Top 200 universities listed in Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2009.

A total of 135 universities was excluded by stratification.

Stratification by choosing a maximum of top 15 countries in each continent: A total of 65 universities remained.

Geographical distribution of 65 universities is as follows:

- Africa: 3
- America (North): 10
- America (South): 1
- Asia (Central/ Middle East): 3
- Asia (North/East): 13
- Australia and New Zealand: 6
- Europe: 29

A total of 28009 medical faculties was identified and invited to participate. Geographical distribution of potential participants is as follows:

- Africa: 188
- America (North): 13425
- America (South): 271
- Asia (Central/ Middle East): 789
- Asia (North/East): 3291
- Australia and New Zealand: 1994
- Europe: 8051

A total of 1340 medical faculties completed the online surveys. Geographical distribution of respondents is as follows:

- Africa: 14 (7.45 % response rate)
- America (North): 511 (3.81% response rate)
- American (South): 20 (7.38% response rate)
- Asia (Central/ Middle East): 74 (9.38% response rate)
- Asia (North/East): 96 (2.92% response rate)
- Australia and New Zealand: 109 (5.47% response rate)
- Europe: 516 (6.41% response rate)