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

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy in your respective parts of the world. These past 18 months certainly have been challenging, but I hope things are slowly starting to get back on track for you and your students.

It cannot have been easy working virtually at this most critical time in your students' secondary years. Thank you for your guidance to help them prepare for the next step in their lives - choosing a positive academic environment in which to grow as global citizens. This fall 2021, we're excited to welcome to campus over 120 international and U.S. "Global Nomad" first-year students from 58 countries of residence around the world. Many of these students are from your schools or regions. We welcome students who are pursuing a rigorous and challenging secondary school curriculum, who have strong academic credentials, excellent communication skills, resilience, adaptability, and who are committed to making a difference in today's world through leadership and community service.

To help keep you informed about AU, below are a few resources and updates, which can also be found on [our site](#).

- [#YouAreWelcomeHere](#) – Special message of welcome from our global students to yours!
- [Meet our AU Diplomats!](#)
- New! [Experiential Learning at AU-International Edition](#) – hear our AU Diplomats share their internship and research experiences starting as early as 1st and 2nd year undergraduates!
- New! [AU Diplomats Instagram](#)
- [AU Resource Corner for Counselors](#)

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.

Our 2021 incoming freshman class:

- Nearly 20,000 applications for fall 2021.
- 3.81 average GPA equivalent for admitted freshmen.

Outcomes:

- 90 percent of our students pursue one or more internships during their undergraduate study at AU.
- 91 percent of our 2020 alumni were working and/or in graduate school within six months of graduation.
- Find out [where a degree at AU](#) could take your students!

Program offerings:

- New! [AU Cornerstone](#) – only opportunity for AU first-year students to do study abroad or do an internship
- Nearly 70 programs in the arts, sciences, humanities, business, international studies, public affairs, social sciences, education, communication, or pre-professional programs in law and medicine
- Interdisciplinary approach allows students to construct their own majors
- 50+ combined five-year bachelor's/master's programs, 3-year bachelor's degree programs include Global Scholars; Politics, Policy, and Law; and Public Health
- Sakura Scholars joint degree program with Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan

[Application Process](#)

- Common Application or Coalition Application. (U.S.\$75 fee)
- Deadlines: EDI: Nov. 15, 2021; Regular Decision/EDII: Jan. 15, 2022.
- No SAT/ACT required at all for students graduating secondary school **outside the U.S.**, including U.S. citizens.
- International students graduating high school **inside the U.S.** may choose to apply Test Optional and not submit SAT/ACT scores.
- NEW! Expanded English proficiency options: TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English Test (DET), PTE, or Cambridge Assessment English can be used to meet AU's English proficiency requirement.



- [Advanced standing credit](#) may be available with appropriate scores from certain Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) HL, OIB English, CAPE Unit Two exams, and A Level Examinations.
- F or J visa students must submit the AU Certification of Finances form and a bank letter showing a minimum of U.S. \$70,464 (2022 estimated costs) for their first year of study before their application packets can be reviewed and considered for admission.

Financing an AU Education:

- Partial merit scholarships are available but very competitive. 2021 amounts ranged from \$8,000-\$20,000/year.
- Only U.S. citizens/U.S. permanent residents are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid. Eligible students should submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile by their selected admissions application deadline.
- We received over 100 applications for our [2021 AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship \(AU EGLS\)](#). Awarded to one international student each year, the AU EGLS covers all costs that are billable to AU. Recipients must be prepared to prove ability to pay US\$4,000/per year for non-billable mandatory expenses. Students must complete a separate application in addition to the Common or Coalition application and submit additional essays.
- We have resources on financial planning tips and advice for [prospective](#) and [admitted](#) students from outside the U.S.

Student Life:

- AU's challenging AU Honors Program is for highly motivated, curious students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, creativity, resilience, and leadership. Students who wish to be considered for the AU's Honors Program will need to apply and complete an additional application form.
- Over 150 clubs and organizations engage students in a variety of activities and interests.
- AU Abroad offers approximately 125 programs in 40 countries worldwide, and over 65 percent of our undergraduates study overseas for at least one semester, if not two.

What else distinguishes AU? AU celebrates international diversity, and we truly understand and support 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 if they are admitted to AU.

At AU, personal attention and access to faculty is a reality. Our average class size is 24, and students benefit from a student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1. All classes are taught by faculty, not by teaching or research assistants. Our 924 full-time faculty members are committed educators who are nationally and internationally recognized in each of their disciplines. Ninety-three percent of our faculty have 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 Zoom meetings or presentations at certain times of the year.

At AU, we learn, research, and work to spark positive change in our neighborhood and world. We look forward to welcoming your students to AU and to working together throughout the coming year to ensure a smooth transition into our dynamic and vibrant academic environment.

Kind regards,

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