



### **Finding & Funding Education for International Students in the US**

As people become increasingly mobile, and standards for education and curricula become more global, many students go abroad to seek higher education. As demand increases for international students to travel to the United States for higher education, so has the demand for resources to help prospective students navigate the admissions, visa application, and funding processes. A general overview of the process for international students applying to the United States can be found from several different sources, and the internet can be an excellent resource.

Below are a few examples of internet resources for those beginning their search online. Following this section are listings of searchable databases of United States colleges and universities, some resources for applying for funding, and a final section including some further reading suggestions. This is not an exhaustive list, but it may provide a good starting point.



## General Information and Resources

### **International Education Service**

<http://ies-ed.com/html/index.html>

The International Education Service (IES) assists students from all parts of the world in finding the right school, college, university or English language program in the USA. At IES international students can enjoy quick access to free information about hundreds of universities, colleges and schools in the USA, use the exclusive “Search by Major Subject page” to help refine a search for US universities and colleges, win the IES USA scholarship, learn more about studying in the USA and the major requirements to study in the USA, and read what fellow international students think about their experiences and studying in the USA.

### **Institute of International Education**

<http://www.iie.org/>

The Institute of International Education is an independent nonprofit founded in 1919, among the world's largest and most experienced international education and training organizations. IIE is committed to delivering program excellence to a diverse range of participants, sponsors, and donors. 18,000 men and women from 175 nations participate in Institute of International Education programs each year, including undergraduates, faculty, teachers, professionals, graduate students, and technical trainees. Among its many programs, the IIE oversees the Fulbright Scholarship Program.

### **The International Education Site**

[http://www.intstudy.com/f\\_search.htm](http://www.intstudy.com/f_search.htm)

<http://www.intstudy.com/articles/usaapply.htm>

The International Education Site is a FREE guide to study abroad information, advice and opportunities for students worldwide who are considering studying overseas, including university advice, college search facilities, student profiles, and articles from the leading journals on international education. The second link provides an overview for how to apply to from overseas to study in the United States.



### **College Board**

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/index.html>  
[http://apps.collegeboard.com/search/adv\\_typeofschool.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/search/adv_typeofschool.jsp)

The College Board website can answer questions about college education in the United States, and can help prospective students decide which colleges might provide them with the best fit for their educational needs.

### **U.S. News and World Reports**

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/tools/search.php>

U.S. News and World Report provides annual rankings of all major colleges and universities in the United States, including colleges by academic subject area.

### **College View**

<http://www.collegeview.com/collegesearch/index.jsp>

College View allows prospective students to search listings of colleges and universities by state or province in the United States and Canada, by major, and by type of school.

### **Peterson's For International Students**

<http://www.petersons.com/acuus/code/psector.asp?sponsor=&path=ug.fas.acuus&CMSM emberType=ints>  
[http://www.petersons.com/college\\_home.asp?path=ug.home&membertype=NUS\\_COLL](http://www.petersons.com/college_home.asp?path=ug.home&membertype=NUS_COLL)

Peterson's College Searches and College Planner provided in the websites above are specifically tailored to international students.

## **Funding Education Abroad in the United States**

There are always opportunities for funding education in the United States. First, an excerpt from The International Education Site, [intstudy.com/articles/usaapply.htm](http://intstudy.com/articles/usaapply.htm):

“Funding opportunities are available from US universities for international students, but you should note that full funding is rare unless you have academic, athletic or artistic talent. You can approach the university you plan to attend to ask about potential scholarship options. This should be done prior to actually submitting your application, so that you will know what scholarships you might be eligible for.



Cost is clearly a major consideration. International students must prove that they have sufficient funding to cover all costs for at least the first year in order to receive a student visa. Tuition fees may run anywhere from \$1,500 to approximately \$35,000 per academic year (nine months). In addition, books and other supplies have to be purchased and living expenses met. You will need to include transportation between the US and home, health insurance and personal expenses. Your family will be expected to contribute as much as they can afford towards the cost of your education.”

### **Peterson’s Scholarship Central**

<http://www.petersons.com/finaid/landing.asp?id=806&path=ug.pfs.scholarships&CMSMemberType=ints>

<http://www.petersons.com/finaid/file.asp?id=780&path=ug.pfs.financial>

Peterson’s provides two different, free, searchable databases for scholarships and international scholarships. In addition, Peterson’s provides an overview of financial aid, as well as recommendations and tips for pursuing financial aid, scholarships, and loans.

### **Further Reading**

*The Official SAT Study Guide*, College Board, 2004

*Getting into American Universities*, James Burnett, Trotman, 2004