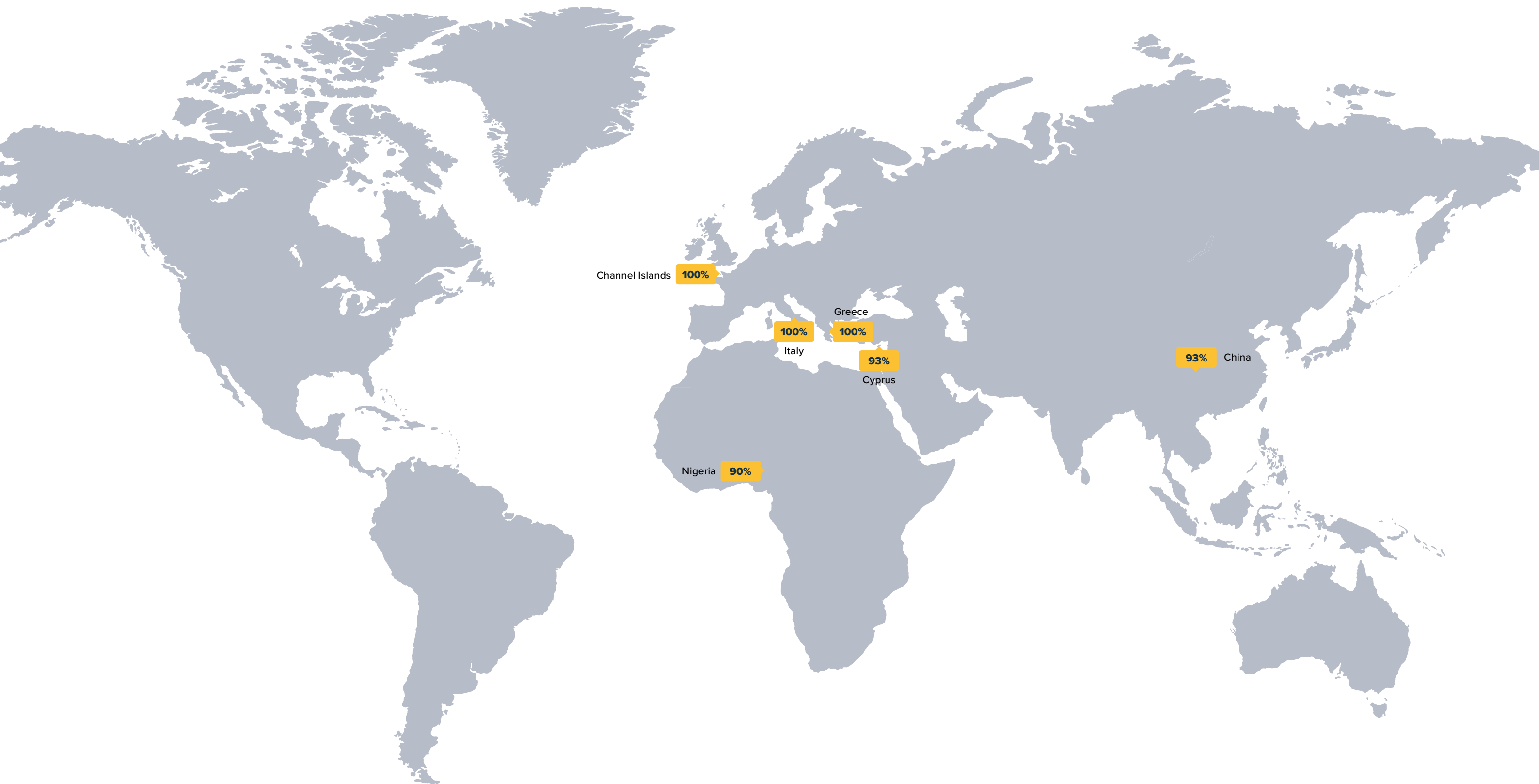
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INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

Percentage of Surrey’s international graduates in employment
(results by country)





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