



STUDY AND WORK

in the

U.S.A.



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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Advantage of a United States Education

Every year, more than **five hundred and sixty-five thousand (565,000) international students** from more than two hundred countries around the world come to the United States to pursue a higher education. Approximately half pursue undergraduate programs, with the rest seeking a graduate or professional education. 5% come from Africa, 58% from Asia, 14% from Europe, 10% from Latin America, 7% from the Middle East, and 5% from Canada. The countries with the greatest number of international students studying in the US are: India (14%), China (11%), South Korea (9%), Japan (7%), Canada (5%), Taiwan (5%), Mexico (2%), Turkey (2%), Germany (2%), Thailand (2%), Britain (1%), Indonesia (1%), Brazil (1%), Colombia (1%), Hong Kong (1%), Kenya (1%), France (1%), Nigeria (1%), Pakistan (1%), Malaysia (1%), Russia (1%).

With the large number and variety of colleges and universities in the US, you are certain to find one that matches your needs and interests, no matter what your criteria. There is no gain stating the fact that a US higher education adds great value to your professional development. A US education could boost your career and prepare you for leadership in your country

1.2 Admission Requirement

College admission in the US is extremely competitive, especially among international students. If you do not have a strong academic background, sufficient financial resources, and proficiency in the English language, you will be at a disadvantage in the admissions process.

Each school sets its own admission requirements. Most schools require a minimum of a high school diploma with solid coursework in science, mathematics, English, and humanities. They will also require academic entrance examinations such as the TOEFL, SAT, ACT, GRE, and GMAT. Generally you must have a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be admitted, especially for graduate school.

Note that to apply for a graduate or professional degree program, including medical school, law school, veterinary school, and dental school, you must first obtain an undergraduate bachelor's degree. Law students must also generally be

licensed attorneys in their own countries before applying for admission to a US law school.

1.3 Choosing a School

The best school for you is the one that best meets your needs and interests, not somebody else's assessment of an institution's prestige.

Another key consideration is the number of international students on campus. If there are very many international students on campus, the school is more likely to be sensitive to the needs of students from other countries. The schools with the greatest number of international students are listed below in alphabetical order. If a school is listed in italics, it gives financial aid to more than 50 international students each year.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arizona State University - AZ• Boston University - MA• Columbia University - NY• <i>Cornell University</i> - NY• Florida International University - FL• <i>George Washington University</i> - DC• <i>Harvard University</i> - MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SUNY Buffalo - NY• <i>SUNY Plattsburgh</i> - NY• <i>Stanford University</i> - CA• Texas A&M University - TX• UCLA - CA• University of Florida - FL• <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> - PA
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The states which are most popular with international students are Massachusetts, California, Washington DC, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Illinois, Texas, Michigan, Florida, Wisconsin, Vermont, Minnesota, Maryland, and Iowa.

CHAPTER TWO: FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION

2.3 Scholarships

There is aid available for foreign students, but it takes initiative and determination to find. Some scholarship databases charge fees to users, and other databases provide their services at no cost. In general, the same information is available from both types of database services, so it is not necessary to pay any fee.

Be especially aware of dishonest scholarship offers: do not send money, bank account numbers, or credit card numbers to any organization that promises a scholarship in return.

Examples of Colleges and Universities with the Financing Options to suit you

1. *Berea College*: Every student who attends Kentucky's Berea College receives a full-tuition scholarship worth more than \$25,000.
2. *Alice Lloyd College*: All students at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Ky., are required to work at least 10 hours per week in exchange for free tuition. Students who need additional financial aid to pay for room and board may work up to 15 hours per week. Jobs at the school of 550 are assigned based on a student's work experience and personal preference.
3. *Curtis Institute of Music*: The Curtis Institute of Music offers full-tuition scholarships to everyone who gains admission.
4. *Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering*: Olin College is a school of 300 in Needham, Mass., where every admitted student receives four years of free tuition valued at \$130,000.

APPENDIX 1:

ADDRESSES OF US COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

	University	*Contact Information	Tuition \$	Remarks
8	University of Washington	<p>www.washington.edu Email: admissions@arizona.edu 320 Schmitz Hall. 1410 NE Campus Parkway, Office of Student Financial Aid University of Washington, Box 355880, Seattle WA 98195-5880 Phone: 206-543-2100</p>	25,329	<p>Large City Setting Students Receiving Aid:58%</p>
10	University at Buffalo (SUNY)	<p>www.buffalo.edu Undergrad Admissions: ubadmit@buffalo.edu 12 Capen Hall, Buffalo, New York 14260-1660 Graduate School: grad-recruit@buffalo.edu 408 Capen Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260-1608 Phone: (716) 645-2939</p>	9500	Aid for Ph.D.
57	Harvard University	<p>www.harvard.edu University Hall Cambridge, MA 02138-3800 Tel. 617-495-1000 Fax 617-495-0754</p>	47,215	<p>Students Receiving Aid are 76% Admission is Highly competitive</p>