

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT AALTO UNIVERSITY

AYY studies on international students'
financial situation and attitudes towards
tuition fees

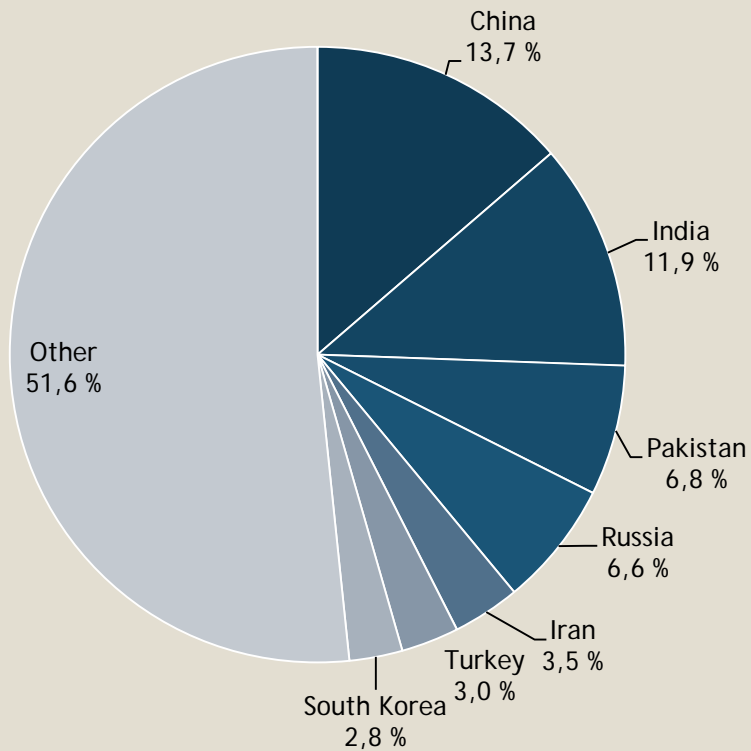
SURVEY

- Master's thesis commissioned from Eija-Leena Koponen (University of Helsinki) by AYY on students' socioeconomic backgrounds and attitudes towards tuition fees
- Online survey 26.10 – 30.11.2011
- Invitation to survey was sent to 868 non-Finnish-speaking students in the English Master's programs.
- Response rate 45,5 % (395 respondents)

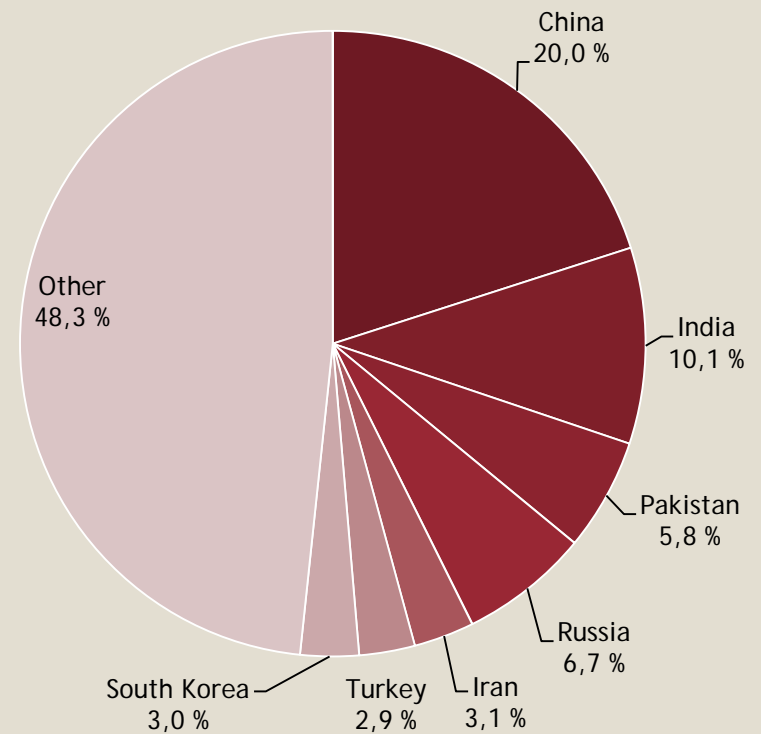
DATA

- 66 % male, 31 % female

Respondents' nationalities



Nationalities in AYY register

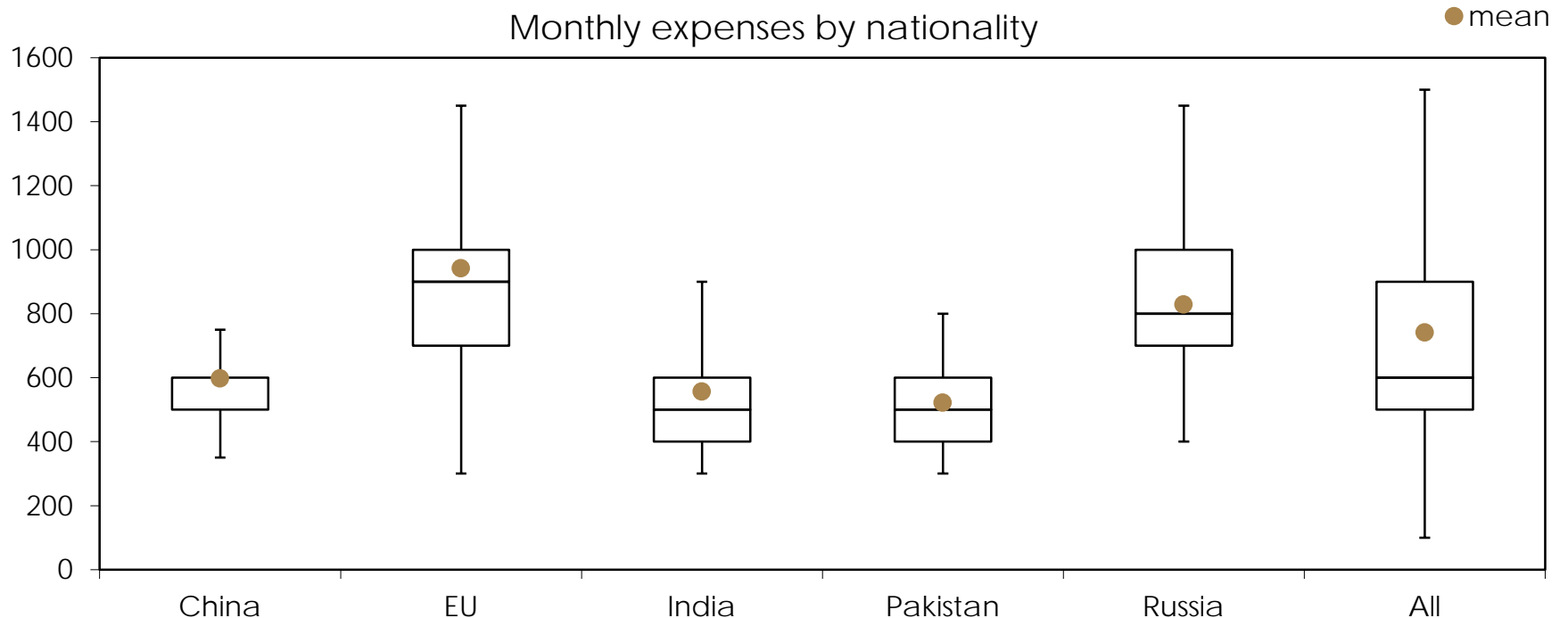


FINANCIAL SITUATION

- Are our international students poor or wealthy?
- Few earlier studies available on international students' financial situation
- The tuition fee trial evaluation group is not planning to evaluate the socio-economic effects of tuition fees

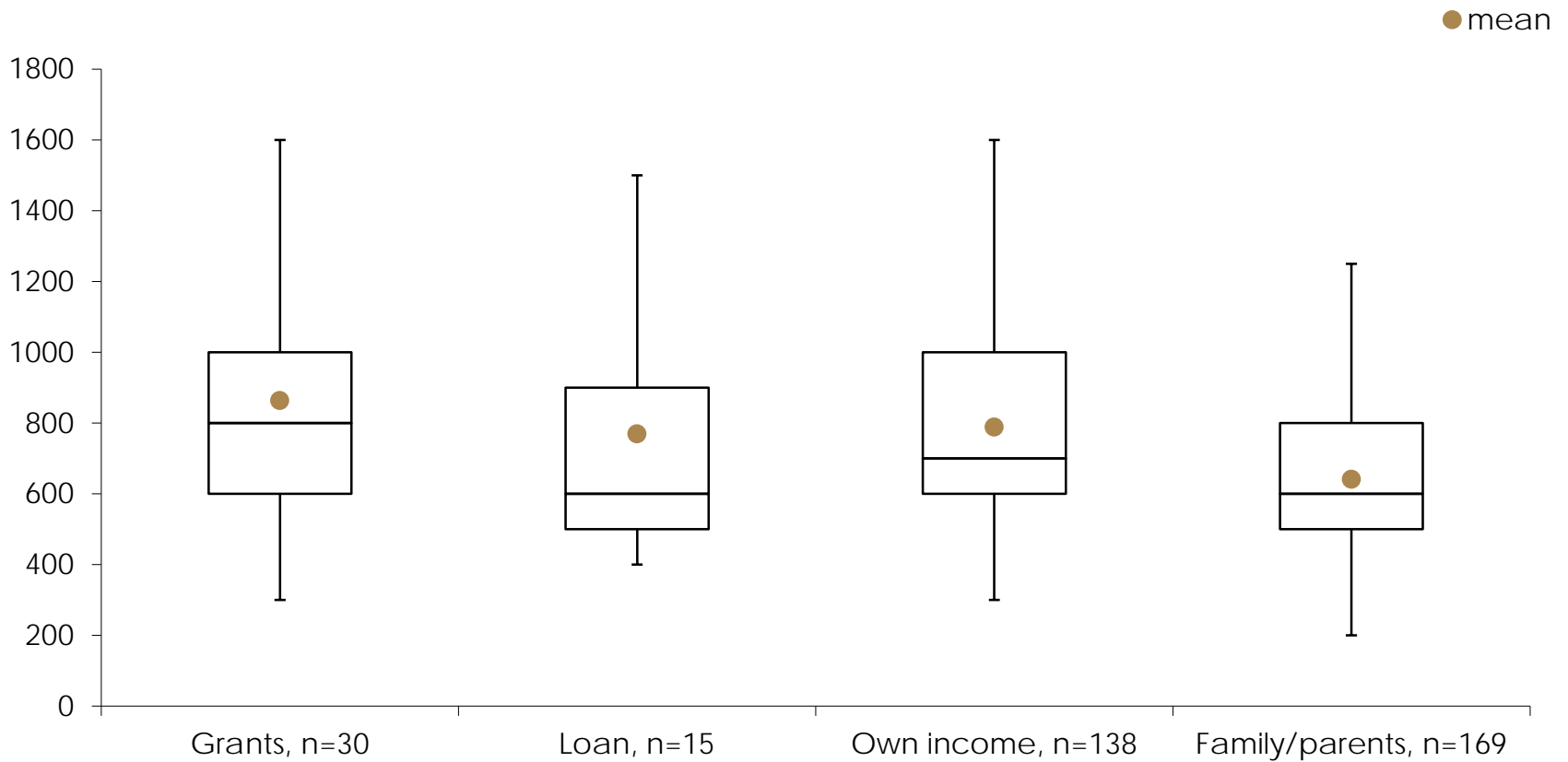
MONTHLY EXPENSES

- Monthly spending in Finland (excluding possible tuition fees)
- On average, Europeans spend most and Asians least



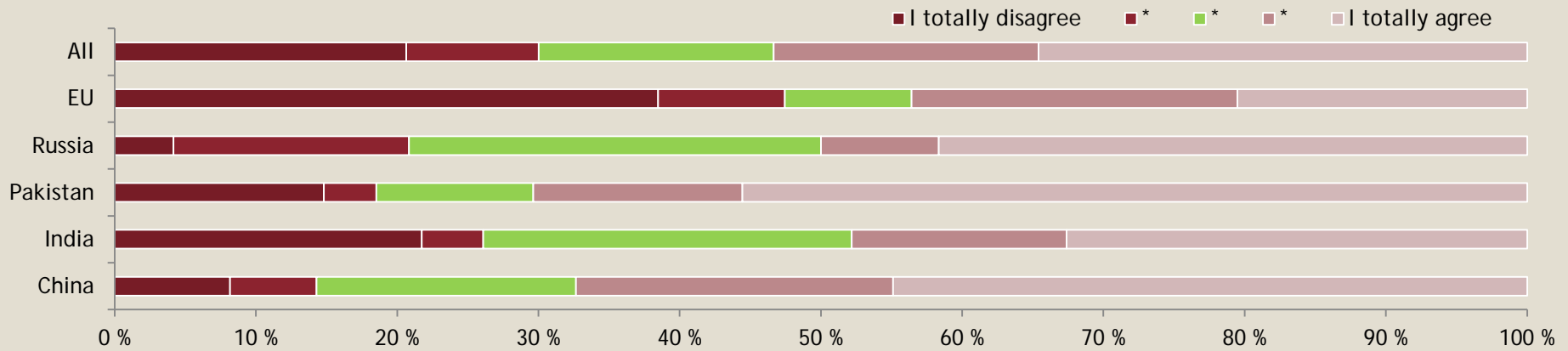
MONTHLY EXPENSES

Monthly expenses by principal source of income

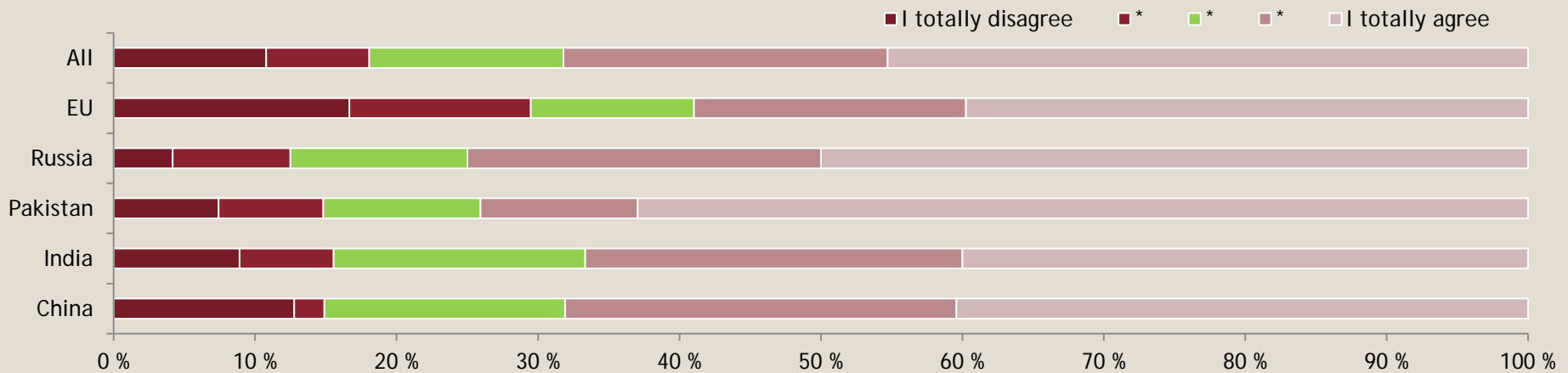


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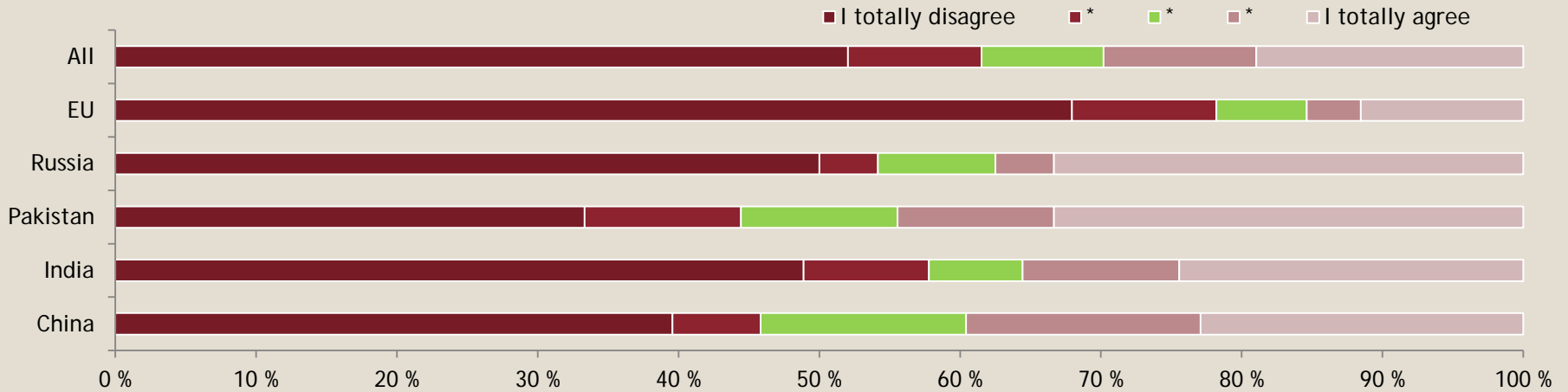


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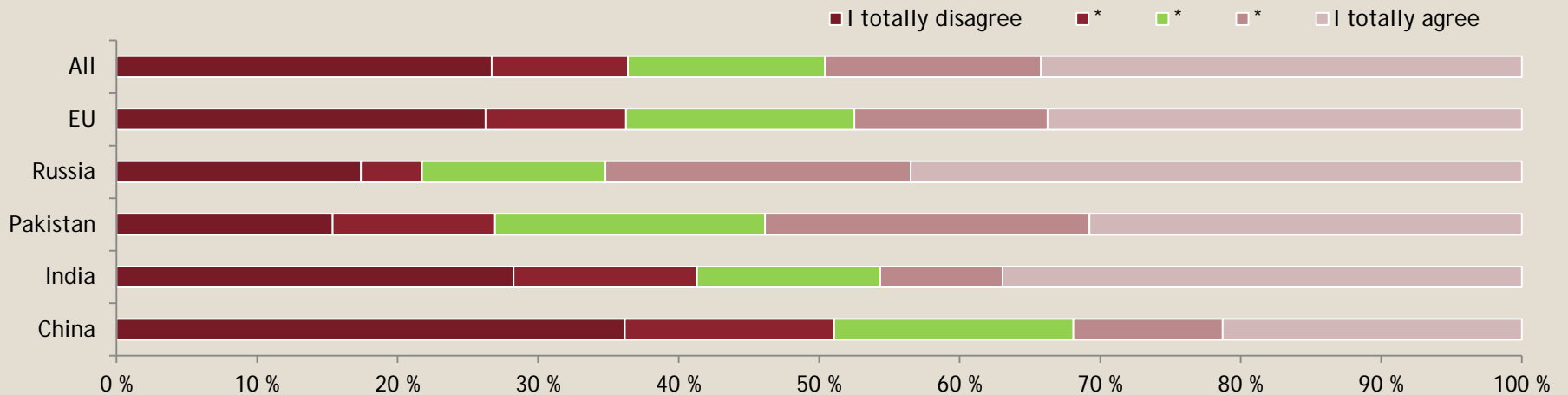


FINANCIAL SITUATION

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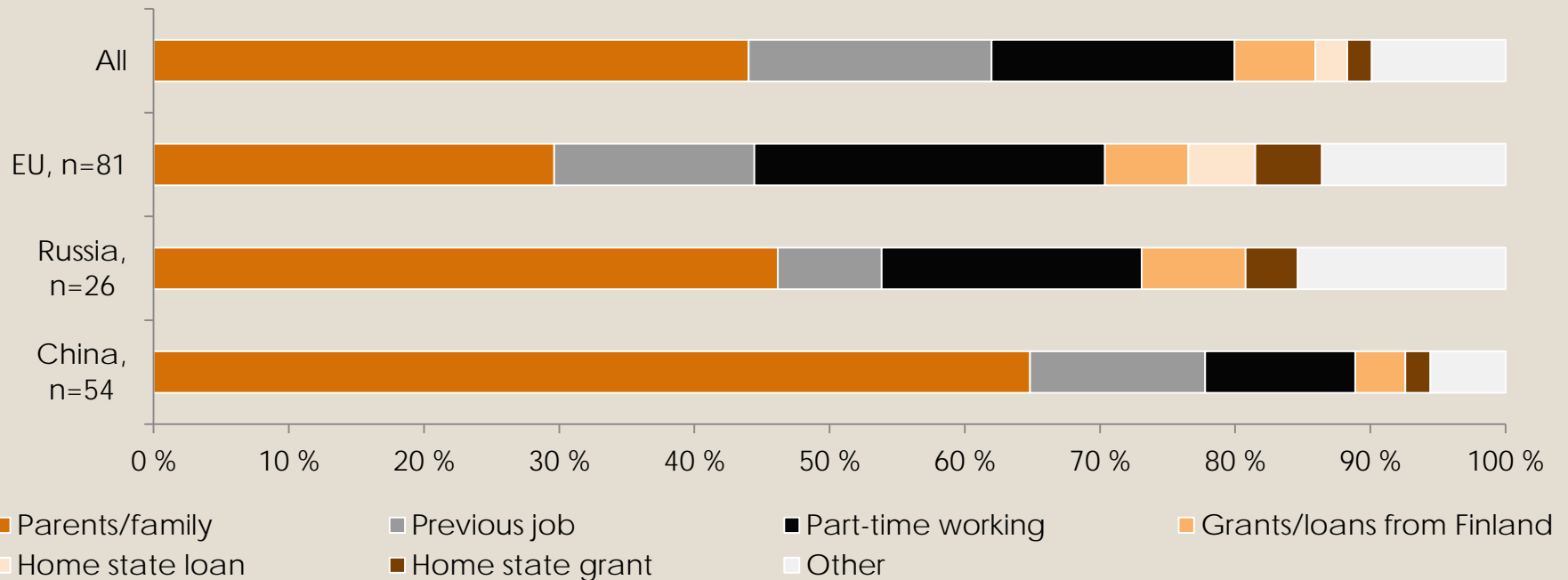
I had/have to work extra hard to cover my expenses while studying



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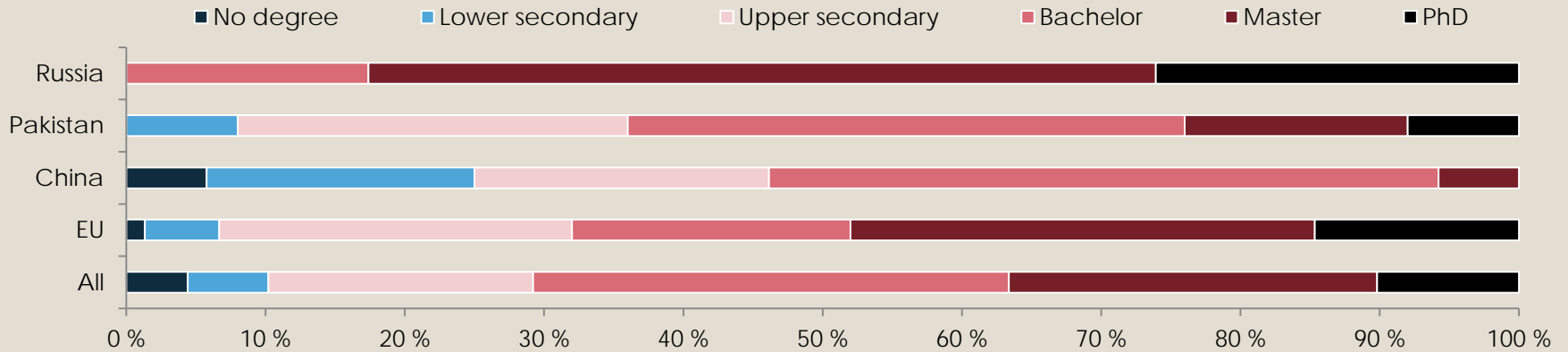
- Funding from parents is crucial
- A significant percentage is also working

My primary (1st) source of funding is

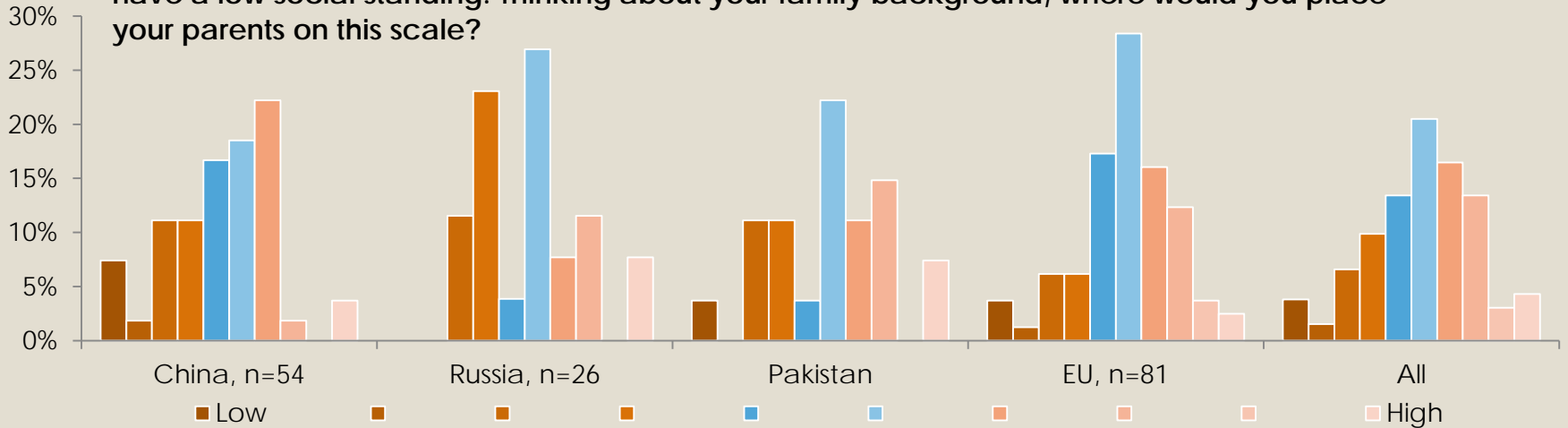


SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

Father's education



Some people are considered to have a high social standing and some are considered to have a low social standing. Thinking about your family background, where would you place your parents on this scale?



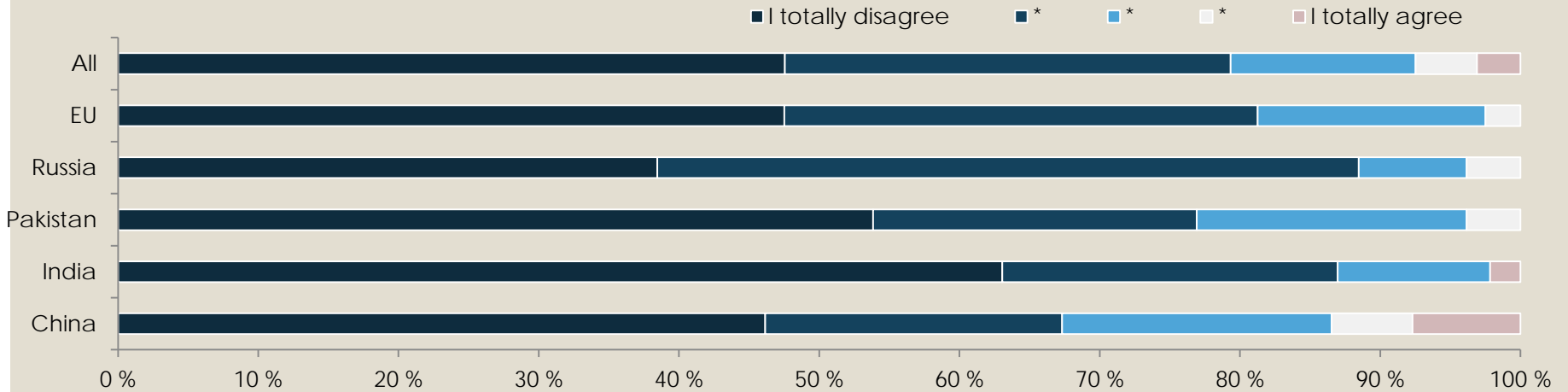
TUITION FEES - BACKGROUND

- Aalto University joined the tuition fee trial in 2011
- 14 English Master's programmes
- Fee 8000 euros a year
- Four scholarship categories

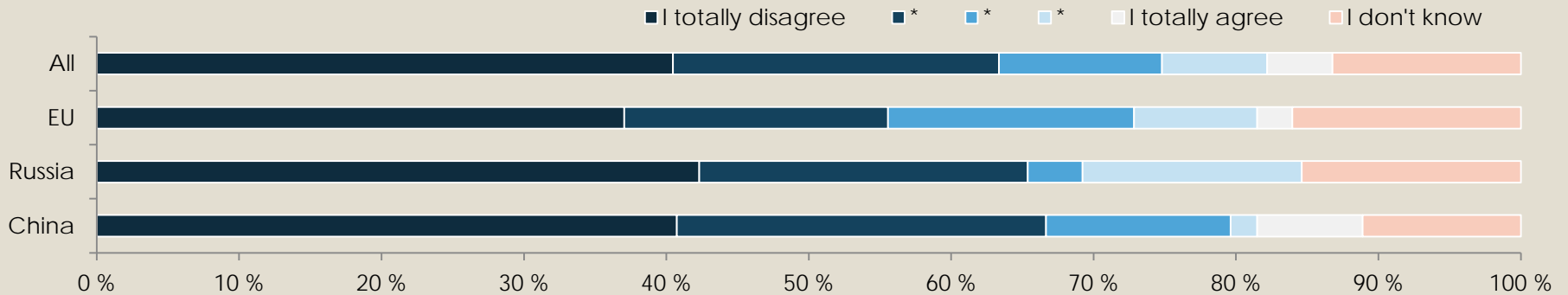
Scholarship category	Covers	Planned ratio of students	Admitted		Started studies	
			Number of students	Share %	Number of students	Share %
A	Tuition fees and living costs	10 %	8	10 %	8	21 %
B	Tuition fees	25 %	27	33 %	20	53 %
C	Half of tuition fees	35 %	32	32 %	9	23 %
D	No scholarship	30 %	14	17 %	1	3 %
Total			81		38	

TUITION FEES

High tuition fees guarantee a high quality of education.



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TUITION FEES

"I would have chosen Aalto University as a place for studies even if I had to pay tuition fees." (Agree/Disagree)

Why? Please tell about it.

Living expenses high, non-English speaking country, housing is hard to find.

Simply can't afford it.

8k per year is literally nothing compared to US tuition. I would pay as much as I felt the ranking of the uni deserved.

Great reputation, industry interactions, research.

I do love Aalto University and the opportunities given to me but neither me nor my family could afford to pay tuition fees.

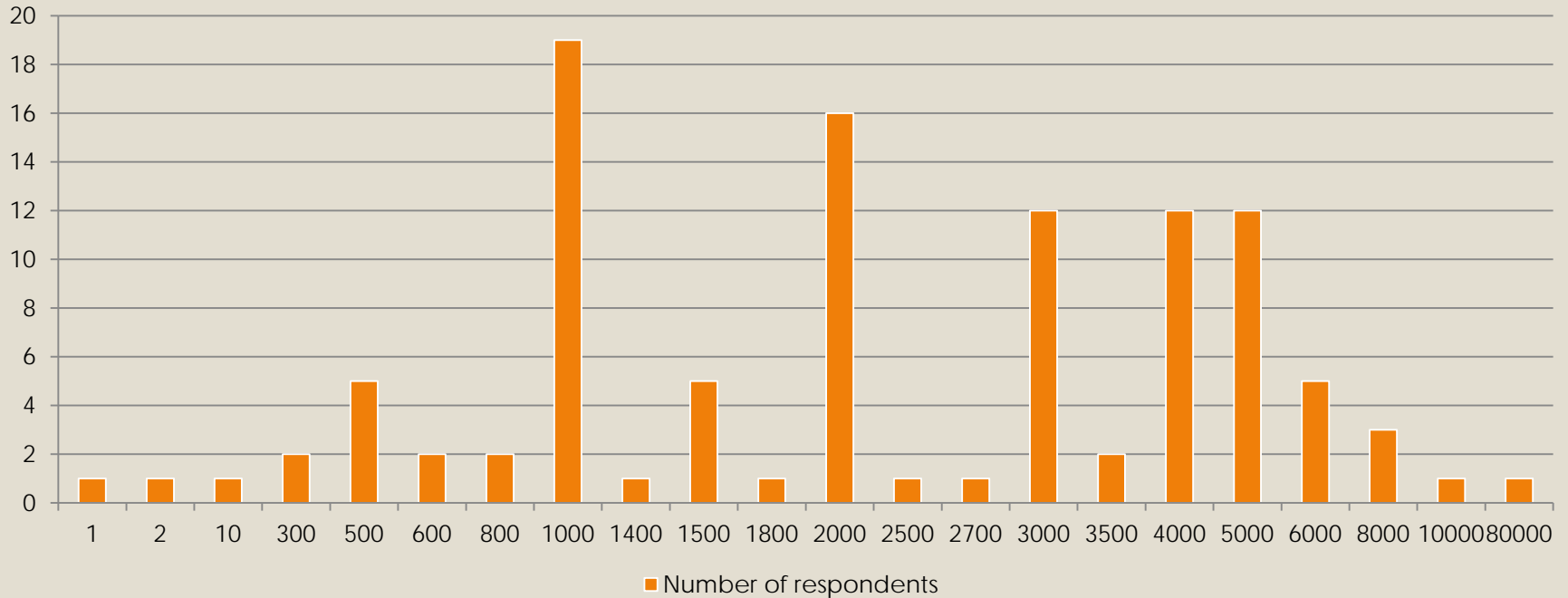
The other 2 options were free.

If I have to pay tuition fee to study at all, then I'll certainly do that in an English speaking country.

If I had to pay 8000 per year, I would definitely select a university with higher ranking.

TUITION FEES

If yes, how much would you be willing to pay for your studies?

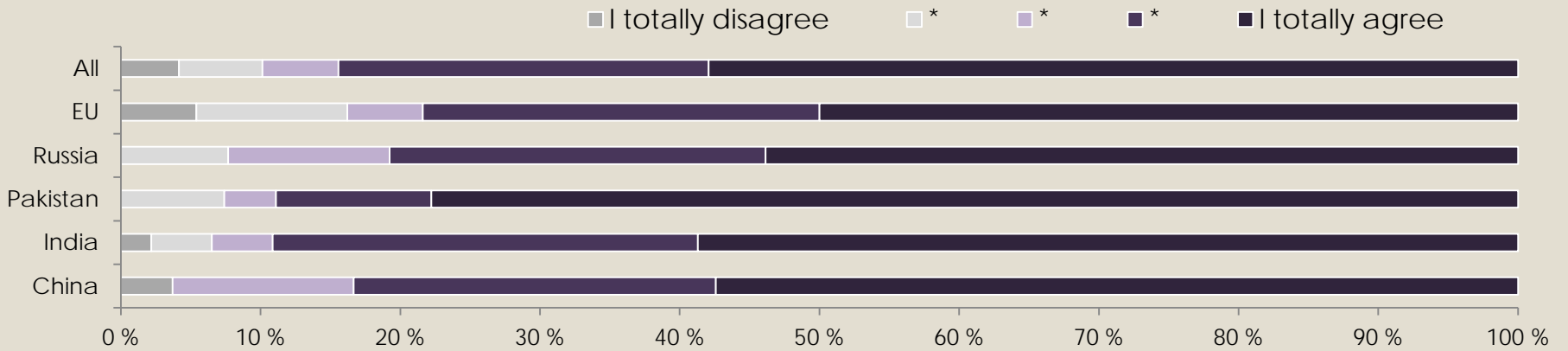


■ 106 respondents

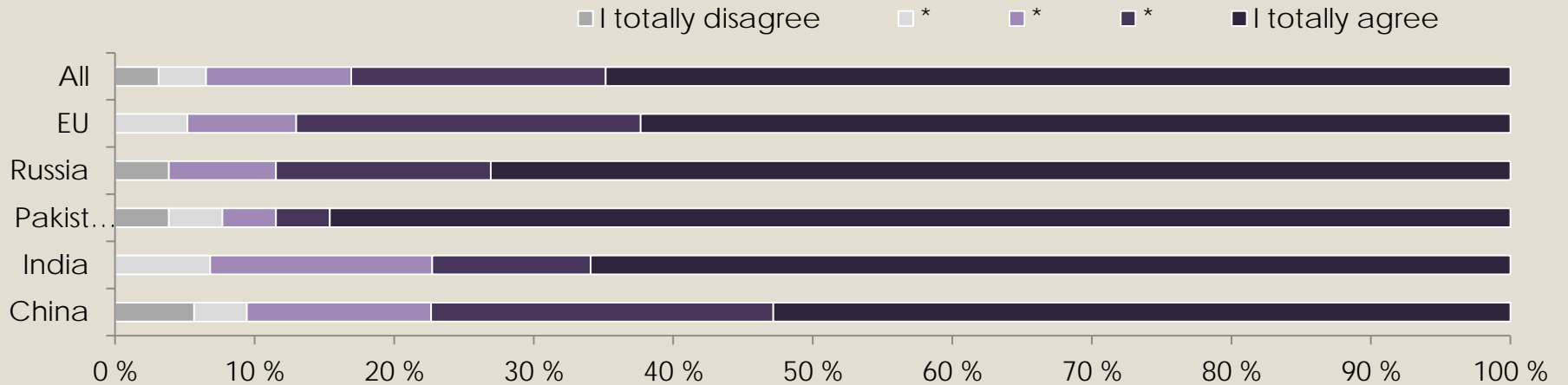
■ mean 3470€

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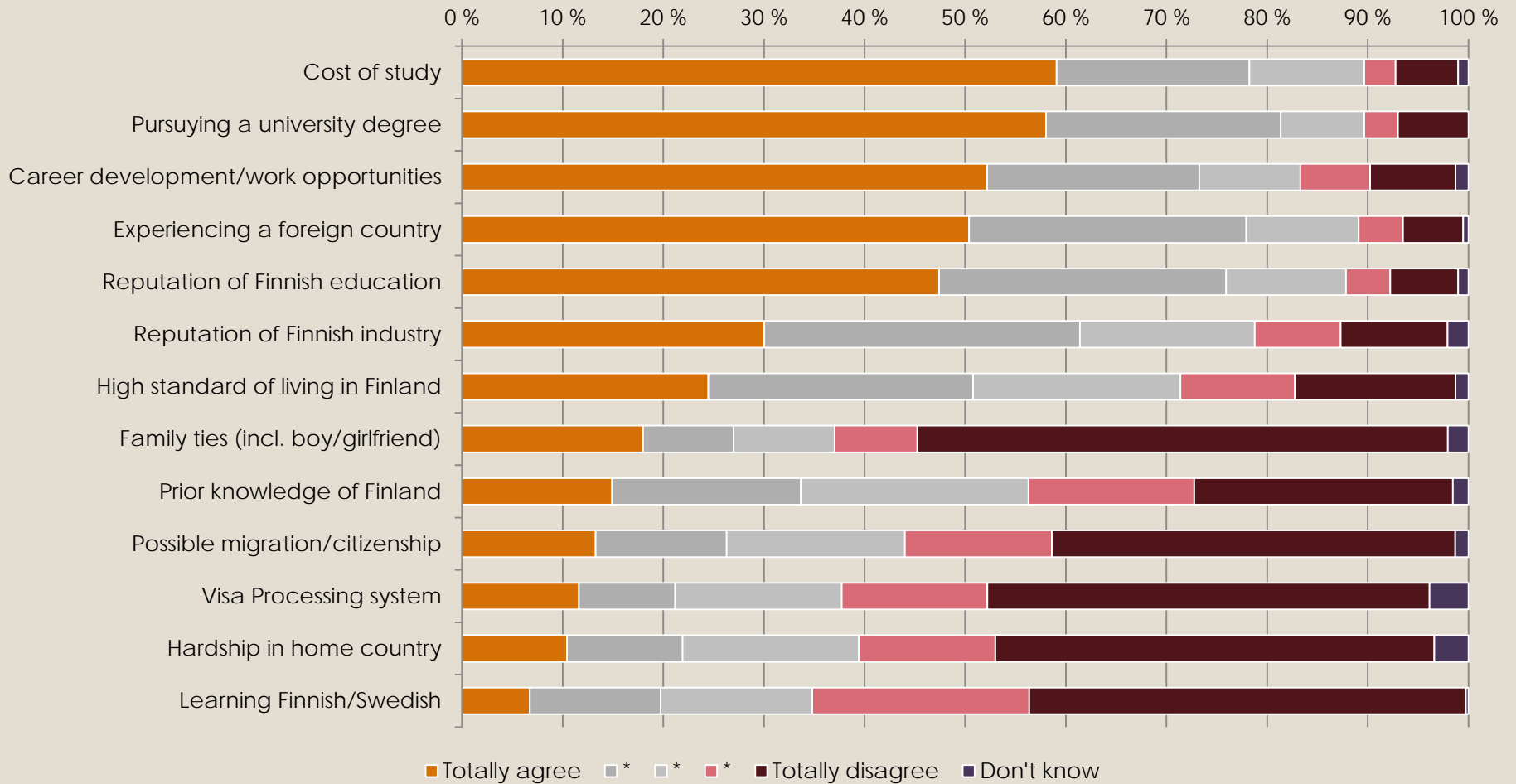
Tuition fees prevent poor students from pursuing higher education



Free education is a basic right

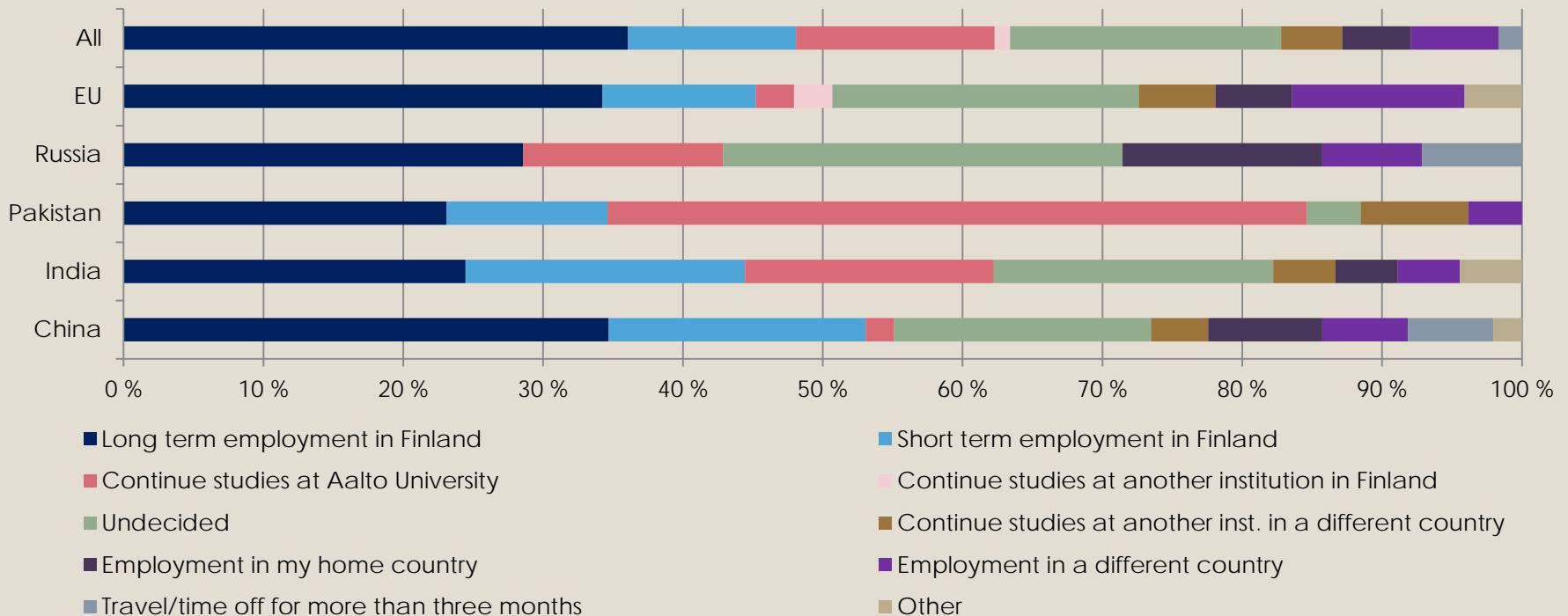


REASONS FOR CHOOSING FINLAND



PLANS AFTER MASTER'S DEGREE

What are you going to do after your studies at Aalto University?



- Many are planning to stay in Finland or are undecided
- 15,5 % are planning to leave Finland