

Globalizing Universities and International Student Mobilities

Research at Asia Pacific University

A Report

Overview

East Asia is in the midst of extraordinary changes characterized by unprecedented levels of population mobility, the emergence of new modes of knowledge-based production, and new projects of identity-making. The project on globalising universities and international student mobilities in East Asia intends to capture two critical facets: the restructuring of tertiary education industry in East Asia as a critical infrastructure of a competitive economy, and the student migratory flows into these reformed institutions.

Research Objectives

- a) Investigate the policies that frame the structures and operations of universities
- b) To understand the role of the university to produce a type of student for the global economy and community
- c) To examine new and emerging international student flows
- d) To understand their integration into the host environment
- e) To understand the future plans and post-graduation pathways of the students.

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APU Survey Sample Description (N=500)

Sex	
Male	247 (49.4%)
Female	252 (50.4%)
Unaccounted	1 (0.2%)

Types of Student	
Undergraduate	428 (71.75%)
Graduate (MA, PhD)	54 (25.25%)
Unaccounted	18 (3.6%)

Nationality	
Top 3 nationalities at APU (China & South Korea)	299 (59.8%)
Rest of the World	198 (39.6%)
Counting only Indonesia, Thailand & Vietnam	139 (27.8%)
Unaccounted	3 (0.6%)

Figure 2-1: Sources of Information and Advice

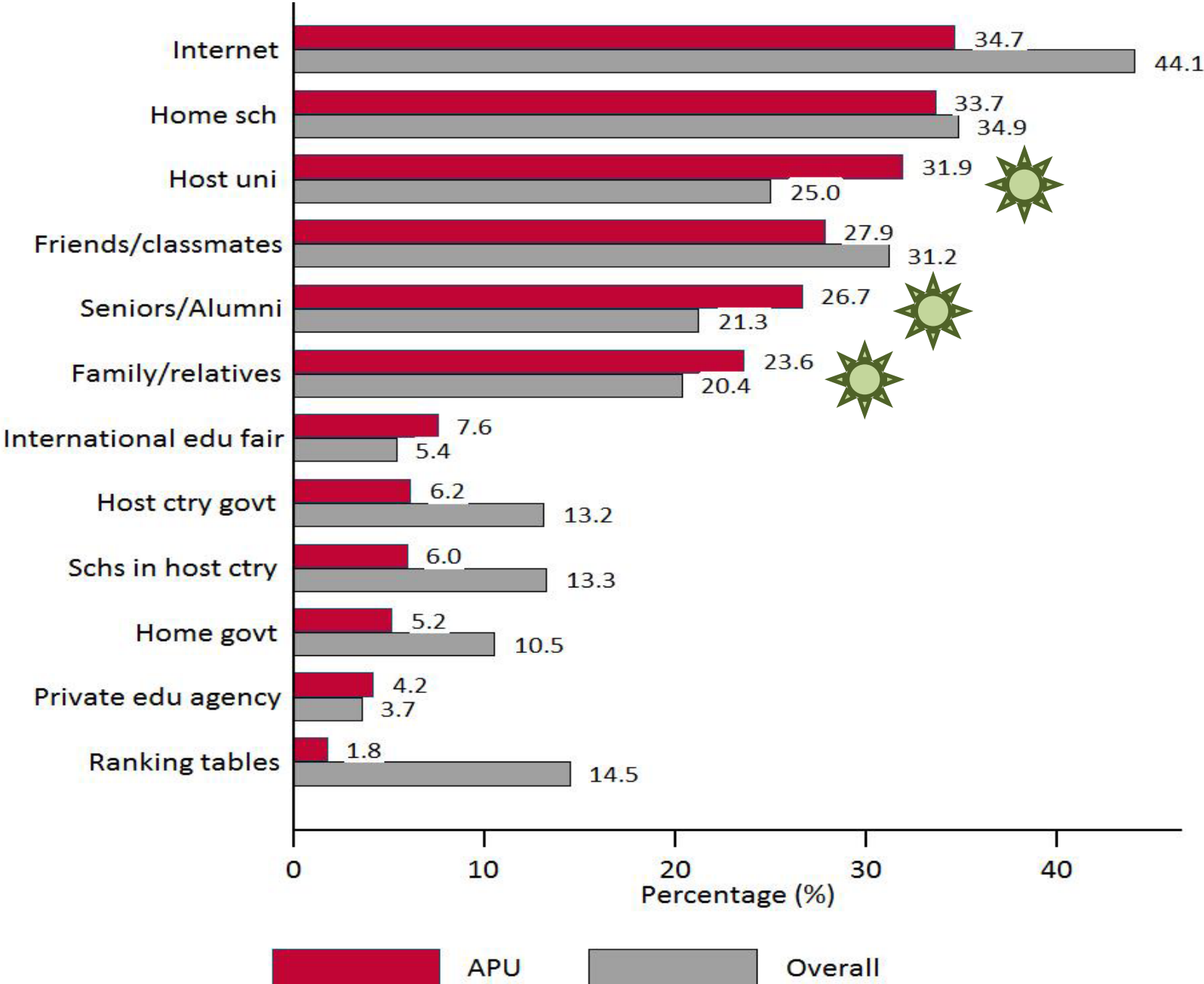


Figure 2-2: Reasons associated with the university

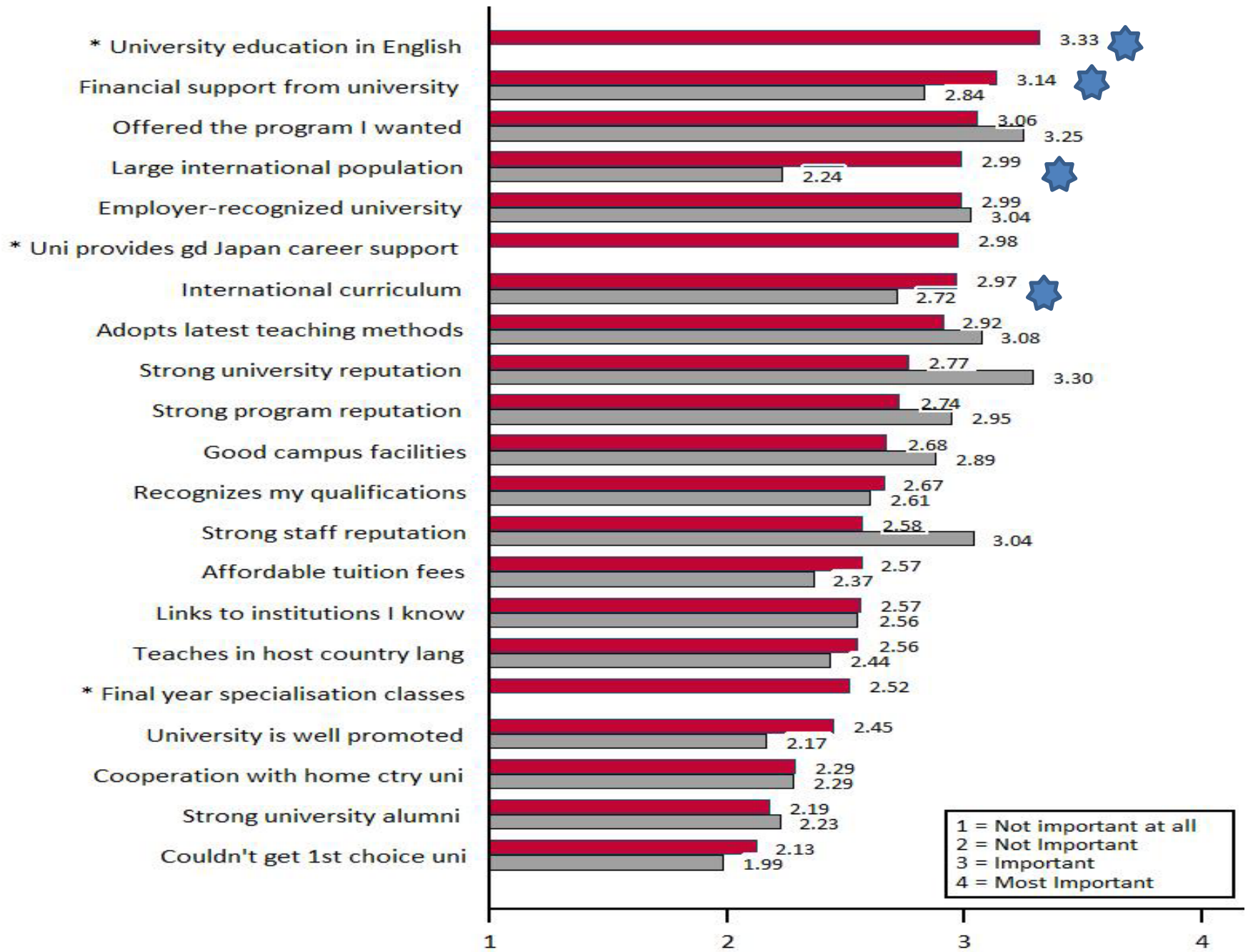


Figure 2-4: Financial Reasons

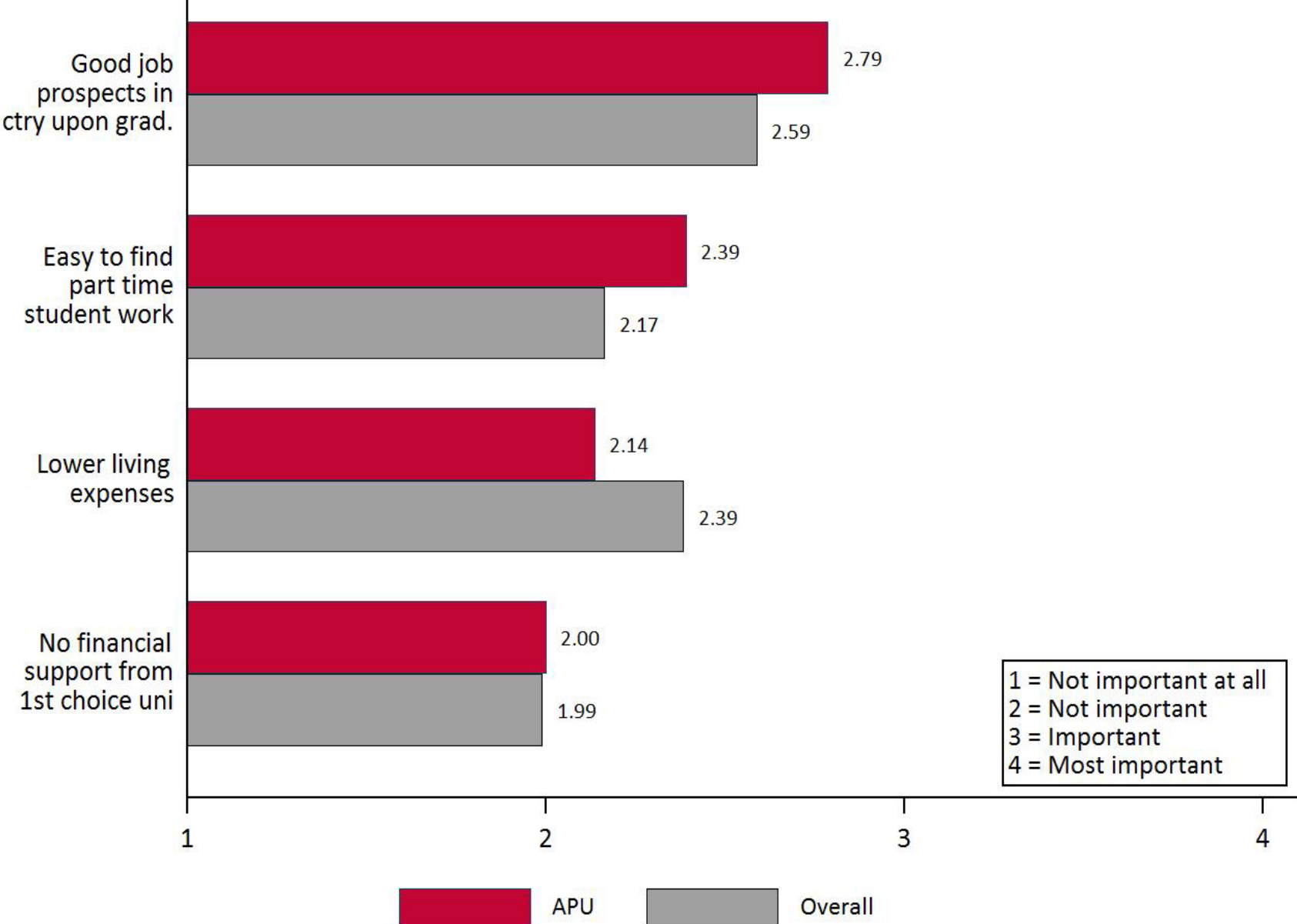


Figure 3-1: Studying Experience

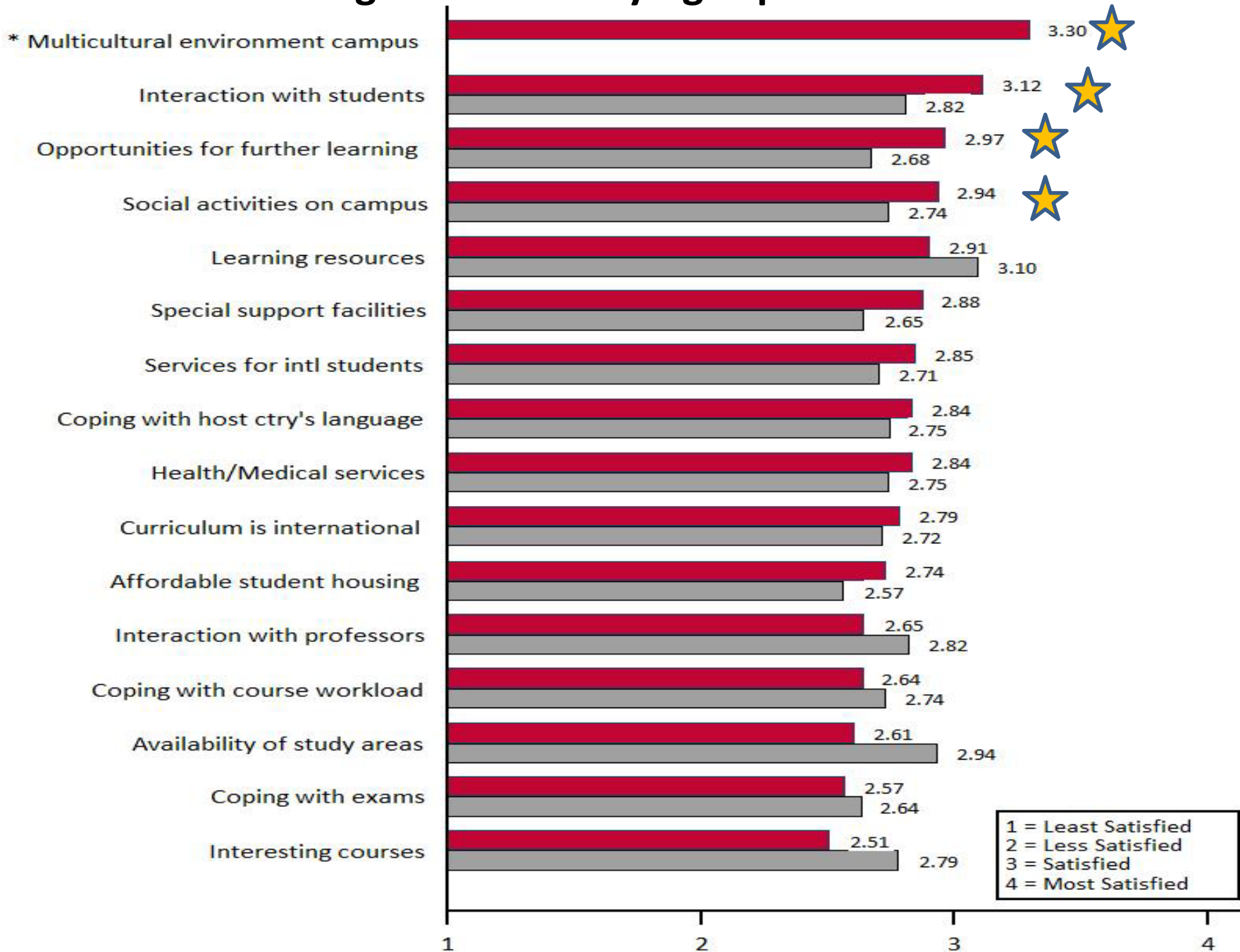
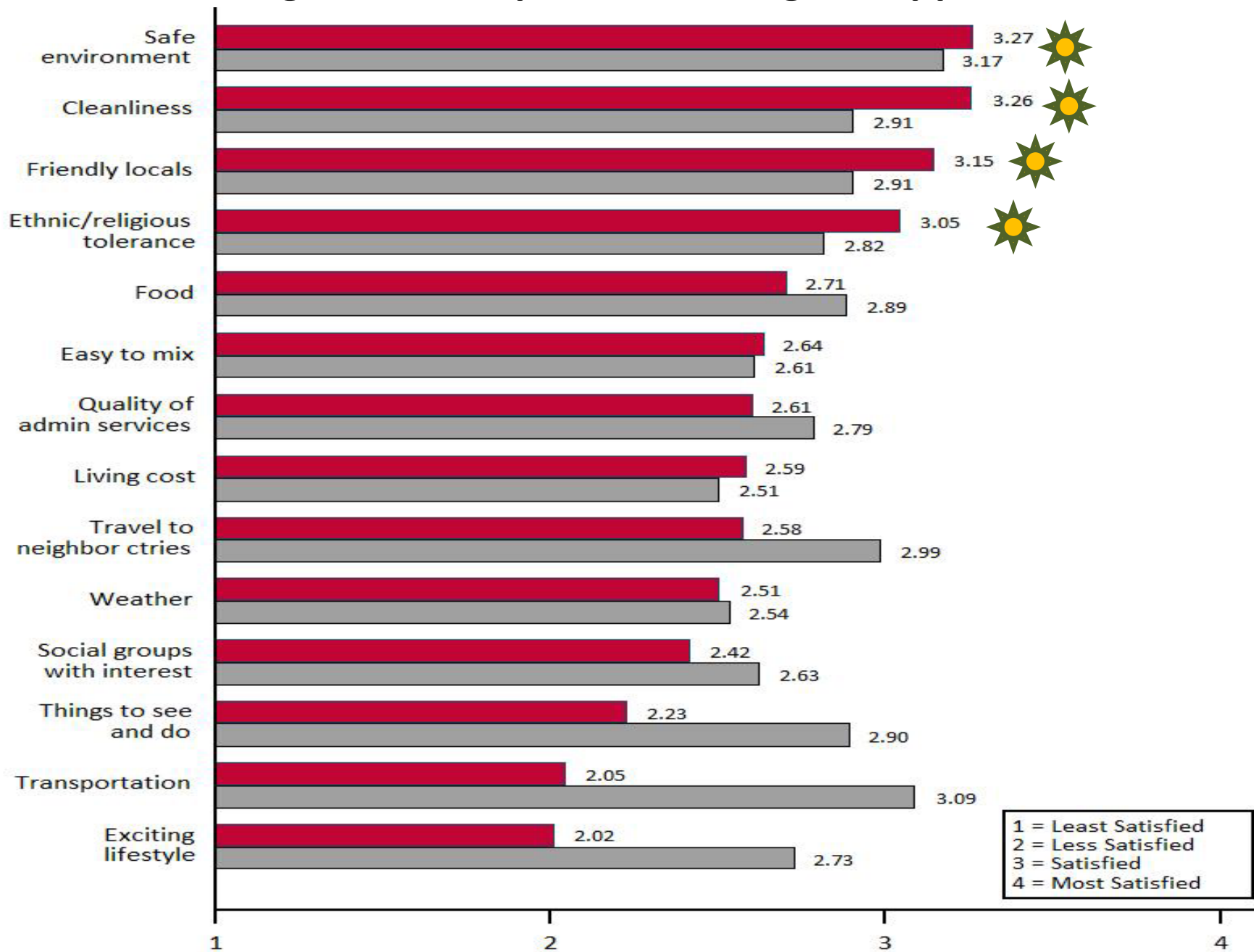


Figure 3-2: Experience Living in Beppu



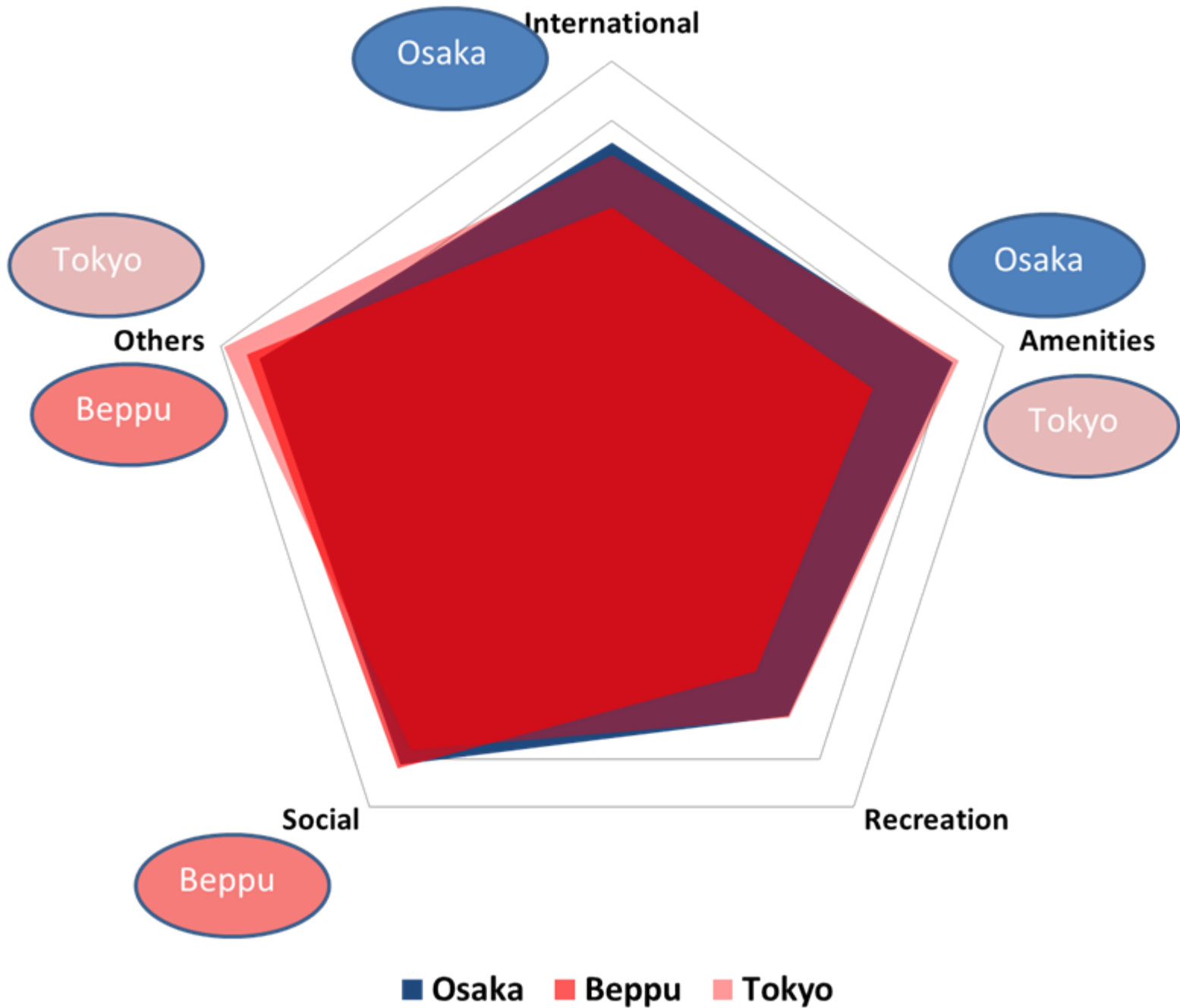
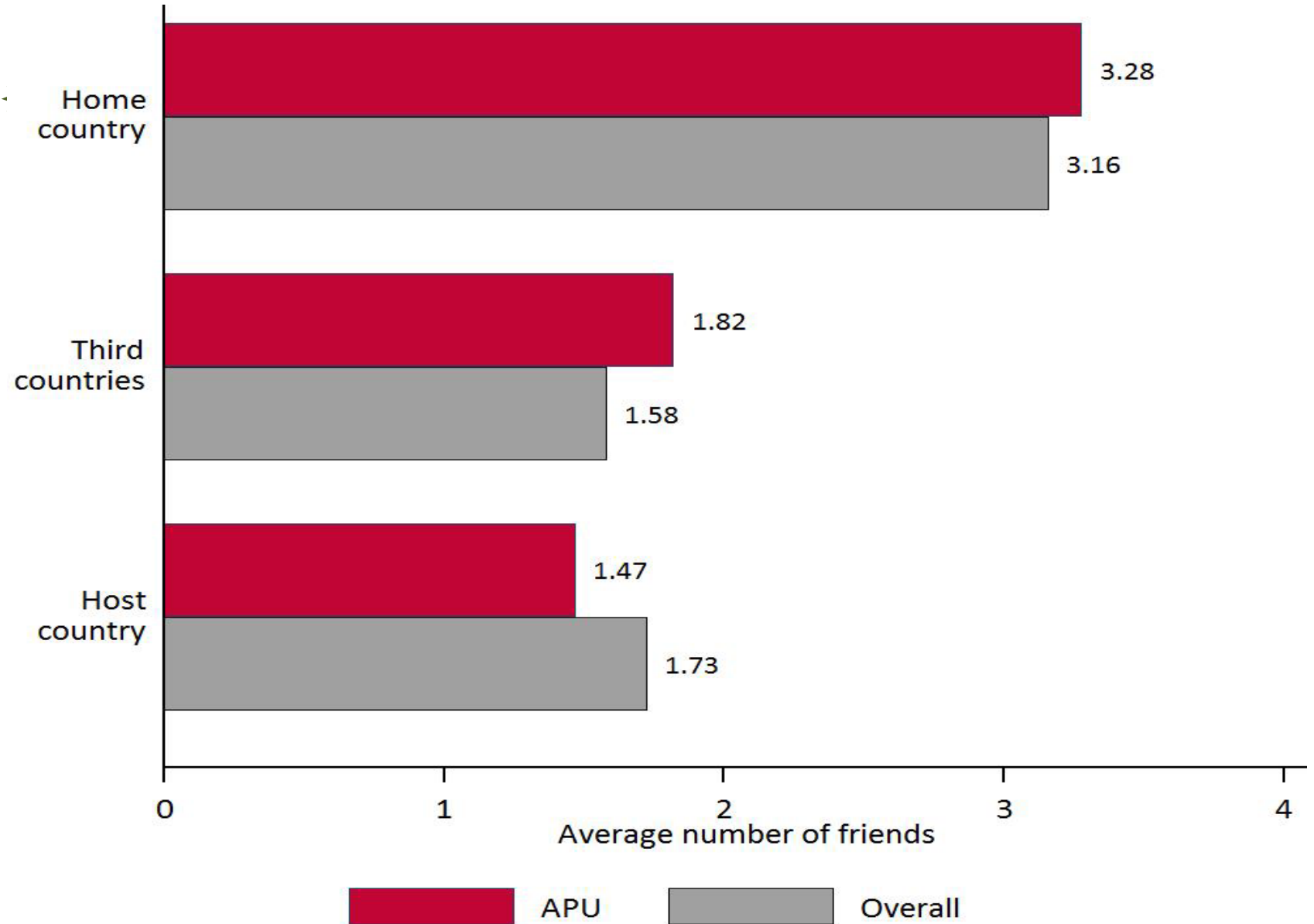


Figure 3-3: Social Network in Beppu



**Table 3-3 One-way ANOVA:
Social Network Comparisons among 3 Japanese Univs**

	Japan University 1 (N=617)	APU (N=500)	Japan University 2 (N= 237)
# of Home Country Friends	3.57 (more)	3.28 (less)	3.49 (non-sig.)
# of Host Country Friends	Statistically not significant		
# of 3 rd Country Friends	1.45 (non-sig.)	1.82 (most)	1.46 (non-sig.)

Note:

- Int'l students in Japan University 1 have more home country friends than those who are hosted by APU.
- There is no difference in terms of numbers of host country friends among the 3 Japanese universities.
- APU int'l students have significantly more 3rd country friends than the other Japanese 2 universities.

Figure 3-4: Activities On and Outside Campus

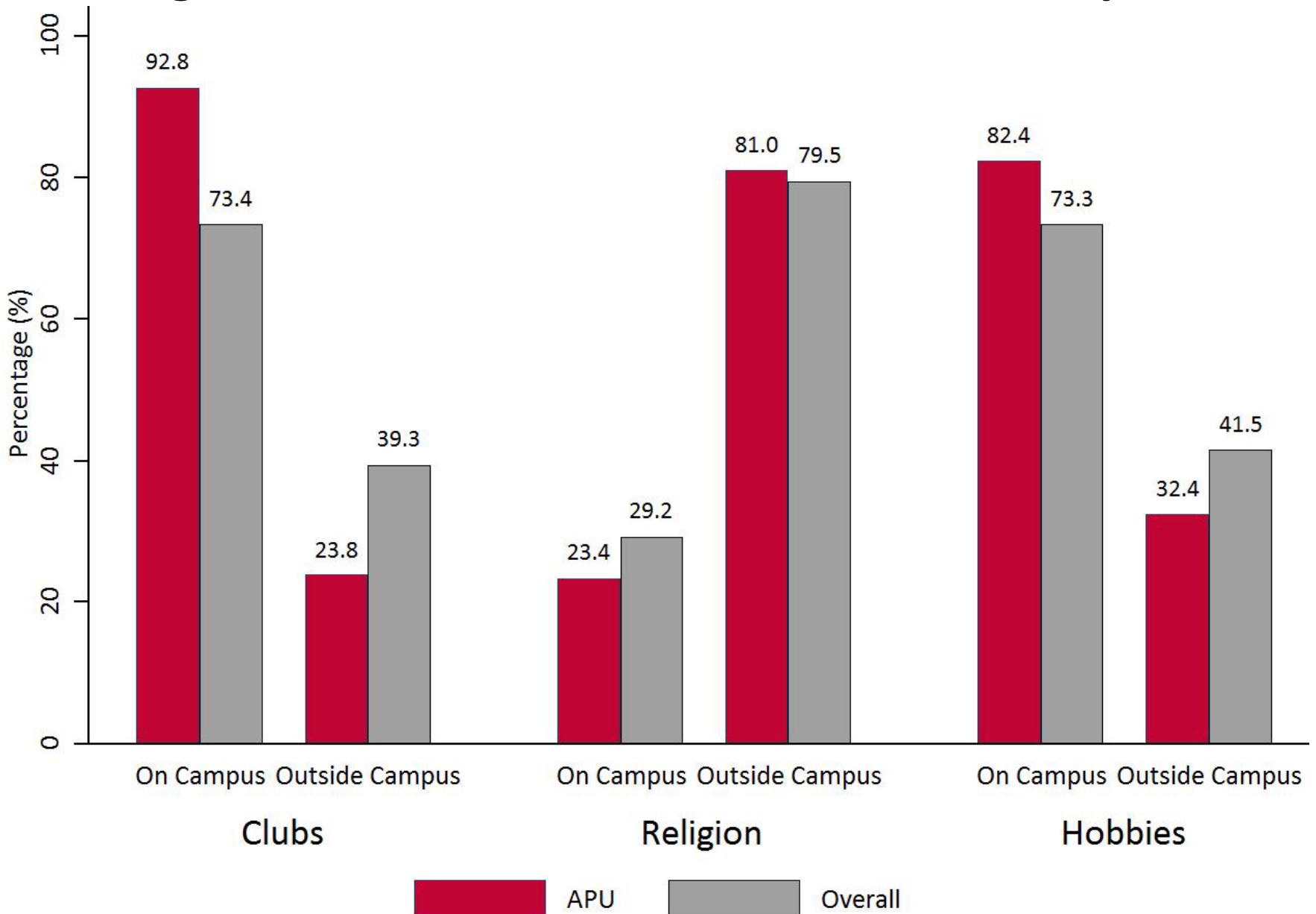


Figure 4-1: Plans to Study after Graduation

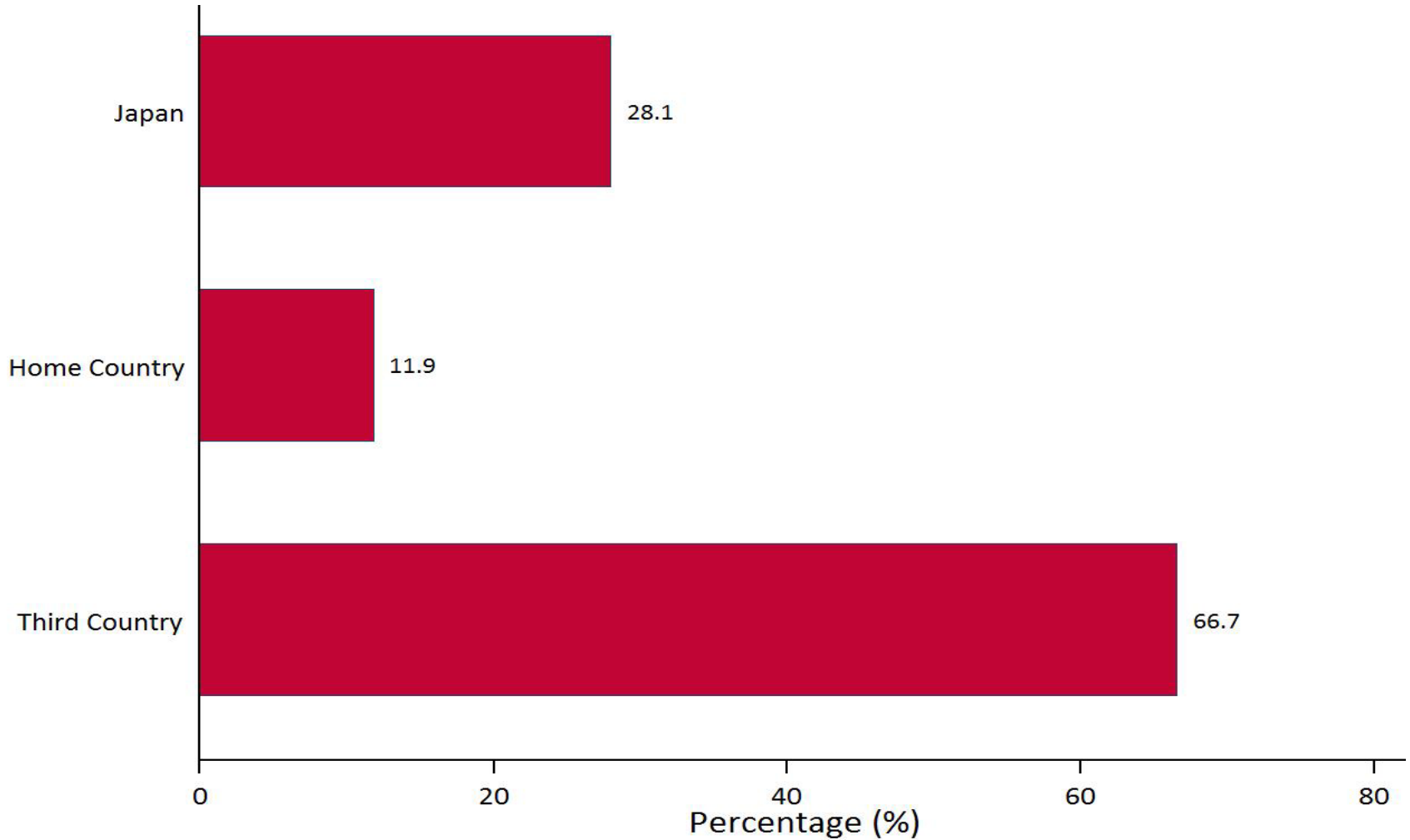


Figure 4-2: Plans to Work after Graduation

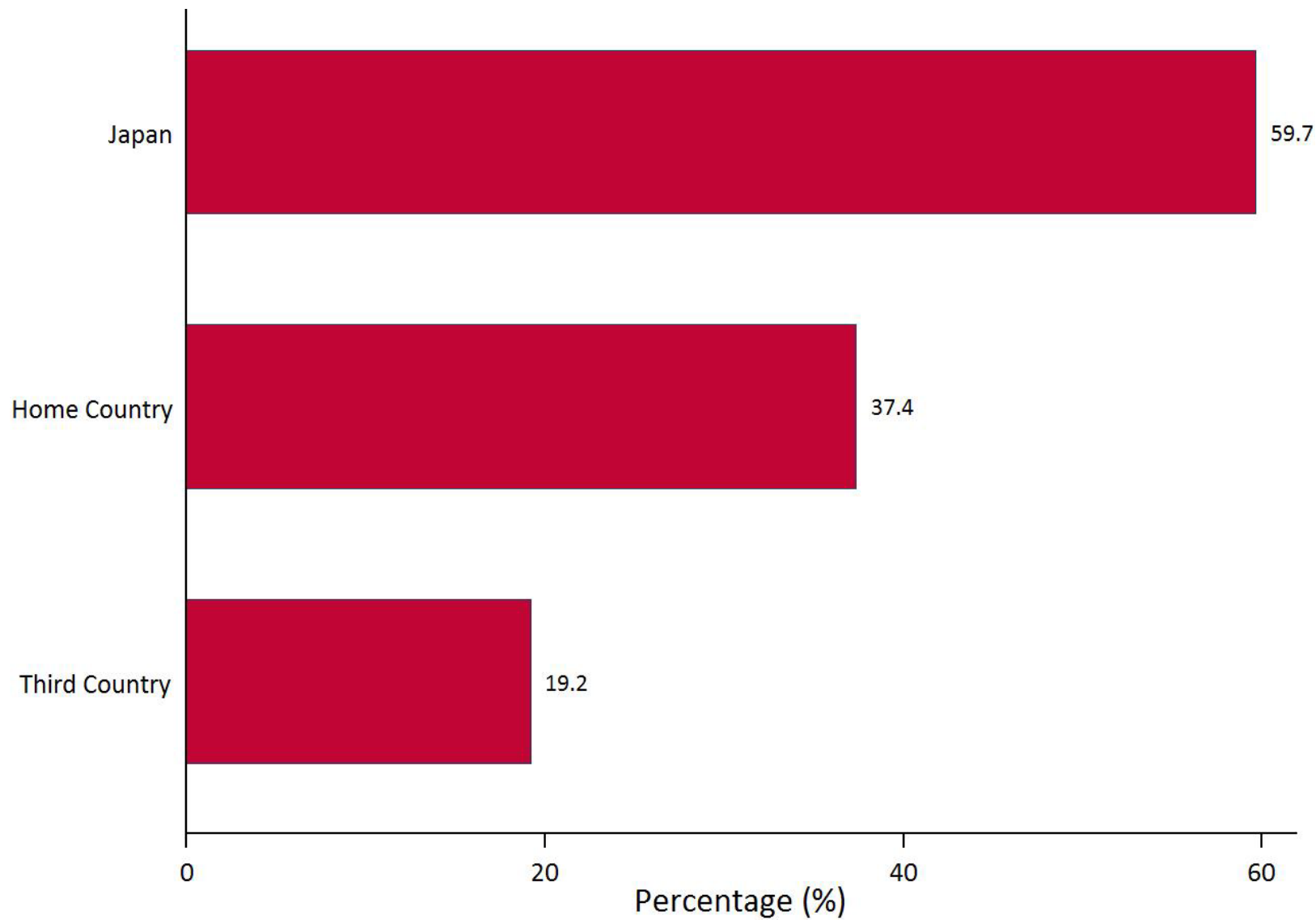
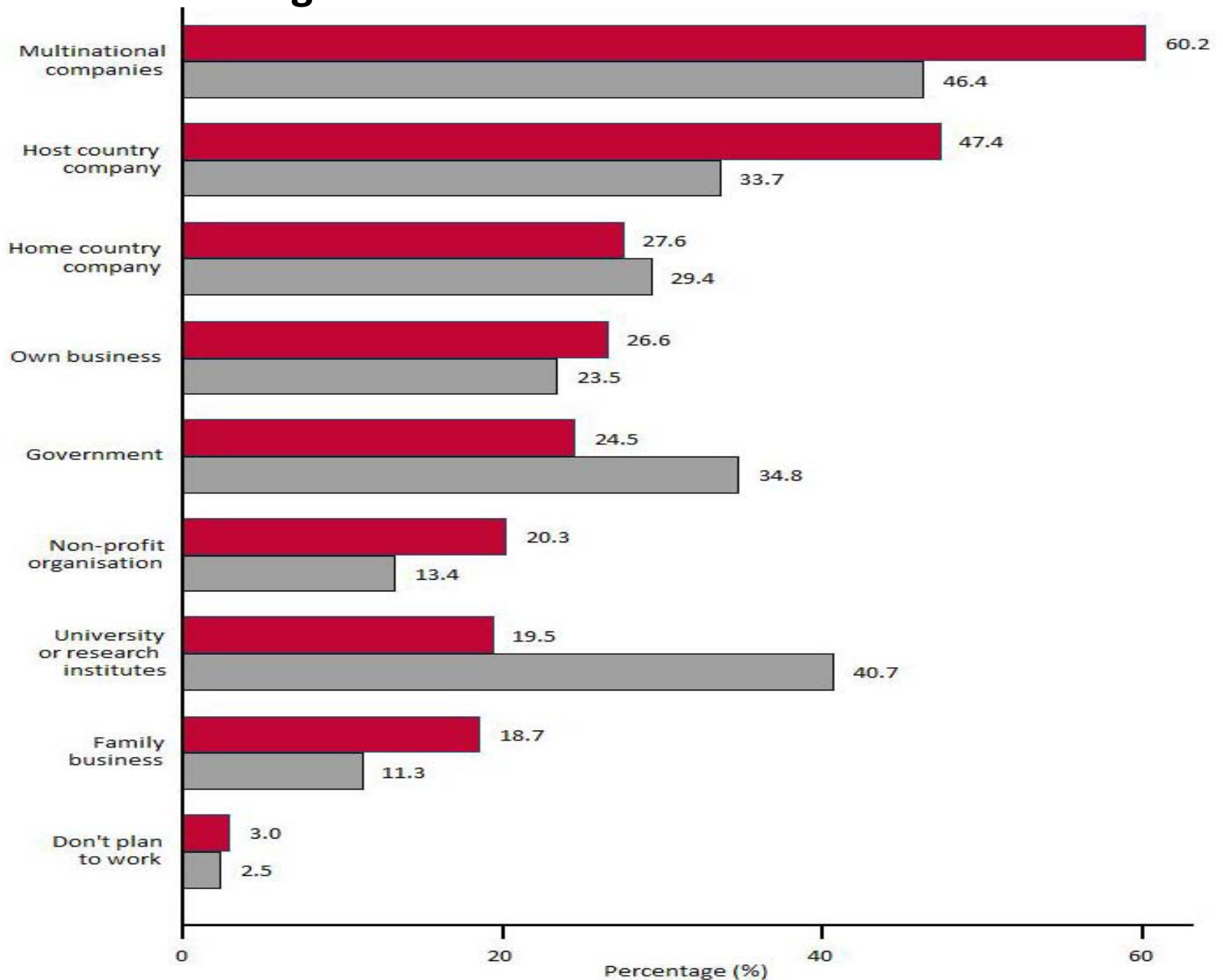


Figure 4-3: Intention of Future Careers



Conclusions:

1. The choice of APU

(Being in Japan, international environment, Good job opportunities)

2. Strengths

(Student life, student services, financial support)

3. Weaknesses

(weak reputation, interaction with professors, more interesting modules)

4. Reminders

(Alumni, seniors are key resources, Beppu has advantages)

5. Recommendations

Japanese student social mixing, APU activity center, international student week in Beppu

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