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Are Elite University Graduates Aiding (or Hindering) an Innovation-based Economy? Results from a Survey among Would-be Innovators in Rural States

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This paper reports on a survey conducted among more than 1,000 university graduates in China and the United States. Results from the survey show that Chinese students are roughly equivalent in their desire to start their own businesses, however, more US students, however, plan on actually doing so. Most graduates, likely to join the state/government sector. Our results suggest that the availability of financing, mentorship and other innovation ecosystem factors that the innovation ecosystem in China remains underdeveloped.

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