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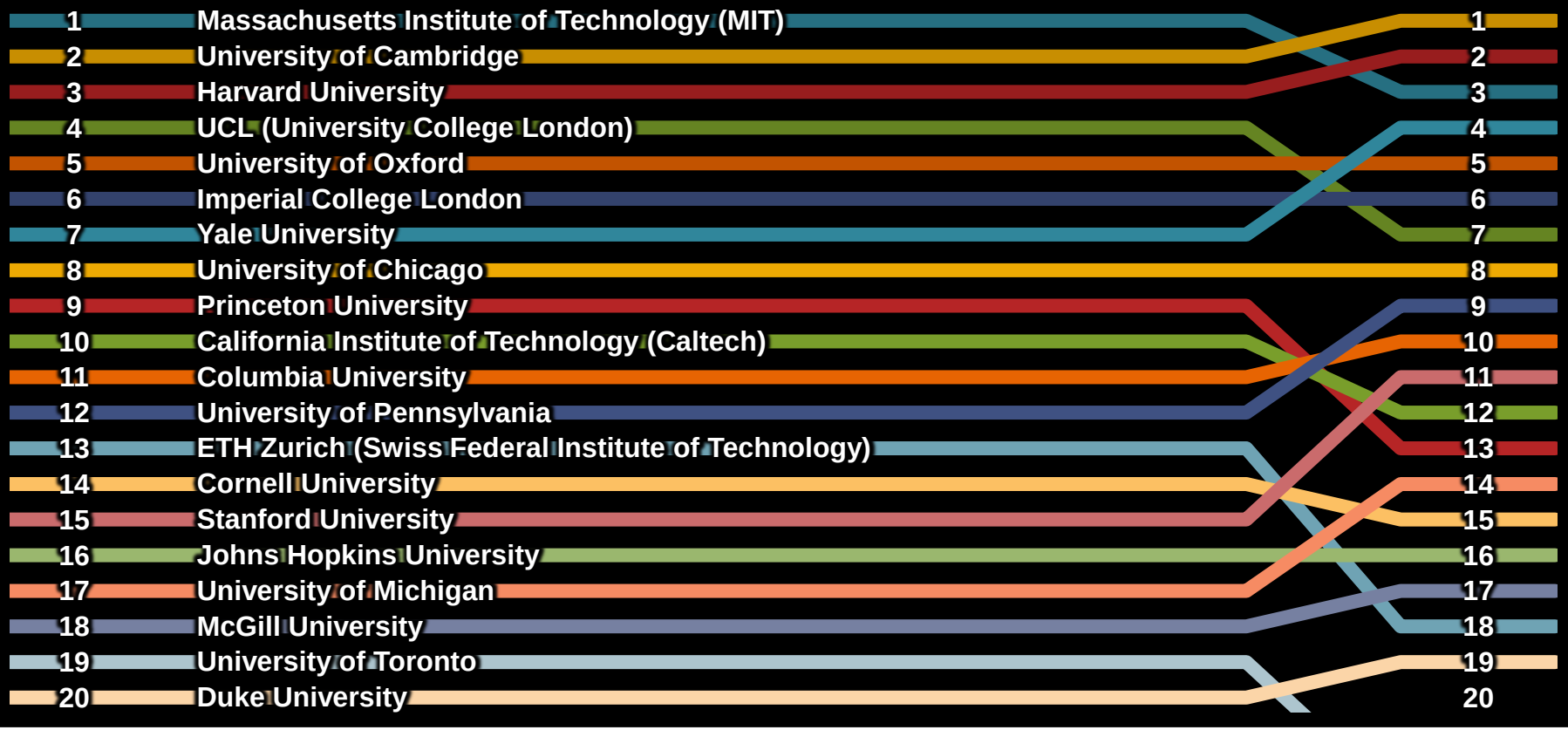

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Rankings have many faults and do not adequately describe universities and cannot show whether one institution is better than another…

…but I am very happy when Cambridge is rated as the top university in the world

Alison Richard

Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge

”

46,079

ACADEMIC RESPONSES

25,564

EMPLOYER RESPONSES

729

UNIVERSITIES RANKED

27

NEW UNIVERSITIES INCLUDED

72

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

4.6

AVERAGE CHANGE IN POSITION

4.1m

STUDENTS STUDYING OUTSIDE THEIR OWN COUNTRY

465,000

AT THE WORLD'S TOP 100 UNIVERSITIES

(an increase of 9.7%)

35%+

AT THE WORLD'S TOP 3% OF UNIVERSITIES

(a total of 1,586,000)

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GLOBAL RANKING THAT CONSIDERS EMPLOYABILITY AND PUTS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FIRST

Though of course we recognize limitations of all league table methodologies, we greatly value QS for the clarity and quality of the data you use and for the stability which enables us to see and understand trends over time.

This, we think, gives your rankings a comparative advantage and considerable authority.

David Eastwood

Vice-Chancellor, University of Birmingham

TOP 50 – 11 COUNTRIES

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TOP 100 – 20 COUNTRIES

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TOP 200 – 32 COUNTRIES

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TOP 300 – 38 COUNTRIES

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TOP 400 – 45 COUNTRIES

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TOP 500 – 50 COUNTRIES

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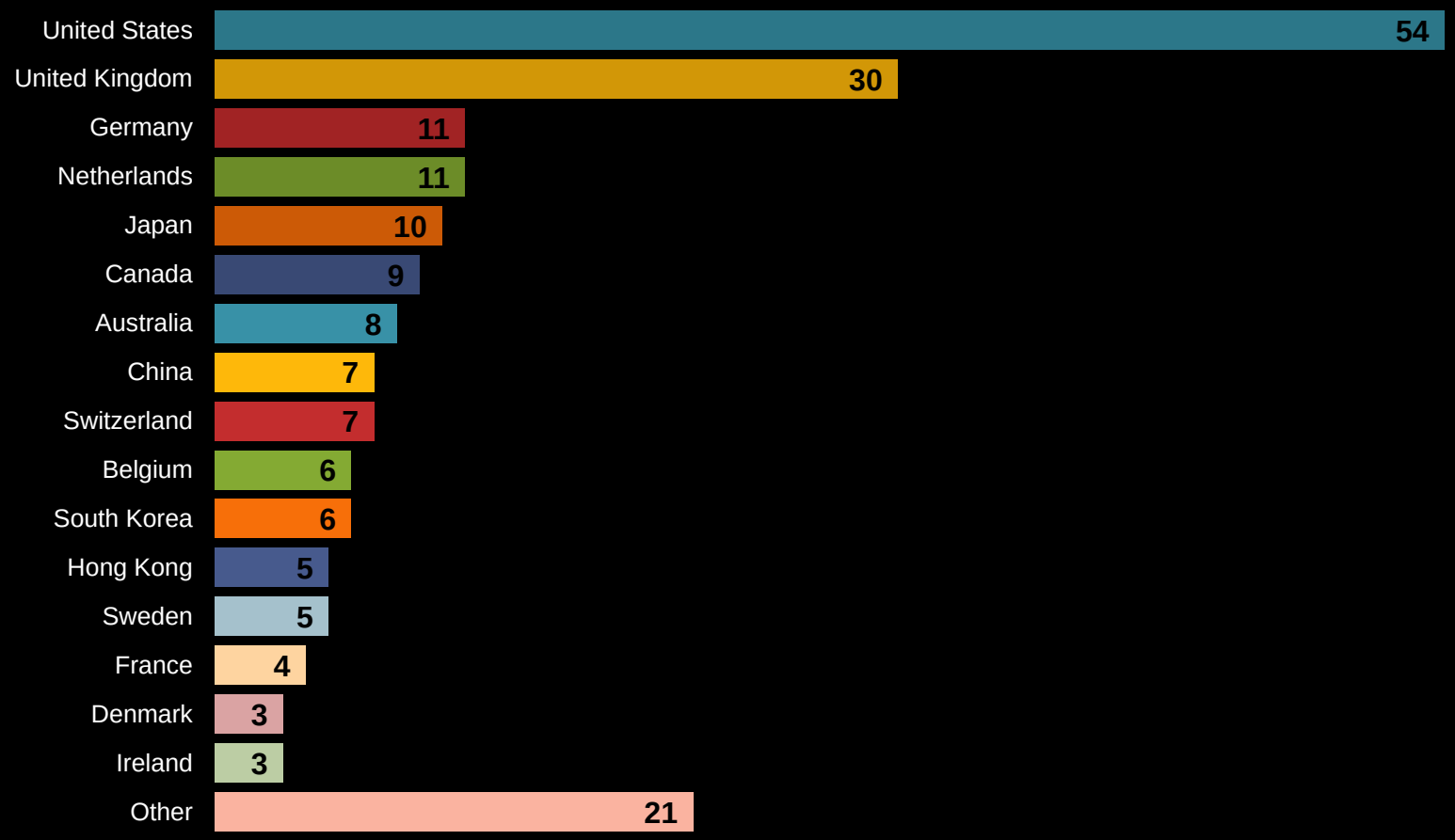
INSTITUTIONS IN TOP 200



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KEY TRENDS

UK: A surge before the fall?

IRELAND: Holding despite challenging economy

SOUTH KOREA: Asia's new star

CHINA: Huge research volumes

CANADA: A major international destination

MIDDLE EAST: Major investment seeing returns

AUSTRALIA: Facing new levels of competition

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TAIWAN: Best performance ever

US: Gradual erosion of leading position

LATIN AMERICA: Not just a new source market

FRANCE: Reforms taking time to crystallize

HONG KONG: Ramping up for double cohort

SINGAPORE: A winning formula?

SCANDINAVIA: Quietly building

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- Curators of unparalleled data on international higher education
- Released in the past 12 months
  - 29 subject rankings
  - 2 regional ranking
  - 1 global ranking
  - 1 city ranking
  - And more…
- Status dimension added to QS Classifications
- New HE intelligence library iu.qs.com/library

The list is the origin of culture…

How does one attempt to grasp the incomprehensible?

Through lists.

Umberto Eco

Essayist, Philosopher & Novelist

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