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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM VALUED AT \$25,000 ANNUALLY

Mount Holyoke's 21st Century Scholars Program is their most distinguished and generous merit award. Each year, approximately 35 new scholars are welcomed into the program.

These first-year students have an outstanding record of scholarship and co-curricular achievement, as well as considerable leadership potential. This award includes:

- A \$25,000 scholarship renewed annually for up to a maximum of eight semesters
- Funding for an internship or research project of the student's own design
- Admission to a first-year honors tutorial with a faculty member



First-year applicants are considered automatically for these awards without regard to financial need and no additional application is required.

For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/m00jh2>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARD AVAILABLE AT NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The International Academic Award is available to academically talented, undergraduate international students who are enrolled at Northern Michigan University as first-time, full-time baccalaureate students.

The award reduces tuition and this reduction can amount to a savings of \$1,100 per spring semester, \$1,100 per winter semester, \$1,000 per spring/summer semester, or up to \$3,200 per calendar year.



The international student must meet the following conditions in order to be eligible:

- Must hold a valid, in status, F-1 Visa.
- Must achieve a 3.00 cumulative GPA (or higher) within the first four semesters of study at NMU, with a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
 - **Note:** Sixteen credit hours per semester are needed to complete most degree programs within 8 semesters.
- Recipients of the International Academic Award will be provided the opportunity to perform up to 15 hours of community service for each semester the award is received.

For more information, please visit: www.nmu.edu/iao

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO OFFERS INTERNATIONAL ROCKET SCHOLARSHIP

The International Rocket Scholarship is offered to new undergraduate international students who are entering the university as an adult, transfer or directly from high school who have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The scholarship covers the out of state surcharge, valued at approximately \$9,000. Students whose native language is not English must have a minimum international TOEFL score of 500 paper based, 173 computer based, or 61 internet based test or a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 and be academically admissible to receive this award.



Students are eligible for this award until they earn an undergraduate degree, but must do so within 15 semesters over a maximum of five consecutive years. A completed international undergraduate application for admission, all required transcripts, \$40 application fee, and official passing TOEFL or IELTS report must be postmarked by the application priority deadline for the term of application.

For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/iS8jrb>

PARTIAL TO FULL FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Pittsburg State University is a public university located in the southeast corner of the state of Kansas. Serving approximately 7,000 students, PSU has an international population of about 500 students from 40 different countries. Pittsburg State offers more than 100 internationally recognized undergraduate and graduate degrees.



Although the university is more than 100 years old, class sizes have remained small and individually focused. Pittsburg State University is very attractive to prospective international students because of the quality of our programs and the comparatively low tuition fees.

Several scholarship opportunities are available to international students and selection is based on academic records submitted with the application. Undergraduate scholarships cover partial to full tuition while graduate assistantships can cover tuition, stipend for living expenses:

- **Undergraduate International Advocate Scholarship**
 - o Cumulative GPA of 3.25
 - o Student may apply for this scholarship after 1 semester at Pittsburg State
- **Undergraduate Honors College for Incoming Freshmen**
 - o Cumulative GPA of 3.5
 - o Must be admitted to PSU and apply before Feb 1 for fall admission each year
 - o Applicants must also submit an SAT or ACT score
- **Undergraduate Honors College for Transfer Students**
 - o Cumulative GPA of 3.75
 - o Must be admitted to PSU and apply before Feb 1 for fall admission each year
- **Graduate Assistantships**
 - o Must be admitted to the graduate program

For more information, please visit www.pittstate.edu/iss or email i-admit@pittstate.edu.

II. News You Can Use

REVISITING THE VALUE OF ELITE COLLEGES

The New York Times

May 23, 2011

By David Leonhardt

A decade ago, two economists — Stacy Dale and Alan Krueger — published a research paper arguing that elite colleges did not seem to give most graduates an earnings boost. As you might expect, the paper received a ton of attention. Ms. Dale and Mr. Krueger have just finished a new version of the study — with vastly more and better data, covering people into their 40s and 50s, as well as looking at a set of more recent college graduates — and the new version comes to the same conclusion.

Krueger writes this, "That you go to college is more important than where you go. Recognize that your own motivation, ambition and talents will determine your success more than the college name on your diploma."

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STUDYING ABROAD: US IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN

Think US universities are elitist and prohibitively expensive? Think again. The States can open doors, says Chris Alden.

The Telegraph

Posted May 23, 2011

Which country is the number one foreign-study destination? A glance at the upper reaches of the latest Times Higher Education World University Rankings is all you need to find your answer. Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Stanford, Berkeley, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), California Institute of Technology (Caltech): there are no fewer than seven US institutions in the top 10, and 21 in the top 30, so it's little wonder that the US is popular with British students.

"I think students realise that going to the US says something about them," says Lauren Welch, head of advising at the Fulbright Commission, which represents American universities in the UK. In a recent survey, 91 per cent of British students cited the quality of universities as a reason for choosing the US.

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CHINA RUSH TO U.S. COLLEGES REVEALS PREDATORY FEES FOR RECRUITS

Leon Lin was ecstatic when he found out he'd be leaving home in southern China to study at the University of Connecticut. As the Chinese agent whom his parents paid \$5,000 to help him get into the school told him, the university's flagship campus at Storrs was a highly ranked institution, with 25,000 students and ready access to Boston and New York City. And eventually Lin would return home with the status and career advantage of a U.S. degree.

It never crossed his mind that he'd pay \$47,000 a year to live in an almost empty country inn and attend classes five miles down the road at a UConn satellite campus comprising two buildings and 250 students. He shares a room and a microwave with his only compatriot on the Torrington campus, Li Rirong, a fellow freshman with similarly dashed dreams.

"I didn't know there was a regional campus," said 20-year-old Lin. "I knew there were lots of international students at Storrs. I said, 'Torrington campus, what the hell?'"

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