

Table 7-7. Top 10 countries or economies of origin of temporary visa holders earning U.S. research doctorates, by country or economy of citizenship and field of doctorate: 2015–25

(Number)

Country or economy and field	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
China ^a	5,374	5,527	5,552	6,188	6,316	6,335	6,198	6,659	6,651	6,753	6,545
Science and engineering	4,971	5,141	5,147	5,692	5,755	5,730	5,605	6,027	5,980	6,115	5,886
Non-science and engineering	403	386	405	496	561	605	593	632	671	638	659
India	2,229	2,195	1,970	2,045	2,056	2,250	2,300	2,674	2,764	2,647	2,715
Science and engineering	2,119	2,085	1,885	1,922	1,910	2,111	2,138	2,513	2,585	2,480	2,539
Non-science and engineering	110	110	85	123	146	139	162	161	179	167	176
South Korea	1,234	1,229	1,131	1,039	1,168	1,055	1,036	1,075	1,109	1,060	1,055
Science and engineering	920	892	820	729	824	756	733	761	800	779	795
Non-science and engineering	314	337	311	310	344	299	303	314	309	281	260
Iran	629	695	767	935	964	963	815	859	647	499	485
Science and engineering	608	664	728	869	882	896	741	791	596	446	448
Non-science and engineering	21	31	39	66	82	67	74	68	51	53	37
Taiwan	614	592	520	514	492	468	410	416	462	419	456
Science and engineering	516	500	435	445	426	417	375	374	420	375	409
Non-science and engineering	98	92	85	69	66	51	35	42	42	44	47
Saudi Arabia	134	238	339	403	554	614	485	492	483	502	477
Science and engineering	98	175	232	294	431	471	368	385	373	377	357
Non-science and engineering	36	63	107	109	123	143	117	107	110	125	120
Canada	454	408	409	431	427	398	369	474	404	376	390
Science and engineering	325	275	288	307	313	281	267	356	299	274	291
Non-science and engineering	129	133	121	124	114	117	102	118	105	102	99
Turkey (Türkiye)	469	472	496	454	406	371	330	354	368	353	348
Science and engineering	386	380	393	364	324	305	272	289	289	282	270
Non-science and engineering	83	92	103	90	82	66	58	65	79	71	78
Bangladesh	154	185	236	280	292	392	397	551	552	593	565
Science and engineering	146	178	225	271	271	369	381	522	528	564	529
Non-science and engineering	8	7	11	9	21	23	16	29	24	29	36
Nepal	177	222	221	225	241	226	252	313	326	306	292
Science and engineering	162	208	209	219	230	D	242	305	311	296	282
Non-science and engineering	15	14	12	6	11	D	10	8	15	10	10

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a China includes Hong Kong.

Note(s):
Rank is based on the total number of doctorate recipients in the years shown.

Source(s):
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.