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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Undergraduate: Arizona State University, Tempe, Phoenix

Program Description

With 58,000 students, Arizona State University is the fourth largest school in the United States and one of the top-ranked public research universities. The main campus is located in Tempe, a university city just outside Phoenix. The university is known for its strong programs in Business, Journalism, Engineering, Architecture, Biology. Students may choose to study in more than 100 other areas. With its renowned sports teams and unique location, ASU offers an exciting extra-curricular life. Student clubs take advantage of the region's natural beauty and proximity to major tourist destinations such as the Grand Canyon, San Francisco, Las Vegas and Mexico.

International students may apply to Arizona State University for **full time study or for a semester/year-long exchange program**. The exchange program, operated through ASU's Center for Global Education Services, accepts students from ASU partner institutions who have been nominated for exchange study by their university.

ASU is committed to helping students finance their education. In 2006-2007, more than 60% of ASU students received some form of aid. In 2008-2009, ASU expects to award nearly a half-billion dollars in all types of financial aid, including \$105 million in scholarships and \$65 million in grant funding.

Application Deadline

General Admission: June 1 (fall semester), October 1 (spring semester).

Scholarships: Most scholarship deadlines occur between December and March, but deadlines vary.

Exchange Program: April 1 (fall semester or Academic Year), October 1 (spring semester or Calendar Year)

Scholarships

Eligibility requirements vary depending on the scholarship. Prospective students should check

<http://students.asu.edu/scholarships/search> for currently open ASU scholarships. New scholarships are added frequently to the database.

Further Information

<http://www.asu.edu/>

<http://students.asu.edu/international-admission>

Exchange programs: <http://ipo.asu.edu/>

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Undergraduate and Graduate: Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi

Program Description

Established in 1878, Mississippi State University offers bachelor's, master's, educational specialist's, and doctoral degree programs. The university has a diverse student population of more than 17,000. There are approximately 600 international students and 100 exchange visitor scholars. Students hail from nearly 75 countries and all 50 states.

Mississippi State University's Scholarship Program offers assistance to outstanding students. Scholarships range from departmental offerings to private foundations. International undergraduate students are eligible for most Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarships and Community College Scholarships. Students must be enrolled full-time and must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester to receive scholarships. Renewal of scholarships and waivers is based on full-time enrollment and maintaining a 3.00 cumulative GPA at the end of each fall semester.

Application Deadlines

Undergraduate: The Fall 2008 Scholarship Priority Date for incoming international students is **May 1, 2008**. Scholarships have varying deadlines. Many have a **February 1, 2008** deadline, but others, such as the Kelly Gene Cook Foundation Scholarships and the S-Stem Fellows Program, have **no listed deadline**.

Graduate: May 1, 2008 (fall semester), September 1, 2008 (spring semester). Some departments have different deadlines.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply for scholarships, students should complete the online scholarship resume, found at <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/apply/>. Requirements vary. International students will not be eligible for all scholarships as many require that the student is a resident of the United States.

Further Information

<http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/international/> (Undergraduate site)
<http://www.msstate.edu/dept/grad/admissions/index.php?tabon=gri> (Graduate site)
<http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/scholarships/> (Scholarship site)

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International Undergraduate Admissions

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Graduate: Pennsylvania State University - School of International Affairs, State College, Pennsylvania

Program Information

Officially launched in January 2007, the Penn State School of International Affairs offers an interdisciplinary Masters of International Affairs program. Students study for one-and-a-half to two years. The course of study involves a year of six core classes, addressing the key areas of international affairs, another half to full year of elective courses, and a final "capstone" project consisting of either an internship or a master's paper. Faculty advisors work with students to shape the final part of their studies. Students are also required to achieve proficiency in a language other than English by graduation. Penn State is in the process of recruiting internationally recognized faculty for the Masters of International Affairs program.

The School of International Affairs is closely related to the Penn State University's Dickinson School of Law, as the two programs often overlap and graduates pursue similar careers. The two programs will share a new building equipped with audiovisual telecommunications to enable the exchange of educational programs throughout the world.

In its first year, the School of International Affairs hopes to admit a class of fifty students from a range of countries and with a diversity of interests.

Tuition: \$25,710 per year, \$12,855 per semester (estimate)

Application Deadline: late Spring

Eligibility Requirements

Students must have an undergraduate degree (bachelor's or equivalent) from an officially recognized institution. No specific area of study required. The school selects students based on academic achievement, relevant work experience, and other indices of aptitude for the program.

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Materials to be submitted include:

- GRE scores
- Official transcripts from all previous institutions
- 2 letters of recommendation
- A statement of purpose

International applicants must also submit

- An application for Visa Document and supporting documentation
- Proof of English proficiency through TOEFL (550/213 minimum) or IELTS (6.5 minimum)

Further Information

www.sia.psu.edu

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**English Language Program: Haggerty English Language Program, State University of New York at New Paltz
New Paltz, New York**

Program Description

Every summer, the Haggerty English Language Program at SUNY New Paltz offers a five-week English language intensive program in July and August. This year, the program is offering an additional three-week, non-intensive program held from June 7 to June 27. The course will consist of 10 class hours a week with various activities and trips in the afternoons and weekends. Because of New Paltz's proximity to New York City, students will have the opportunity to explore the city during their free time.

In the Haggerty English Language Program regular program, students may choose from three courses offered in January, July and August. Students with advanced English proficiency may take courses at the university in addition to their ESL classes, allowing them to start their undergraduate or graduate degrees. The "Conversation Partner" aspect of the program pairs students with a trained American conversation partner to practice their spoken English and connect with American university students. Mentors and advisors are available to meet with HELP students regarding their future studies and the process of school selection, for those interested in studying at American universities. The HELP program also offers students conditional admission to SUNY New Paltz.

Tuition: \$3,335

Eligibility Requirements

For the June three-week program, students should have a B tourist visa. If students wish to stay for the five-week programs in July and/or August, they may obtain an F-1 student visa with the help of SUNY New Paltz.

Further Information

<http://www.newpaltz.edu/esl>

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**English Language Program: Harvard University Institute for English Language Programs
Cambridge, Massachusetts**

Each summer, Harvard University's Institute for English Language offers intensive eight and four week courses to prepare students for study at American or English-style universities and for a variety of English-speaking professional situations. Courses are offered at five different levels. The school determines the appropriate level for each student through the Harvard English language placement test, taken once students arrive.

IEL offers a stimulating academic and cultural setting in one of the world's most prestigious universities. Students have ample opportunities to develop their English skills. Classes involve discussions, oral presentations, paper writing and listening to many varieties of English. Students deeply analyze and discuss topical and academic issues, improving their ability to express complex thoughts in English and allowing students to exchange perspectives and opinions.

International student advising is available throughout the summer to help students with everything from social and cultural issues to financial concerns.

Tuition: Eight-week program: \$4,750 to \$9,225 Four-week program: \$2,400 to \$4,675. Cost varies according to the student's housing and health insurance options.

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Application Deadline: May 1, 2008

Eligibility Requirements

Students must be at least 18 years of age by June 1, 2008 and have an F-1 student visa, if applicable. International students must submit the \$50 registration fee by May 1, 2008 and an immunization form completed by their health service provider by June 1. Enrollment is limited so students should register early in the registration period. Specific requirements for applications vary from program to program. See: <http://www.summer.harvard.edu/2008/programs/iel/>

Further Information

www.summer.harvard.edu/iel

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**Summer School: Harvard Summer School 2008 - Secondary School Intensive English Language Program
Cambridge, Massachusetts**

Program Description

The Harvard Secondary School Intensive English Language Program is a selective four-week program open to students with advanced English language proficiency who have completed 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. The program acquaints students with the American university system and offers students a preview of college. Students develop English proficiency skills through analyzing and producing academic work, discussing literature and political and environmental issues, completing group and individual research projects, and giving oral presentations. Students attend a lecture by a Harvard professor once each week and visit local sites of historical and academic interest.

Tuition: \$2,350 **Housing:** \$2,200

Application Deadline: May 1, 2008

Eligibility Requirements

Students must have completed 10th, 11th or 12th grade and have advanced proficiency in English. Forms to submit include:

- Harvard Summer School 2008 Secondary School Intensive English Language Program application form
- Supplementary Application: Applicants must write a paragraph on the question, "Why Do You Want to Study At Harvard" and attach a short essay corrected by their current English teacher
- Counselor recommendation
- Current transcript, in English
- International Applicant Form: submit regardless of whether applicant needs an I-20 certificate or F-1 student visa
- \$50 application fee

For downloadable forms and more information, see:

<http://www.summer.harvard.edu/2008/programs/ssp/admission/apply/english.jsp>

Further Information

<http://www.summer.harvard.edu/2008/programs/ssp/siel.jsp>

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II. News you can use

Amherst College to Extend Need-Blind Admission Policy to International Students

by Emanuel Costache

AMHERST, Mass.—Amherst College’s board of trustees has voted to extend the school’s need-blind admission policy to international students. The change, which will take effect during the 2008-09 admissions cycle, makes the school one of just eight colleges and universities in the United States to offer such a consideration to applicants from other countries.

Tom Parker, Amherst’s dean of admission and financial aid, said that when he meets guidance counselors from outside the United States, they always ask whether Amherst is need-blind for international students. “If it’s not the first question they ask you, it’s the second question they ask, because it’s so critical.” Parker added that he expects—and welcomes—a jump in applications from outside of the United States this fall. “Now, everyone will be compared with everyone else. It’s a level playing field.”

Read full article online: https://cms.amherst.edu/news/news_releases/2008/04/node/44842

New IENetwork Article Archive: International Student Recruitment

IIE launched a new article archive as a supplement to the spring 2008 edition of the IENetworker magazine. Online exclusive articles on international student recruitment and marketing provide supplementary perspectives on this complex and vital topic.

Most of the articles that appear in the spring 2008 edition of the print IENetworker magazine will appear online next month.

You can access the new International Student Recruitment Articles Archive at:

www.iienetwork.org/?p=InternationalRecruitment