Greetings from American University (AU), Washington, DC!

Thank you for the important work you do to help and guide students to prepare for the next step in their lives—choosing a positive academic environment in which to grow as global citizens. This fall, AU welcomes over 120 new international and 76 U.S. “Global Nomad” freshmen and Washington Mentorship Program (WMP) students from 66 countries across the globe. Many are from your schools or countries. An additional 37 students have been conditionally admitted via our International Gateway Program (IGP I or IGP II). We welcome your talented students who are pursuing a rigorous and challenging secondary school curriculum, who have strong academic credentials, excellent communication skills, and who are committed to making a difference in today’s world through leadership and community service.

To help keep you informed about AU, here are a few updates:

**Our incoming class:**
- 2014-15 saw a 10 percent increase in our freshman applicant pool, with a 13 percent increase in applications from outside the United States.
- Our admit rate this year was 35 percent (national average = mid 60’s percentile), and our conversion rate rose to 32 percent.
- The average GPA equivalent for admitted freshmen is 3.76 out of 4.0.

**Outcomes:**
- 89% of our students pursue one or more internships during their study at AU and graduate within 4 years. No extra time is required.
- 90% of our 2014 alumni were working and/or in graduate school within six months of graduation. Find out where a degree at AU could take your students! (american.edu/weknowsuccess)

**Program offerings:**
- AU students choose from over 70 programs in the arts, sciences, humanities, business, international studies, public affairs, social sciences, communication or pre-professional programs in law and medicine. AU’s interdisciplinary approach allows students to construct their own majors, and many majors offer the option of pursuing a combined five-year bachelor’s/master’s program.
- AU’s three-year bachelor’s degree programs include SIS Global Scholars; SPA Politics, Policy, and Law; and CAS Public Health.
- AU offers two opportunities to be considered for conditional admission: International Gateway Program (IGP) I and IGP II. (american.edu/admissions/international/Conditional-Admission.cfm)

**Application process:**
- Applicants apply online using the Common Application. (Fee is U.S.$70)
- The SAT/ACT is not required for any student graduating secondary school outside the U.S., including U.S. citizens.
- Up to 30 advanced credit hours may be accepted with appropriate scores from certain Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) HL, CAPE, and A Level Examinations (american.edu/admissions/examcredit.cfm)
- All non-U.S. students needing an F or J visa must submit the AU CFIS form and a bank letter showing a minimum of U.S. $61,157 (2016 estimated costs) for their first year of study before their application packets can be reviewed and considered for admission. Visit american.edu/ocl/isss/financial-proof.cfm for sample financial forms.
Financing an AU education:

- Our one almost full scholarship opportunity for international students, the AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (AU EGLS), covers all costs that are billable to AU. Students must be prepared to pay approximately US$4,000 per year for non-billable mandatory expenses. A separate EGLS application is required. 2016 guidelines will be available in September at american.edu/admissions/international/EGLS.cfm
- NEW! 2 AU resources on financial planning tips and advice for prospective and admitted students from outside the U.S: (american.edu/admissions/international/prospectivefinance.cfm and american.edu/admissions/international/admittedfinance.cfm)

Student life:

- AU’s challenging University Honors Program is available to 45 outstanding students. Students who wish to be considered for AU’s Honors Program will need to apply and complete an additional application form.
- Over 200 clubs and organizations engage students in a variety of activities and interests.
- AU Abroad offers 135 programs in almost 40 countries worldwide, and 60% percent of our undergraduates study overseas for at least one semester, if not two.

What else makes AU special? AU truly understands and supports the unique status of the special group of U.S. citizens who may be graduating from your schools. We welcome your “U.S. Global Nomads” to apply through our office of International Admissions and to transition through our International Student & Scholar Services’ International Orientation Week if they are admitted to AU.

At AU, personal attention and access to faculty is a reality. Our average class size is 23, and students benefit from a low student-to-faculty ratio of 12:1. All classes are taught by faculty, not by teaching or research assistants. Our 733 full-time faculty members are committed teachers who are nationally and internationally recognized in each of their disciplines. Ninety-four (94) percent of our faculty has the highest degree in their field.

Students begin working with an academic advisor before they arrive on campus for their first semester. Specialized advisors are available in the Academic Support and Access Center, Counseling Center, International Student and Scholar Services, and through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

We hope you will visit our beautiful campus located in one of the most attractive and safest residential areas of Washington, D.C. We are happy to arrange customized meetings for you and your staff. We can also organize Skype presentations at certain times of the year.

Smart + Passionate + Focused + Engaged = AU students! We look forward to welcoming your students to AU and to working with you throughout the coming year to ensure a smooth transition into our dynamic and vibrant academic environment.

Kind regards,

Evelyn Levinson
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