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Institutional scholarships: www.pmc.edu/financial/sources/institutional.html
International student contact: admission@pmc.edu.

- Undergraduate: Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa
Scholarship Information: www.grinnell.edu/admission/apply/international/finaid/
International student contact: askintl@grinnell.edu.

I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Undergraduate: Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois

Elmhurst College invites students to live, work, and study in a dynamic and intercultural environment within close proximity to downtown Chicago. Founded in 1871, Elmhurst is a private, liberal arts college, affiliated with the United Church of Christ that ranks among *U.S. News and World Report's* best colleges in the Midwest. Elmhurst's campus, a 38 acre registered arboretum, is a suburban sanctuary that is host to more than 600 varieties of trees and shrubs.

Elmhurst is able to afford each of its 2,400 traditional undergraduate student's individualized attention and strong professional preparation. Of the fifty possible undergraduate majors, some of the most popular among international students are housed in the Center for Business and Economics (CBE). The CBE offers degrees in accounting, business administration, economics, finance, international business, logistics and supply chain management, management and marketing. In addition to a strong academic curriculum, business students are given the opportunity to participate in Elmhurst's thirty-year-old internship program which allows students to earn course credit and gain invaluable practical experience while interning for a business within the Chicago area.

Around 88 percent of all incoming Elmhurst freshman receive financial aid. The college awards various scholarships to students including freshmen; transfer students; members of the United Church of Christ; academically eligible Asian, African American, Hispanic, and Native American students; and students who demonstrate exceptional talent in music, art and theatre.

Application Deadline

General Admission: Applications are accepted between **December 1** and **April 15** for the fall term. For the spring term, prospective students should apply between **October 1** and **December 1**.

Scholarships: Students should apply for admission to Elmhurst by **January 15** for scholarship consideration for the fall term.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships

All full-time admission candidates are automatically considered for a number of academic awards. For more information regarding eligibility and scholarship specifics, prospective students should visit <http://public.elmhurst.edu/finaid/1288677.html>.

Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university <http://www.educationusa.state.gov/> 1

General Admissions

Incoming freshman must submit:

- A completed application form
- TOEFL (550/213/79 minimum score; IELTS (6.5 minimum band score or higher); MELAB (77 or higher)
- Official secondary school transcript
- A faculty recommendation
- Official score on the ACT or SAT test
- F1 Visa

Further Information

<http://www.elmhurst.edu>
<http://public.elmhurst.edu/admission/1271127.html>

Contact

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 Elmhurst, IL 60126-3296
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Undergraduate: Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Renowned for academic innovation and interdisciplinary study, Bard College promises a sound liberal arts education in an idyllic setting on the east bank of the Hudson River, just two hours north of New York City. Bard’s philosophy emphasizes empowerment and its close knit community of 1,667 students is engaged both academically and socially.

Bard offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in more than 40 different academic fields in four divisions: Arts; Languages and Literature; Science, Mathematics, and Computing; and Social Studies as well as a B.S. or B.M. in its five-year double degree programs. In keeping with a focus on flexibility, Bard has launched several special programs based on student and faculty interests such as the West Point-Bard Exchange, The New Orleans Initiative, and the Bard program for Globalization and International Affairs in New York City.

Bard is one of the few American colleges and universities that awards financial aid to international students. Bard Foreign Scholarships, based on financial need, can range from several thousand dollars to full-tuition. On average, a Bard international student receives \$28,900 in financial aid, more than half the full cost of attending. In addition, Bard offers full-tuition scholarships to students wishing to pursue studies in the sciences or economics.

Application Deadline

General Admission: The deadline for fall admission is **January 15** and **November 1** for spring transfer students.
Scholarships: **March 15** for prospective students.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships

Non-repayable grants are awarded on the basis of financial need and academic achievement. For more information and necessary forms, prospective students should visit
http://www.bard.edu/admission/finances/financial_aid/international/index.shtml

General Admissions

Incoming freshman must submit:

- A completed application form
- A foreign student declaration of finances
- A foreign student financial aid form
- TOEFL (600/250/100 minimum score); IELTS (7 minimum band score)
- Secondary school report
- Two academic references
- F1 Visa

Further Information

<http://www.bard.edu>
<http://www.bard.edu/campus/international/applying/>

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Undergraduate: Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

Truman State University offers undergraduate students an affordable education in the rigorous and challenging academic environment of "Missouri's premier Liberal Arts and Sciences University." One of the "best values" in higher education, Truman State is a public university with a student population of 5,410 located in quaint Kirksville, Missouri.

With over 40 major programs of study in three colleges, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business, and the School of Health Sciences and Education, Truman State provides undergraduate students with a diverse array of majors and minors. Truman State's faculty, well-known for both teaching ability and personal academic achievement, highly encourage undergraduate research to further enrich the academic experience.

International student scholarships are available for undergraduate study at Truman State. The President's Honorary Scholarship generally awards \$1,000-\$6,000 which is renewable at the end of the first two semesters. The Kirksville Rotary Club also offers one student per year a scholarship of one year full-tuition.

Application Deadline

General Admission: November 1 for Spring Semester; **June 1** for Fall Semester.
Scholarships: Awarded with admission.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships

The President's Honorary Scholarship is based on secondary school academic achievement and examination results. Selection for the Rotary Scholarship is made by the Kirksville Rotary Club.

General Admission

Incoming freshman must submit:

- A completed International Student Application for Admission
- TOEFL examination results
- An original or certified copy of secondary school academic transcripts or credentials
- A Documentation of Financial Support form
- A one page essay
- F1 Visa

Further Information

<http://www.truman.edu>
<http://iso.truman.edu/index.php?type=prospective&id=info>

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Undergraduate and Graduate: University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

Rated as one of the top public Universities for international students, the University of Oregon does its best to make students of every nationality feel at home. Offering a broad spectrum of degrees in the liberal arts and programs in architecture, arts, business, education, journalism, law, and music and dance, the University of Oregon provides academic opportunities for over 20,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

University of Oregon's campus is situated in a classic college town with more than 200,000 inhabitants and with nearby access to Oregon's pristine wilderness areas, UO students have plenty of opportunities to get away from the city and take part in outdoor activities like rock climbing and kayaking. Complementing the external environment, the UO student and faculty community is a diverse mix of international and domestic students. To foster relationships and enhance campus community life, UO developed a unique program in which first-year undergraduate students have the opportunity to join interest groups, groups of 25 first-year students that take two general education courses together within the first term.

The University of Oregon offers a wide range of financial aid to support its growing international student population. International Affairs grants 30-40 international students competitive scholarships of \$6,000-\$18,000 yearly. The International Dean's Excellence Award for New International Students awards \$4,000-\$8,000 to qualified first-year international undergraduate students. Work-study positions are also available to eligible international students with financial need.

Application Deadline

General Admission: Deadline dates vary with program and standing, see <http://admissions.uoregon.edu/apply/dline.htm> for more information.

Scholarships: Deadline dates vary, see <http://oip.uoregon.edu/iss/faid/> for more information.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships

Institutional scholarships vary in their eligibility criteria. Prospective students should consult the International Student and Scholars Services at <http://oip.uoregon.edu/iss/faid/>

General Admission

Incoming freshman must submit:

- A UO International Application for Undergraduate Admissions
- A \$50 non-refundable application fee
- TOEFL (500/173/61 minimum scores); IELTS (6.0 minimum band score)
- A demonstration of financial resources
- Official secondary school transcripts
- SAT scores if you are applying to the architecture program
- Personal statement and letters of recommendation

Further Information

<http://www.uoregon.edu>

<http://admissions.uoregon.edu/international/int-UGinfo.html>

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Graduate: Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Cornell University lives up to its motto of "any person, any study" by providing a rich and diverse learning community for all students, faculty, and researchers. Surrounded by gorges and waterfalls and the natural beauty of Ithaca, NY, Cornell University promises its students rigorous academic study within an exceptional natural environment.

The Cornell graduate school promotes academic diversity by encouraging interdisciplinary study in its over 90 different fields of study. Although conferring fifteen different advanced research and professional degrees, Cornell graduate school programs are bound by a common philosophy of academic freedom and flexibility. Faculty, grouped by common academic interest, often have cross-disciplinary ties and are available for student mentorship opportunities.

Cornell University provides its wide range of international students with services administered through the International Student and Scholars Office and graduate school financial aid opportunities. University fellowships include tuition, a nine-month stipend, and Cornell student health insurance. Assistantships are also available and are awarded by departments or fields.

Application Deadline

General Admission: Application deadlines vary by field. See <http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/?p=38> for current dates.

Scholarships: Fellowships awarded with admission.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships

Fellowships are awarded through the fields on the basis of ability and promise of achievement. See the Cornell University Graduate School Financial Aid Office at <http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/index.php?p=131> for more information.

General Admission

Incoming graduate students/PhD candidates must satisfy the following requirements:

- A completed Application for Admission
- A non-refundable \$70 application fee (fee can be waived given extreme financial need, see <http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/index.php?p=5> for more information)
- Received a baccalaureate degree or equivalent from a college or university of recognized standing.
- Statement of purpose
- Credentialed transcripts with English translation
- Two or three letters of recommendation
- Application for financial support
- Completed the GRE (based on field); Hotel Administration requires the GMAT
- TOEFL (550/213/77 minimum score)
- F1 Visa

Further Information

<http://www.cornell.edu>

<http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/>

<http://www.isso.cornell.edu/> (International Students and Scholars Office)

Contact

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Ithaca, NY 14853-2602
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For departmental contact information:

<http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/index.php?p=120>

Post Doctorate: University of California, Irvine, Henry Samueli School of Engineering Irvine, California

Ranked annually among the top fifty universities nationally, UC Irvine is well-known for its strong academic reputation and cutting-edge research. Located on 1,500 coastal foothills in beautiful southern California, UC Irvine is among the fastest growing Universities in the UC system.

UC Irvine students and faculty reach beyond the classroom to solve societal issues and support human development by engaging in transnational issues and encouraging community development activities. In addition to outstanding research opportunities, Postdoctoral fellows at UC Irvine have access to its renowned high-tech centers and have access to one of the most comprehensive health care packages of any university.

The Henry Samueli School of Engineering is composed of five departments -biomedical engineering, chemical engineering and materials science, civil and environmental engineering, electrical engineering and computer science, and mechanical and aerospace engineering- and offers numerous research centers, institutes, and facilities. The school is offering numerous postdoctoral scholar positions for the fall and summer of 2008.

Application: Applicants should send a CV, list of publications, or reference list (depending on position) to the contact listed for each position.

Application Deadline/Qualifications: Varies with position. More information can be found at <http://www.eng.uci.edu/employment/postdoc/scholar>.

English Language Program: The University of Connecticut American English Language Institute (UCAELI) Storrs, Connecticut

Program Description

Since 1991, UCAELI has provided English language services to over 2,000 students from across the globe. UCAELI offers several different programs throughout the year: Intensive English Program offered in the fall, spring, and summer; Summer Intensive English Plus; Evening English Courses for International Students, offered year round; Summer English Experience for students age 13-17, Professional and Vocational English Courses; and Legal English Intensive Course for students enrolled at the University of Connecticut's LLM program.

The Intensive English Program core curriculum focuses on the skills of listening/speaking, reading/writing, and grammar/communication. Four to five levels (beginner to advanced) are offered for each core course. Elective courses include pronunciation, TOEFL preparation, academic skills, English through the internet, and more. Students have 22 hours of instruction each week. The average length of study is 15-30 weeks for an intermediate student and 38-53 weeks for a beginning student.

Students have the option of living in a university undergraduate dormitory with an American or international student. Students in undergraduate housing must purchase a meal plan. Students who can show proof of a valid undergraduate degree are eligible for graduate housing which includes fully equipped kitchens.

Tuition: Tuition varies with living accommodations. Fall/Spring semester cost with undergraduate housing and meals: \$8,958. Summer semester cost with undergraduate housing and meals: \$5,529.

Application Deadline: Vary with program, see <http://ucaeli.uconn.edu/english/programs/> for more information. If you require a student visa, apply at least three months in advance.

Eligibility Requirements

Students will require the following forms/misc:

- UCAELI Application
- A nonrefundable application fee
- F1 Visa

Further Information

<http://ucaeli.uconn.edu/english/programs/>

Contact

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II. News you can use

Call for Papers: Special issue of the EducationUSA Success Stories on INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Posted on behalf of:

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Dear Colleagues,

As part of my 2008 Post-PAL (Professional Advising Leadership Fellows) project, I am planning on preparing an electronic newsletter in English about EducationUSA Success Stories.

The Newsletter will be published quarterly in four issues in coordination with EducationUSA Connections, starting in January 2009:

- Issue #1: International Student Success Stories, January 2009
- Issue #2: U.S. Admissions and Financial Aid Officer Success Stories, April 2009
- Issue #3: International Student / Career Adviser Success Stories, July 2009
- Issue #4: EducationUSA Adviser Success Stories, October 2009

Will you please forward the following formal email along with the attached Call for Papers to EducationUSA "success students" in your region?

Thank you very much for your cooperation and responsiveness.

Sincerely,

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Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university <http://www.educationusa.state.gov/> 6

Dear International Students,

Below please find a Call for Papers for a special edition of the EducationUSA journal on INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES. Editors: Snejana Teneva and EducationUSA Advisors.

The widely distributed EducationUSA Connections journal will be used as a platform for you to share your academic and professional experience as an international student in the U.S. with prospective international applicants. We welcome your submissions for this publication opportunity. Details below.

Thank you and we wish you the greatest success in your international studies!

Sincerely,

Snejana Teneva, EducationUSA Adviser
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Tell us about your experience as an international student in the U.S. Your Success Story will be published in an upcoming issue of the EducationUSA Success Stories electronic newsletter. The goal of this e-newsletter is to provide a platform for international students to share their academic and professional experience in the United States with prospective international applicants.

When you answer these questions, please think about **what information and tips helped you get admission with financial assistance to an American college/university and what you wished you had known**. Some of the questions may only need a one word answer while you may want to respond with longer answers for others. If the question does not pertain to you, please write N/A. **Also, along with your answers please attach a picture of yourself and three more photos of yourself at U.S. campuses or of campus scenery shots**. When you finish responding to these questions, please email this attachment along with the digital photos to Snejana Teneva, EducationUSA Adviser at the Department of State-affiliated EducationUSA advising center in Bulgaria at steneva@fulbright.bg by **1 October 2008**. Many thanks in advance.

Name	
Age	
Home City and Country	
Name of American Institution where you are currently studying	
Your Major/Minor	

1. Why did you choose to study in the United States?
2. How did you prepare for applying for admission with financial aid?
3. How did you assess the colleges you applied to?
4. How did you make your application stand out?
5. What distinguished you from the other successful candidates?
6. What was the most useful information you learned about how to present yourself successfully to colleges?
7. What mistakes did you make in the application process?
8. What characteristics make you a successful student at your U.S. college/university?
9. How are you preparing for a successful career upon graduation?
10. How are you preparing to give back to your country?
11. Do you have any advice for prospective international students on how to maximize their chances to qualify for financial aid?
12. Do you have any advice for EducationUSA Advisers about how to best advise international students during the application process?

New Opportunities for Optional Practical Training in the United States! - Science and Technology Students

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is temporary employment authorization that gives many international students (F-1 visa holders) an opportunity to apply knowledge gained in the classroom to a practical work experience off campus. Students apply through their host institution in the United States.

On April 8, 2008, the US Department of Homeland Security announced several key aspects of new OPT opportunities, one of which is a substantial extension:

- Most notably, the rule extends STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) students' OPT from 12 to **29 months** for certain degree holders. **STEM graduates may work for up to 29 months in the US.**

Contact your host institution in the US for details about this promising development or read the Interim Final Rule and a brief NAFSA summary:

www.nafsa.org/regulatory_information.sec/regulatory_document_library.dlib/sevis/opt_29_month_rule
