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Abstract

This work investigates the research performance of foreign faculty in the Italian academic system. Incoming professors compose 1.1% of total faculty across the sciences, although with variations by discipline. Their scientific performance measured over 2010–2014 is on average better than that of their Italian colleagues: the greatest difference is for associate professors. Psychology is the discipline with the greatest concentration of top foreign scientists. However, there are notable shares of unproductive foreign professors or of those with mediocre performance. The findings stimulate reflection on issues of national policy concerning attractiveness of the higher education system to skilled people from abroad, given the ongoing heavy Italian brain drain. (HRK / Abstract übernommen) Abramo, Giovanni, E-Mail: giovanni.abramo@uniroma2.it