



# WLSA Shanghai Academy

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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The World Leading Schools Association (WLSA) is a network of top leading high schools, offering a platform for worldwide collaboration. WLSA's mission is to lead educational change in the secondary school sector in the 21st century. WLSA was founded by a group of heads of internationally highly-regarded schools in 2011, composed of Eton College, Groton School, Geelong Grammar School, Harvard-Westlake School, Beijing No.4 High School, and the High School Affiliated to Fudan University (FDFZ). WLSA is governed by an Executive Board, including the Heads of Episcopal School and the Webb Schools in The USA, Beijing No.4 High School, the High School Affiliated to Fudan University (FDFZ) in China, and is currently chaired by **Mr. Charley Stillwell, Head of the Episcopal High School**. WLSA brings together students and educators for cross-cultural dialogue, curriculum development, and resource sharing. 56 associate schools can be found at [www.wlsafoundation.org](http://www.wlsafoundation.org). A strong bond between schools in the association is a unique feature of WLSA.

The mission of WLSA Shanghai Academy (formerly known as WLSA Fudan Academy) is to develop globally-minded leaders who will help change the world for the better. WLSA Shanghai Academy (WSA) seeks to inspire its students, under the guidance of **Mr. Tony Little, Chairman of Board Trustees, and Mr. Marcel Gauthier, International Principal**, WLSA Shanghai Academy seeks to inspire its students to become leaders of character and major contributors to their local, national, and international communities. Offering rigorous academics in concert with its innovative **Global Impact Program (GIP)**, WLSA Shanghai Academy meets the growing demands of international and local students in China preparing to study at top universities around the world.

## FACTS



# 823

Students from **27**  
Provinces in China



# 128

Dedicated Faculty from  
**11** Different Countries



# 7

Distinction  
Courses



# 7:1

Student-Teacher  
Ratio



# 90+

Extra-curricular  
Activities



# 25

Average  
Class Size



# 1000+

Alumni

100% Accepted by  
Colleges and Universities  
Worldwide



# US\$12.7 Million

Financial Aid & Scholarship

Granted to Students in Need  
(Including Support for Higher  
Education Expenses)



# 51%

Boarding  
Students

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# CURRICULA

WLSA Shanghai Academy offers two curricula on campus—Sino-Global Program (AP courses) and A-Level Program—together with the WLSA Global Impact Program (GIP). The GIP is a unique, interdisciplinary, skills-based curriculum that forms the foundation of a holistic vision of high school education in a globalized society. Built from the ground up, students at WLSA Shanghai Academy develop critical skills and competencies in a rigorous and empowering three-year program based on our core values: promoting academic excellence, creating community leaders, and developing global citizenship. The WLSA GIP has been progressing since its first implementation, and is under annual inspection.


Grade	10	11	12
 <b>Regular Courses</b>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Art</li> <li>· Career-readiness</li> <li>· Chinese Literature I</li> <li>· Drama (E)</li> <li>· English Language and Literature</li> <li>· U.S. History I (E)</li> <li>· World History I (E)</li> </ul>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Pre-Calculus</li> <li>· Pre-AP Physics</li> <li>· Pre-AP Biology</li> <li>· Pre-AP Chemistry</li> <li>· Pre-AP Psychology (E)</li> <li>· P.E.</li> <li>· Japanese (E)</li> </ul>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Career-readiness</li> <li>· Chinese Strategy</li> <li>· P.E.</li> <li>· Spanish (E)</li> <li>· Gender in Modern Asia (E)</li> <li>· Visual Art (E)</li> <li>· European History (E)</li> <li>· Classical Theater Studies (E)</li> <li>· General Math (E)</li> <li>· Music Performance (E)</li> </ul>
	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Art (E)</li> <li>· Career-readiness</li> <li>· Chinese Literature I</li> <li>· English as Second Language</li> <li>· P.E.</li> <li>· Pre-A Computer Science (E)</li> </ul>	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Pre-A Biology (E)</li> <li>· Pre-A Physics (E)</li> <li>· Pre-A Chemistry (E)</li> <li>· Pre-A Economics</li> <li>· Pre-A Psychology (E)</li> </ul>	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· P.E.</li> <li>· Career-readiness</li> </ul>
 <b>Advanced Courses</b>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· AP Microeconomics (E)</li> </ul>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· AP Art History (E)</li> <li>· AP Biology (E)</li> <li>· AP Calculus AB</li> <li>· AP Calculus BC</li> <li>· AP Chemistry (E)</li> <li>· AP Computer Science A (E)</li> <li>· AP Environmental Science (E)</li> <li>· Adv. Further Math (E)</li> </ul>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· AP Art History (E)</li> <li>· AP Biology (E)</li> <li>· AP Chemistry (E)</li> <li>· AP Computer Science A (E)</li> <li>· AP Environmental Science (E)</li> <li>· AP Physics (E)</li> <li>· AP Psychology (E)</li> <li>· AP Statistics</li> <li>· AP Macroeconomics (E)</li> <li>· AP Microeconomics (E)</li> <li>· Adv. Artificial Intelligence (E)</li> <li>· Adv. College Math</li> <li>· Adv. Data Structures in Java (E)</li> <li>· Adv. Further Physics (E)</li> <li>· Adv. Genetic Analysis (E)</li> <li>· Adv. Introduction to Civil Engineering (E)</li> <li>· Adv. Organic Chemistry (E)</li> <li>· English Literature II</li> </ul>
	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· AS Pure Math</li> <li>· AS Statistics</li> </ul>	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· English as First Language</li> <li>· AS Physics (E)</li> <li>· AS Chemistry (E)</li> <li>· AS Biology (E)</li> <li>· AS Computer Science (E)</li> <li>· AS Economics (E)</li> <li>· AS Further Pure Math (E)</li> <li>· AS Further Statistics (E)</li> <li>· A2 Pure Math</li> <li>· A2 Mechanics</li> <li>· AS Psychology (E)</li> </ul>	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Advanced English</li> <li>· A2 Physics (E)</li> <li>· A2 Chemistry (E)</li> <li>· A2 Psychology (E)</li> <li>· A2 Computer Science (E)</li> <li>· A2 Economics (E)</li> <li>· A2 Further Pure Math (E)</li> <li>· A2 Further Mechanics (E)</li> <li>· A2 Biology (E)</li> </ul>
 <b>Distinction Courses</b>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Colloquy</li> <li>· Skills Development Program</li> </ul>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Colloquy</li> <li>· Skills Development Program / Capstone</li> </ul>	<b>Sino-Global</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Assimilation and Differences Across Societies</li> <li>· Capstone</li> <li>· Cross-Culture Philosophy and Ethics</li> <li>· Contemporary China (E)</li> </ul>
	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Colloquy</li> <li>· HPQ</li> </ul>	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Colloquy</li> <li>· EPQ</li> </ul>	<b>A-Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Assimilation and Differences Across Societies</li> <li>· Cross-Culture Philosophy and Ethics</li> </ul>


\* E=Elective, the other courses are compulsory.


\* The teaching language for all courses is English, except for Chinese Literature and Chinese Strategy.


\* Advanced courses are AP+/A-Level courses. AP students can choose 3-6 AP subjects. A-Level students can take 3-5 A-Level subjects.


A series of **distinction courses** are listed here:


 **Skills Development Program (SDP)**, originally collaborated with Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), is a **project-based learning class**. It fosters students' skills of performing research, critical evaluation, reflective learning, efficient teamwork (leading and listening), and effective communication.


 **Colloquy**, originated from the division course from Winchester College in the UK, is a **project-based learning class** that directly focuses on students' ability to communicate in a variety of forms. Academic writing, presentation, and teamwork skills are particularly targeted.

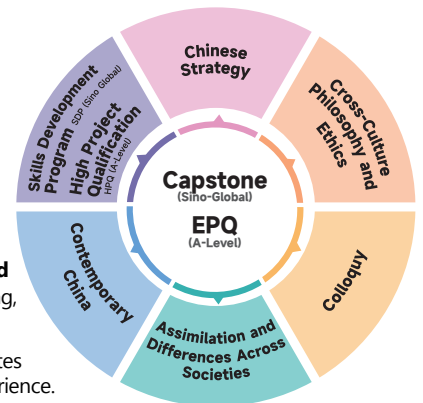
 **Chinese Strategy** focuses on using the timeline and characters to introduce the history of China. It cultivates students' historical insight, fosters students' sense of historical mission, and enriches their personal life experience.

 **Cross-Culture Philosophy and Ethics** focuses on **moral education, integrity, and ethical responsibility** as a part of the international community. Through the course, students gain a wider understanding of ethical issues, particularly those that will affect them around the world.

 **Assimilation and Differences Across Societies (ADAS)**, adapting courses from Harvard-Westlake School, is a primarily **Harkness-table learning class**. Students analyze and contrast cultural values between the US and China, examining and predicting their own struggles before creating a plan of adaptation to the country. The class structure enables students to engage in a **Socratic-seminar environment** and learn how to be a productive member in discussion.

 **Contemporary China** is an interdisciplinary course covering based on China's modernization. Through thematic study and discussion, students will be guided to look at the relationship between China and the world since the 19th century. It helps students **establish a broader international perspective**, and be able to welcome international dialogue and exchanges with a more confident and inclusive attitude.

 **Capstone** encourages students to **combine rigorous, academic components with practical, hands-on learning and community engagement**. Students started with independently researching a topic/ issue of concern facing the community and thoroughly analyzing from an academic standpoint, producing a 4000-word technical essay.



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

WLSA Shanghai Academy offers a rigorous university preparatory structure. There are two credentials offered:

- 1) **The WLSA Shanghai Academy Diploma** is examined and validated by the WLSA academic committee and the local Education Bureau, and accredited by Cognia.
- 2) The more advanced **WLSA Honor Diploma** is examined by an independent Board of Examiners, containing more extensive requirements. The WLSA Honor Diploma Board is composed of representatives from Harvard-Westlake School, The Webb Schools, Phillips Academy Andover, Winchester College, and Marlborough College. The Chairman of the Board is Mr. Taylor Stockdale, Head Emeritus of The Webb Schools. The Board assesses and independently validates the standard of academic achievement, and awards the Honor Diploma to the top 10% graduates.

## The WLSA Honor Diploma Board Requirement:

- 1) TOEFL iBT in a test setting 112+ / IELTS 7.5+
- 2) SAT 1520+ / ACT 34+ or A\*A\*A\*A (predicted grades) of four A-Level subjects
- 3) Achieve GPA in first quartile of the year group in each academic year

- 4) Successful completion of all WLSA Distinction Courses
- 5) Completion of 10-hour community service per academic year
- 6) Participation in at least one WLSA education program / event

The graduation date for the WSA Class of 2025 is May 31st, 2025.

## GPA CALCULATION

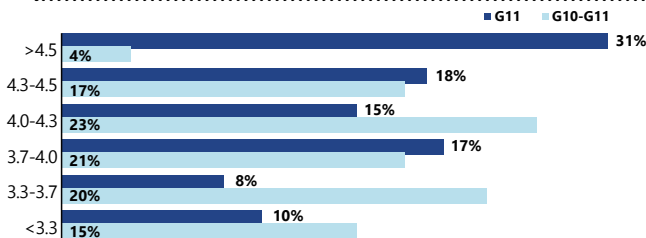
WSA uses a weighted 4.0 scale GPA system calculated with the year overall scores of all academic courses in a school year. Students taking Advanced/Distinction classes may possibly gain an extra GPA under the scale of 5.0. The weights of different courses are based on the teaching hours of the courses, and each period equals 40 minutes.

The passing grade for all courses is 64 (D).

Letter	Score	GPA Points		
		Regular Course	Advanced Course	Distinction Course
A+	97-100	4.0	5.0	5.0
A	94-96	4.0	5.0	5.0
A-	90-93	3.7	4.7	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3	4.3
B	84-86	3.0	4.0	4.0
B-	80-83	2.7	3.7	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	3.3	3.3
C	74-76	2.0	3.0	3.0
C-	70-73	1.7	2.7	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	2.3	2.3
D	64-66	1.0	2.0	2.0
D-	60-63	0.7	1.7	1.7
F	0-59	0	0	0

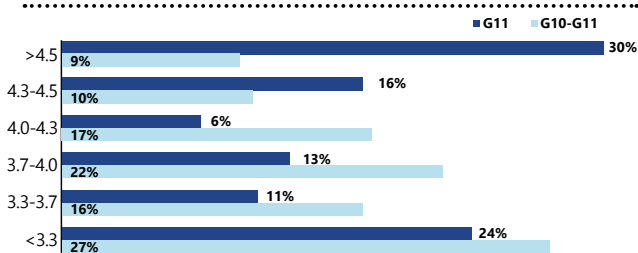
\* A+ only offers to top 5% of the students in each subject

## SG G11 & G10-11 Cumulative GPA Distribution



\* Class of 2025: 135 students (SG)

## AL G11 & G10-11 Cumulative GPA Distribution



\* Class of 2025: 75 students (AL)

## STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES Class of 2025

TOEFL Average	Mid-50% ACT	Mid-50% SAT
105	28-33	1430-1520

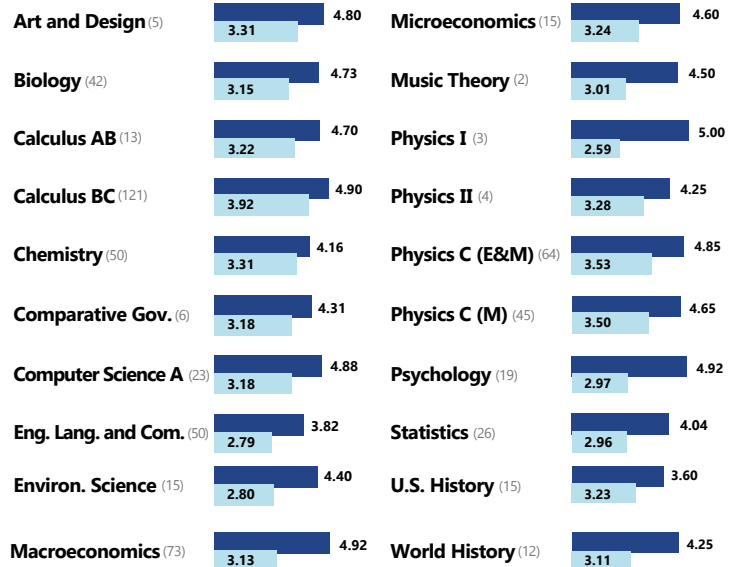
## ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

Exams Taken	AP Average	% Scoring 4 and Above	% Scoring 3 and Above
676	4.5	82.1%	98.1%

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\* The numbers within the brackets indicate how many students sit in the test.

\* Highest Score: 5  
\* Self-study students score included.



\* Class of 2025: 135 students (SG)

## A-LEVEL EXAMINATION

Exams Taken	A*/A	B or above
AL Mathematics	41%	82%
AL EPQ	57.5%	17.8%

Exams Taken	A	B or above
AS Biology	60%	73%
AS Chemistry	60%	79%
AS Computer Science	29%	36%
AS Economics	49%	70%
AS Further Mathematics	81%	98%
AS Physics	79%	94%
AS Psychology	50%	75%

\* Class of 2025: 75 students (AL)

# UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES Class of 2020-2024 (5-Year Total)

\* The Matriculations for the Class of 2024 are in bold and blue.



## UNITED STATES

- American University (2)
- Arizona State University (11)
- Art Center College of Design** (9)
- Auburn University (1)
- Babson College (2)
- Bard College (2)
- Barnard College (2)
- Bates College (1)
- Bentley University (6)
- Berklee College of Music** (2)
- Boston College (3)
- Boston University** (20)
- Brandeis University** (21)
- Brown University (2)
- Bucknell University (2)
- California College of the Arts (15)
- California Institute of the Arts (1)
- California State University, North Ridge (1)
- Carleton College (1)
- Carnegie Mellon University** (13)
- Case Western Reserve University (36)
- Claremont McKenna College (2)
- Cleveland State University (1)
- Colby College (1)
- Colgate University** (7)
- College for Creative Studies (1)
- College of William & Mary (3)
- College of Wooster (2)
- Colorado College (2)
- Colorado State University (1)
- Columbia College Chicago (1)
- Columbia College Hollywood (1)
- Columbia University (3)
- Cornell University** (11)
- Davidson College** (4)
- Denison University (10)
- DePaul University (1)
- DePauw University (2)
- Dickinson College (1)
- Drew University (1)
- Drexel University (3)
- Elon University (1)
- Emerson College** (25)
- Emory University** (14)
- Fashion Institute of Design&Merchandising (1)
- Fashion Institute of Technology** (2)
- Florida State University (1)
- Fordham University (27)
- Franklin & Marshall College (33)
- Furman University (2)
- George Mason University (1)
- George Washington University (5)
- Georgia Institute of Technology** (3)
- Gettysburg College (2)
- Grinnell College (1)
- Hamilton College (2)
- Harvard University (1)
- Haverford University (1)
- Indiana University Bloomington (46)
- Ithaca College (1)
- Johns Hopkins University** (2)
- Kenyon College (14)
- Lafayette College (2)
- Lawrence University (1)
- Lehigh University (3)
- LIM College (1)
- Longy School of Music of Bard College (1)
- Loyola Marymount University (1)
- Loyola University Chicago (1)
- Macalester College** (7)
- Manhattan School of Music (1)
- Mannes School of Music, The New School (1)
- Maryland Institute College of Art (4)
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design (1)
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences (3)
- Miami University (Ohio) (10)
- Michigan State University** (37)
- Mount Holyoke College** (10)
- Musicians Institute (1)
- New York University** (39)
- North Carolina State University (2)
- Northeastern University** (37)
- Northwestern University** (2)
- Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences (4)
- Oberlin Conservatory of Music (1)
- Occidental College** (4)
- Ohio State University** (84)
- Oklahoma State University (1)
- Otis College of Art and Design (4)
- Parsons School of Design at The New School** (9)
- Penn State University** (163)
- Pepperdine University (5)
- Pitzer College (1)
- Pratt Institute** (14)
- Purdue University (31)
- Reed College (3)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** (32)
- Rhode Island School of Design (4)
- Rice University (5)
- Ringling College of Art and Design (7)
- Rochester Institute of Technology (1)
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (12)
- Rutgers University** (107)
- San Jose State University (1)
- Santa Clara University** (5)
- Sarah Lawrence College (1)
- Savannah College of Art and Design (11)
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago (18)
- School of Visual Arts** (17)
- Seattle University (1)
- Sewanee: The University of the South (7)
- Skidmore College** (16)
- St. Olaf College (1)
- Stanford University (2)
- Steven Institute of Technology (1)
- SUNY Binghamton University (16)
- SUNY Stony Brook University** (24)
- SUNY University at Albany (1)
- SUNY University at Buffalo (18)
- Syracuse University** (62)
- Temple University (3)
- Texas A&M University (1)
- The George Washington University (2)
- Trinity College (2)
- Tulane University** (14)
- Union College (1)
- University for the Creative Arts (2)
- University of Arizona (1)
- University of California-Berkeley** (6)
- University of California-Davis** (113)
- University of California-Irvine** (36)
- University of California-Los Angeles (10)
- University of California-Merced (12)
- University of California-Riverside (36)
- University of California-San Diego** (33)
- University of California-Santa Barbara (36)
- University of California-Santa Cruz (27)

- University of Chicago** (21)
- University of Colorado Boulder (2)
- University of Connecticut** (44)
- University of Delaware (2)
- University of Florida** (37)
- University of Hartford (1)
- University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign** (105)
- University of Iowa (10)
- University of Maryland-College Park** (10)
- University of Massachusetts Amherst (13)
- University of Massachusetts Boston (2)
- University of Miami (4)
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor** (10)
- University of Minnesota-Twin Cities** (29)
- University of Missouri (4)
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (11)
- University of Pennsylvania** (1)
- University of Pittsburgh** (52)
- University of Rhode Island (1)
- University of Richmond (4)
- University of Rochester** (19)
- University of Southern California** (12)
- University of Texas at Dallas (1)
- University of Washington** (7)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (31)
- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (2)
- Vanderbilt University** (10)
- Villanova University (1)
- Virginia Commonwealth University (1)
- Virginia Tech** (11)
- Wake Forest University** (10)
- Washington University in St. Louis** (11)
- Wesleyan University** (1)
- Whitman College (9)
- William & Mary (2)
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)



## UNITED KINGDOM

- Bournemouth Art University (1)
- Bournemouth University (1)
- Brunel University London (1)
- Camberwell College of Arts, UAL (1)
- Cardiff University (2)
- Central Saint Martins, UAL (2)
- City, University of London (2)
- Durham University** (31)
- Edinburgh Napier University (1)
- Glasgow School of Art** (3)
- Goldsmiths, University of London (3)
- Imperial College London** (27)
- King's College London, University of London** (47)
- Kingston University (3)
- Lancaster University (3)
- London College of Fashion, UAL (1)
- London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London** (13)
- London College of Fashion, UAL (1)
- Loughborough University (5)
- Newcastle University (3)
- Oxford Brookes University (1)
- Queen Mary University of London (3)
- Royal Holloway, University of London (4)
- Sheffield Hallam University (2)
- SOAS University of London (1)
- Teesside University, Middlesbrough (1)
- The University of Edinburgh (21)
- University College London** (62)
- University for the Creative Arts (2)
- University of Bath (3)
- University of Birmingham** (22)
- University of Brighton (1)
- University of Bristol** (26)
- University of Cambridge** (10)
- University of East Anglia (2)
- University of Edinburgh (32)
- University of Essex (1)
- University of Exeter (1)
- University of Glasgow (7)

- University of Leeds (11)
- University of Leicester (2)
- University of Liverpool (2)
- University of Manchester** (82)
- University of Nottingham (1)
- University of Oxford** (8)
- University of Reading** (2)
- University of Sheffield (7)
- University of Southampton (23)
- University of St. Andrews (7)
- University of Sussex (1)
- London College of Communication, UAL** (1)
- University of Warwick** (41)
- University of Westminster, London (1)
- University of York (4)



## AUSTRALIA

- Monash University (1)
- The University of Adelaide (1)
- The University of Melbourne** (13)
- The University of New South Wales (8)
- The University of Queensland** (2)
- The University of Sydney** (29)
- University of Technology Sydney (1)
- University of Western Australia (1)



## CANADA

- Emily Carr University of Art + Design (2)
- McGill University (2)
- McMaster University** (3)
- Queen's University (7)
- Simon Fraser University (1)
- Toronto Metropolitan University** (1)
- University of British Columbia (18)
- University of Calgary (1)
- University of Ottawa (3)
- University of Toronto** (81)
- University of Waterloo (4)
- Western University (5)
- York University (2)



## CHINA

- Fudan University (1)
- Peking University (1)
- Tsinghua University (1)



## HONG KONG SAR, CHINA

- The Chinese University of Hong Kong (2)
- The City University of Hong Kong (2)
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University** (6)
- The Hong kong University of Science and Technology (3)
- The University of Hong Kong (9)



## GERMANY

- Technische Universität München (1)



## NETHERLANDS

- Leiden University (1)
- University of Amsterdam (7)



## JAPAN

- Chuo University (2)
- Hosei University (2)
- Nagoya University** (2)
- Ritsumeikan University (3)
- Sophia University (2)
- Waseda University (4)



## SINGAPORE

- National University of Singapore (1)
- Yale-NUS (1)



## REPUBLIC OF KOREA

- Yonsei University (2)



## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- University of Birmingham Dubai (1)



## QATAR

- Northwestern University in Qatar (1)