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UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND EXPANDED ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS



Puget Sound is committed to global citizenship and to working with education partners around the world to enroll academically talented students. International students thrive at Puget Sound because of the close relationships they forge with the community and faculty. All classes are taught by professors, never by teaching assistants or graduate students.

All applicants are now considered for Academic Merit Scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$17,000 per year. Awards are made based on the student's overall admission application, including standardized test scores and academic performance in high school or college. No separate scholarship application is required. Application Deadline: January 15, 2012

For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/rNrfl3>



OHIO UNIVERSITY GATEWAY AWARD PROGRAM



Ohio University offers hundreds of academic choices to help you prepare for your future. Whether you're interested in video production, magazine journalism, teaching, environmental issues, the biology of dinosaurs, or the works of Shakespeare, OHIO has more than 250 undergraduate majors to match your interests! And if you're interested in graduate study, we also offer master's and doctoral degrees in a range of disciplines.

The Gateway Award Program is our premier scholarship program for first year students. In addition, up to 5 recipients of the EducationUSA Opportunity Grant will be eligible to receive an out-of-state surcharge waiver (currently valued at \$8964 for the 2011-12 academic year) at any given time! Should the Opportunity Grant recipient take the SAT or ACT, he/she could also be eligible for additional Gateway Award scholarships of up to the equivalent of in-state tuition!

For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/vnR2vX>

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS



The University of Rhode Island is the State's public learner-centered research university. We are a community joined in a common quest for knowledge. The University is committed to enriching the lives of its students through its land, sea, and urban grant traditions. URI is the only public institution in Rhode Island offering undergraduate, graduate, and professional students the distinctive educational opportunities of a major research university.

URI offers undergraduate merit scholarships to international freshman applicants. Students are strongly encouraged to apply by the early action deadline of December 1, 2011, but we are flexible with this deadline and we will continue to award scholarships past that date. Our scholarships range from approximately \$7,000 to \$14,000. We use the Common Application, which is easily accessible on our website.

For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/uu1tES>



American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institution partners.

For 130 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. Our commitment to our mission is reflected in all aspects of our work.

International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Both graduate and postgraduate study at accredited institutions are supported. Several fellowships are available for study outside of the U.S. **For more information, please visit:** <http://bit.ly/rXlctn>

II. Campus News

CLARIFICATION ON STUDENT VISAS

The review of the U.S. Department of State's Summer Work Travel category of the J-1 exchange visitor visa program does not affect or the F-1 student visa program. The United States continues to welcome qualified international students to study at our educational institutions and to participate in cultural exchange programs.



The F-1 student visa is the most common visa for those who want to study in the United States. It is for individuals who want to study at an accredited U.S. college or university or study English at a university or intensive English language institute.

For more information, please visit: <http://1.usa.gov/rPWSB8>

PROFESSOR HOSTS THANKSGIVING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A North Dakota State University professor shared her Thanksgiving with five international students. Students from places like China and India came to experience Dr. Anita Welch's home cooking.



Dr. Welch tried to accommodate all tastes, and served up some creative dishes. But she also had the classics on hand, traditional turkey and mashed potatoes.

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

According to the Open Doors 2011 report, which is published annually by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in partnership with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the top 5 fields of study of international students studying at U.S. institutions are as follows:

1. Business and Management
2. Engineering
3. Math and Computer Science
4. Physical and Life Sciences
5. Social Sciences

A total of 270,604 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in 2009/10, an increase of 3.9% over the previous year. In addition, new international student enrollment – students enrolling for the first time at a U.S. institution in fall 2010 – increased 5.7% over the previous year.

For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/vI2yGL>



Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university.

EducationUSA.state.gov (Note: students must apply for financial aid directly with the institution listed)

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