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. In 2016, AU will welcome 99 international freshmen and 67 U.S. “Global Nomad” students from 64 countries for fall across the globe. Many are from your schools or countries. 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:

NEW! AU Resource Corner for counselors: www.american.edu/admissions/international/resourcesforcounselors.cfm

Our 2016 incoming freshman class:
- Over 19,313 applications for 1,700 spots for fall 2016.
- 14.5% percent increase in applications from outside the United States.
- Admit rate of 25 percent (AU’s lowest admit rate ever) and yield rate of 35%.
- 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. No extra time is required.
- 91% of our 2015 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:
- 70+ programs in the arts, sciences, humanities, business, international studies, public affairs, social sciences, communication or pre-professional programs in law and medicine.
- Interdisciplinary approach allows students to construct their own majors.
- 40+ combined five-year bachelor’s/master’s programs.
- 3-year bachelor’s degree programs include Global Scholars; Politics, Policy, and Law; and Public Health.

Application process (www.american.edu/admissions/international/internationalinstructions.cfm):
- Common Application or Coalition Application. (U.S.$70 fee)
- NEW deadlines:
- No SAT/ACT required for any student graduating secondary school outside the U.S., including U.S. citizens.
- For fall 2016, up to 30 advanced credit hours may be accepted with appropriate scores from certain Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) HL, OIB English, CAPE, and A Level Examinations; subject to revision for fall 2017. (www.american.edu/admissions/examcredit.cfm)
- All students needing an F or J visa must submit the AU Certification of Finances form and a bank letter showing a minimum of U.S. $62,819 (2017 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:

- In 2016, we received 1,300 applications for our **one** almost-full scholarship opportunity for international students, the AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (AU EGLS). The EGLS scholarship 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 in addition to the Common or Coalition application. 2017 guidelines will be available in September at american.edu/admissions/international/EGLS.cfm
- Partial merit scholarships are available but **most** competitive. Only 9% of our admissions applicants received some form of merit scholarship.
- **Two new 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 20 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 59% percent of our undergraduates study overseas for at least one semester, if not two.

**What else makes AU special?** AU celebrates international diversity and also truly understands and supports the unique status of U.S. citizens who may be graduating from your schools. We welcome your “U.S. Global Nomads” to apply through our International Admissions and to transition via 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 percent of our faculty has the highest degree in their field.

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
Director of International Admissions