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Dear counselors inside the U.S.,

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 2019, AU will welcome over 200 international and U.S. “Global Nomad” freshmen from inside the U.S. and 52 countries of residence around the world. Many of these students are from your schools or regions. Here are a few updates:

2019 AU Welcome Message: Visit #YouAreWelcomeHere 2019 edition for a special message to your students and their families! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=geEtk9DiHY>

Meet our AU Diplomats! <https://www.american.edu/admissions/international/au-diplomats.cfm>

AU Counselor Resource Corner: www.american.edu/admissions/international/counselor-resources.cfm

AU admissions video from the international perspective: www.american.edu/admissions/international

IAP non-degree pathway program: The International Accelerator Program (IAP), combines intensive English language instruction with coursework and supplemental support resources to help fully integrate students into AU and our campus community. For more information, visit www.auaccelerator.com

AU Application Process: www.american.edu/admissions/international/instructions.cfm

A completed application packet for F-1 or J-1 students applying from high schools inside the U.S. must include:

- Completed Common Application or Coalition Application including the AU Supplement
- Non-refundable U.S.\$75 application fee
- Academic records for 9th -12th grades (must include official copies of original transcripts for ALL institutions attended and certified English translations if applicable)
- Two academic letters of recommendation
- SAT/ACT scores if not Test Optional (Note: Your international student may wish to go “test optional” and not submit SAT/ACT scores at all, especially if they joined your school after 9th grade).
- Proof of English Proficiency: TOEFL or IELTS **is** required! *
- AU Certification of Finances (CFIS) form confirming at least U.S. \$68,357 (or equivalent) * (Sample financial forms: american.edu/ocl/iss/Financial-Documents.cfm)
- Bank letter (not statement) showing at least U.S.\$68,357 (or equivalent) *

* Required by the application deadline and **before** application packets can be reviewed.

Financing an AU education: • 2020 AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (AU EGLS) is for ONE outstanding international student (1,000 applications received in 2019!) and covers all billable AU costs. Student pays approximately US\$4,000/ year for non-billable mandatory expenses. A separate EGLS application is required in addition to the Common or Coalition application (american.edu/admissions/international/egls.cfm).



• Partial merit scholarships are available but highly competitive. Amounts for fall 2019 ranged from \$8,000- \$20,000/year. Only U.S. citizens/permanent residents are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid.

Two AU resources on financial planning tips and advice for prospective and admitted international students: www.american.edu/admissions/international/prospective-finance.cfm and www.american.edu/admissions/international/admitted-finance.cfm

Good luck and best wishes!

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