

It is next to impossible to imagine a university without students, faculty and... texts! Ongoing work on essays, reports, theses and articles is an important part of campus life.

Students and researchers put a lot of effort into every piece of their writing. This is especially true in regards to their endeavours to find relevant information and analyse prior experience. The latest issue of That's So HSE is dedicated to that part of academic papers concerning searches for relevant materials. In particular, we discuss using the HSE library e-resources.

The issue presents the results of studies on the awareness of library e-resources, and how the academic staff and students use the materials available. Also, we have analysed what electronic databases of periodical publications are most in demand by reviewing reference lists provided in theses written by HSE students who graduated in 2016.

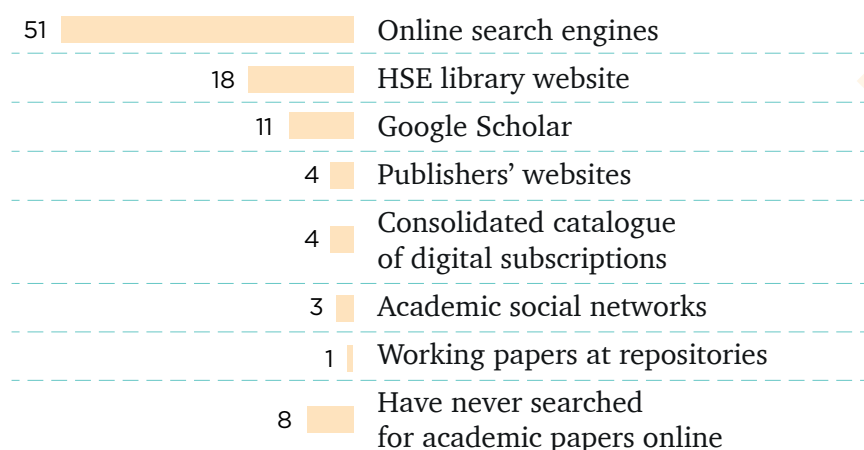
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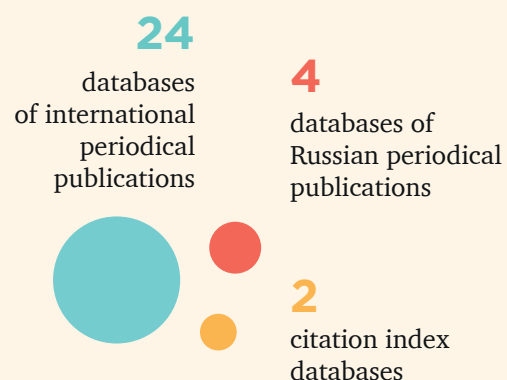
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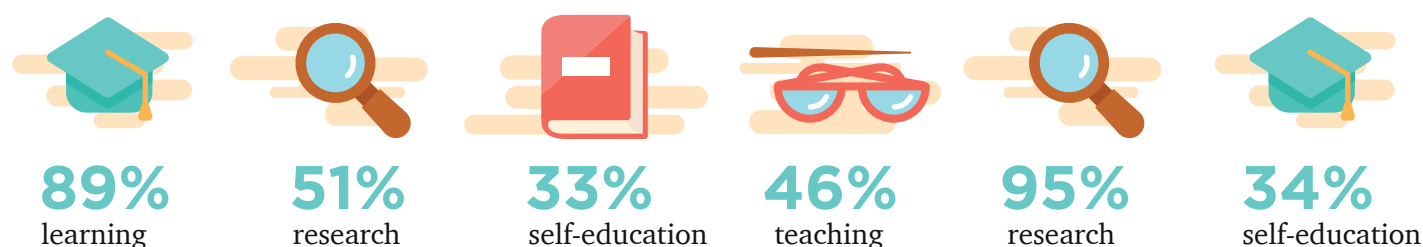
HSE LIBRARY E-RESOURCES INCLUDE



WHAT ELECTRONIC RESOURCES ARE USED FOR:

BY STUDENTS

BY ACADEMIC STAFF

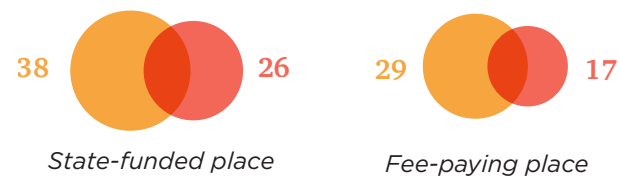


Databases of periodical publications used by HSE students and academic staff

In our annual surveys, we ask students and faculty about their awareness of databases of periodical publications to which HSE is subscribed, as well as how they use these databases. In 2016, the range of survey questions was narrowed: respondents were only asked about the four most popular (according to previous years) international databases: Science Direct, Springer Link, Taylor & Francis, and Wiley Online Library.

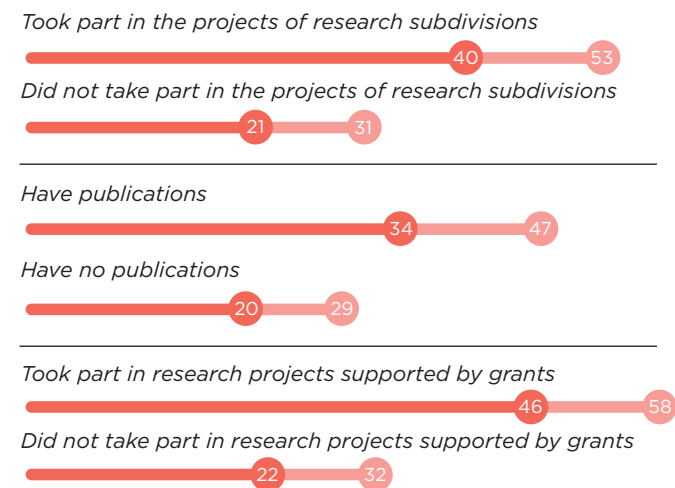
In the following pages, we tell you about students and faculty who are knowledgeable about the databases available and use them in their work and research.

Mode of study



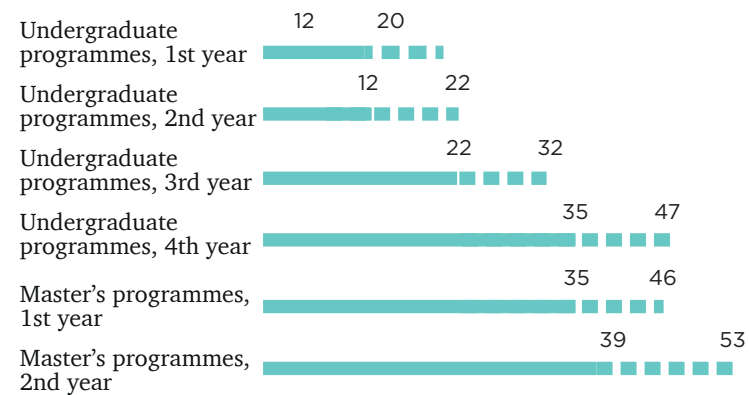
Know about databases Use databases

Student research activities



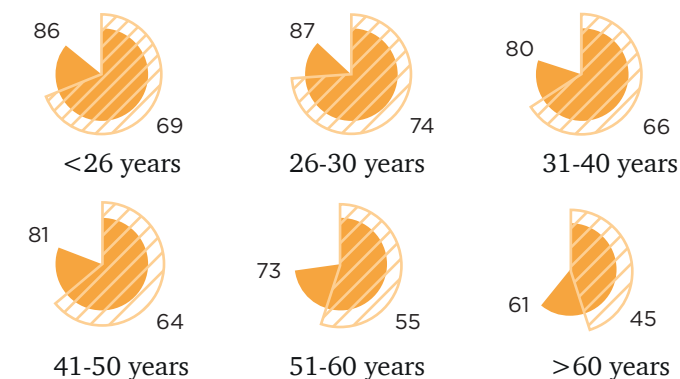
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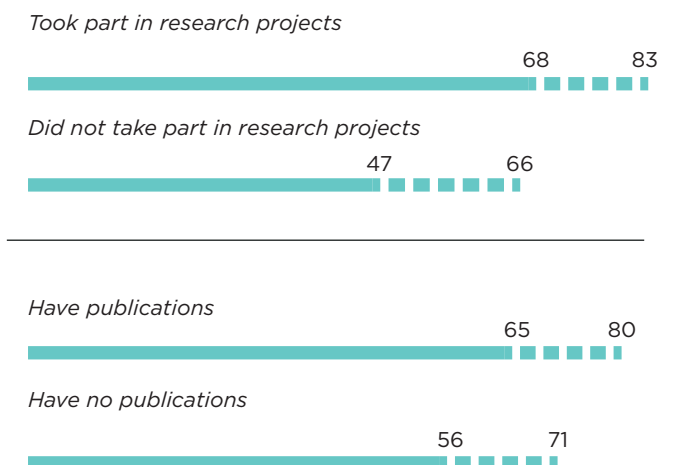
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Age of employees



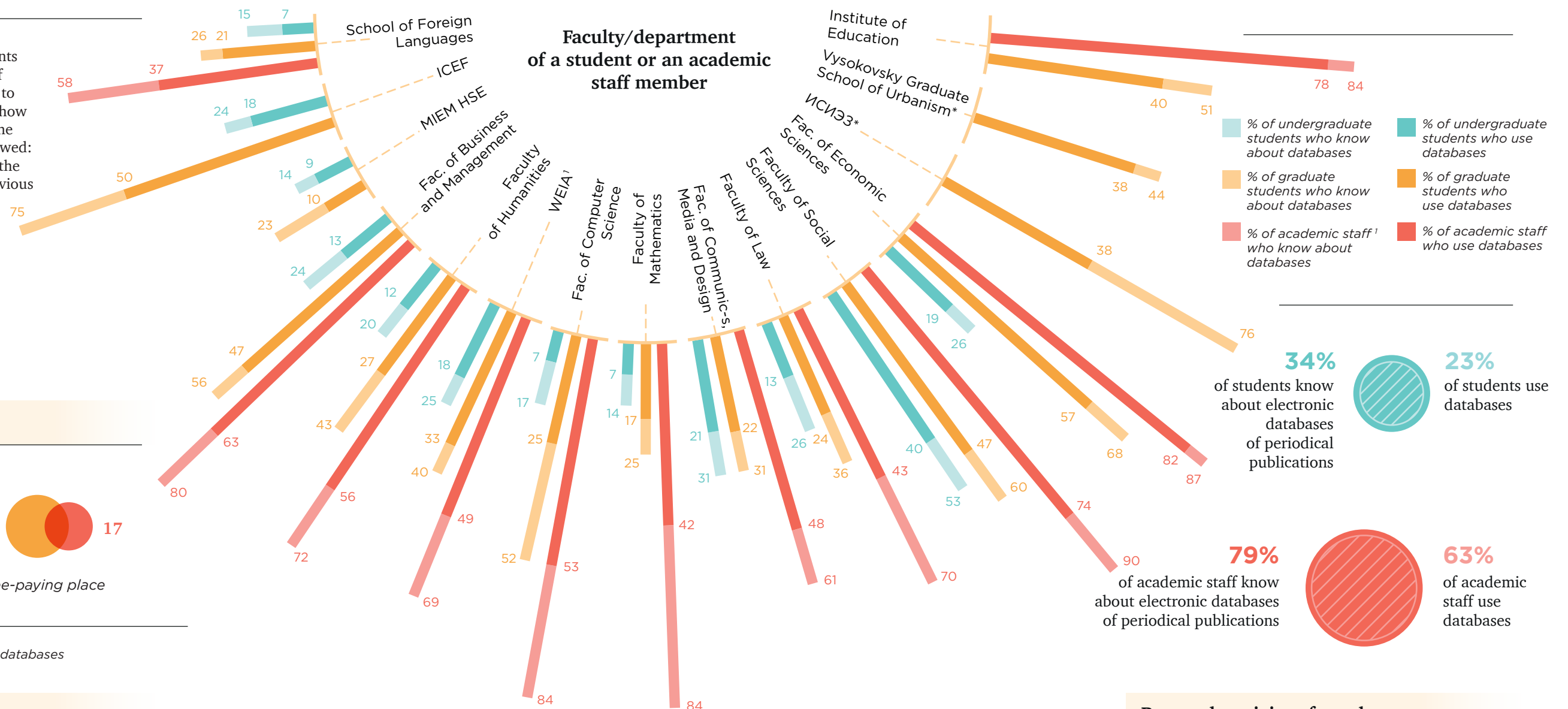
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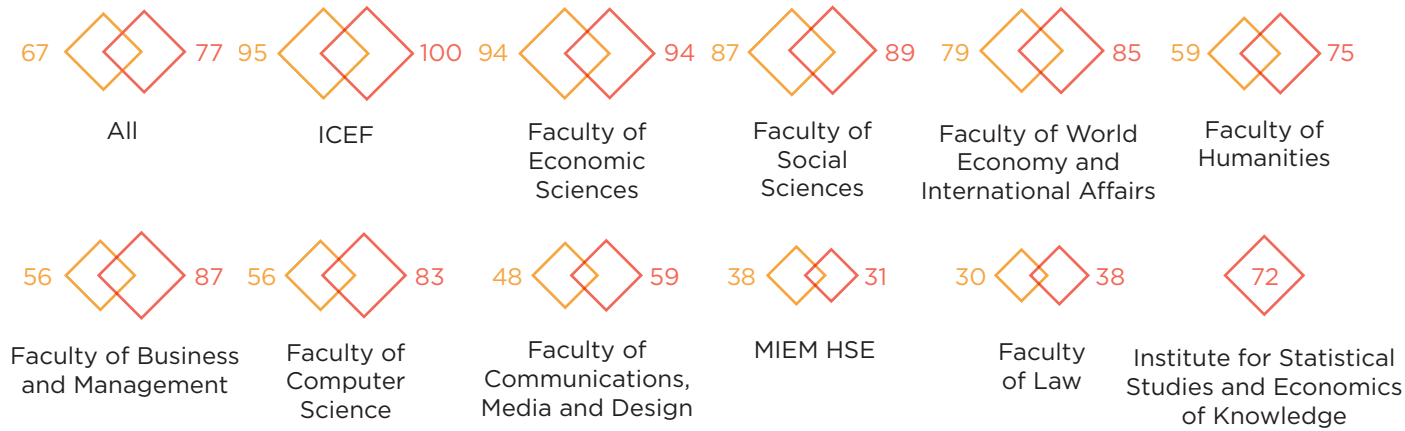


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Faculty/department of a student or an academic staff member



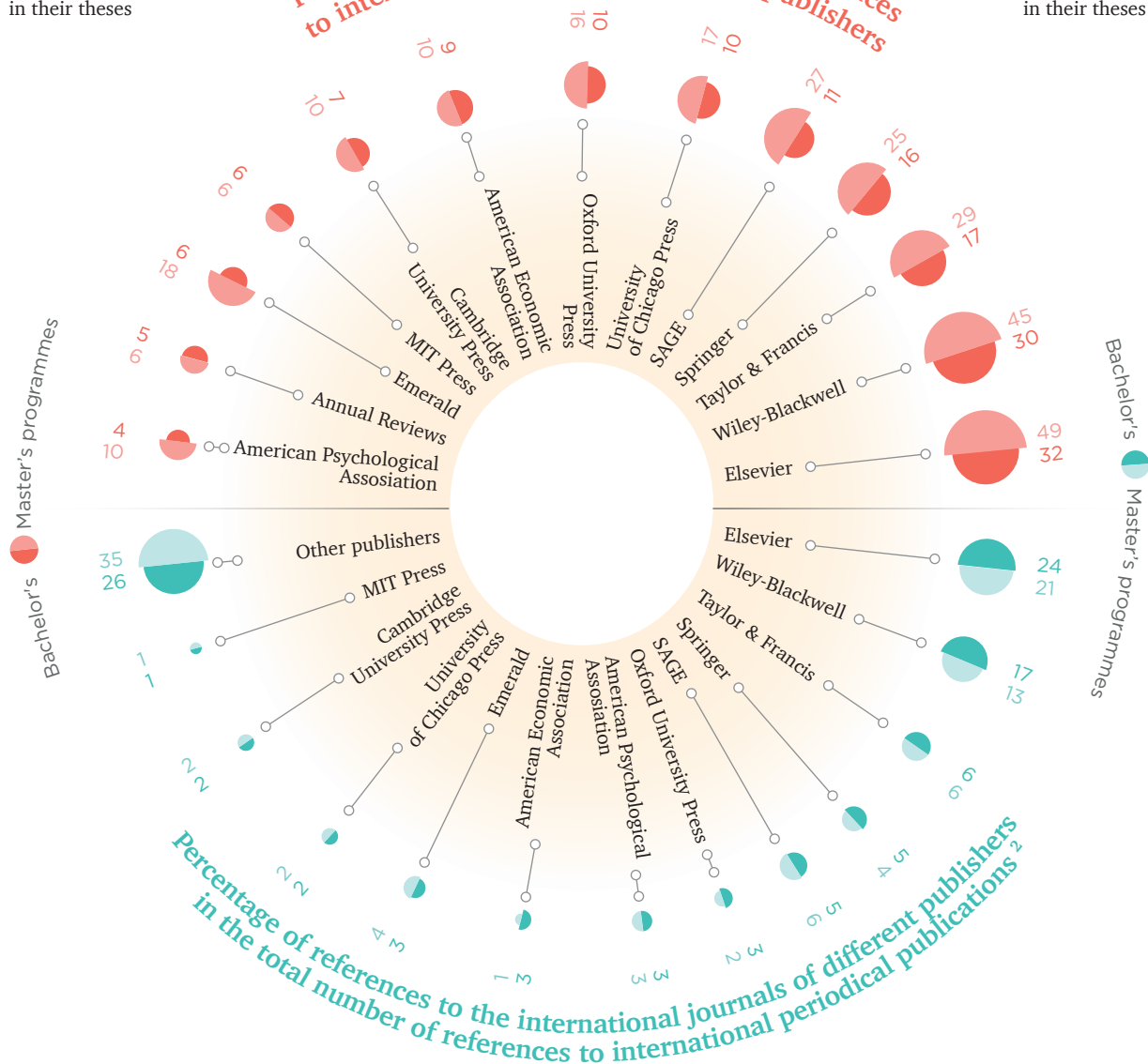
REFERENCES TO INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS IN STUDENT THESES



% of undergraduate students who provide references in their theses

Percentage of student theses providing references to international journals of different publishers

% of graduate students who provide references in their theses



Percentage of references to the international journals of different publishers in the total number of references to international periodical publications²



9 references

to international journals are provided on average in students' theses

1 Information on faculties/subdivisions where over 10 theses were analysed. No information is available on HSE's Faculty of Mathematics, Vysokovsky Graduate School of Urbanism, Institute of Innovation Management and Institute of Education.
2 Information on references to journals is based on an analysis of reference lists provided in the theses of HSE students who graduated in 2016.

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