

Using the Studyportals Student Interest Dashboard for informed strategy planning in international student recruitment







USE REAL-TIME
DATA INSIGHTS TO TARGET
THE RIGHT STUDENTS

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## Introduction

#### Why big data is a big deal in

the higher education industry, too



As competition in international student recruitment is increasing, university staff needs more insights to target prospective students more precisely. This is where big data insights come in. Over 36 million students can be found on Studyportals each year, exploring over 190,000 degree options abroad. This generated data has proven to be an accurate reflection and projection of the higher education market.

The Studyportals Student Interest
Dashboard is relevant for higher education
professionals who want to increase their
understanding about the supply of and
demand for degrees, uncover new market
opportunities, and follow trends and
forecasts. This case study shows how
"Cambridge Education Group – Digital"
uses the **Studyportals Student**Interest Dashboard for effective
student recruitment.



#### Meet our client & the institution



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Manuel is the Director of Business Development at the digital division of Cambridge Education Group. His job is to develop partnerships with prestigious universities and helping them widen the reach of their educational activities, taking full advantage of the possibilities offered by high quality online learning provision and international markets. He is also a Visiting Professor in Digital Learning at the Academic Practice Directorate of the University of the West of England in the UK.



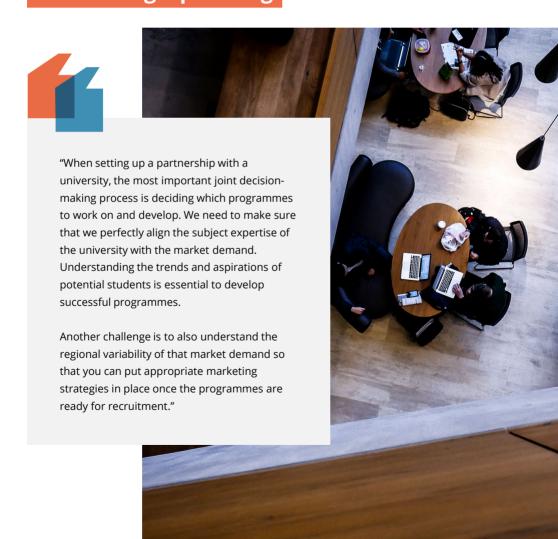


#### **About CEG Digital**

CEG Digital is the digital division of Cambridge Education Group. They have partnered with multiple universities in the UK to deliver online or blended courses to a global market, with a focus on postgraduate degrees and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) courses. Their current projection is to have over 2000 Master's students across 16 programmes with their university partners by September 2019. 40% of students are UK-based, with 60% coming from all over the world.



### Informed decision-making and strategic planning





### Studyportals Student Interest Dashboard



"The size of the data set accessible by Studyportals is second to none. It is a very rich data set, which allows us to drill down into specific subject areas and programmes, and observe the different trends and regional variations."



## 5 Key benefits

How has the dashboard helped you with overcoming the challenges that you were facing? "The information that we get from Studyportals is very valuable as it enables us to test our market assumptions. Additionally, it speeds up the market research process significantly. Access to this data makes the decision-making process much more robust."

What was the most obvious advantage of the dashboard?

"CEG Digital has unparalleled expertise in online learning provision, and our university partners are subject matter experts. When we discuss potential programme development, both parties already have significant intuition about the market, but the Studyportals data helps us assess those assumptions and refine our thinking."

Anything interesting you have noticed after starting to use the dashboard?

"We have recently been auditing the recruitment progress we are making with some programmes that we developed before we had full access to the Studyportals data. Very interestingly, the data correlates with the variable enrolment pattern that we are observing across those programmes."

## Service & Implementation

### How did you experience the implementation process and collaboration with Studyportals?

"The experience working with Studyportals has been very positive so far. The data set is rich and robust, and continuously available to us online, so that we can quickly interrogate the data without any delays."

#### Is there anything that shows that the team at Studyportals goes the extra mile for you?

"We regularly request the team at Studyportals to generate specific reports for us, which they do very diligently, saving us considerable amount of time and helping us speed up the market research process. We also ask them on occasions to modify the way the data is presented on our dashboard and the filters that we can apply to query the data, which they have also done very competently every time we have asked."



#### How big is our data?



**190,000+** study programmes



**36+ million** unique visitors per year



**4+ million** registered users

#### **Geolocation of users**









#### Do you know how your institution's strategy could benefit from our real-time student data?

#### Degree supply & demand

Which specialisation should our new Master's degree offer? Which fields are currently being under and over supplied?

#### Market opportunities

Which countries should I focus my marketing on for our faculty? Which students are interested the most to study in my country?

#### Trends & Forecasts

What are the upcoming countries of international students? How is the demand for degrees forecasted to develop over the next years?

#### Schedule a meeting with our colleagues for an introduction or demo



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