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Greetings from American University (AU), Washington, DC! We're excited to share that for fall 2018, AU will welcome international and U.S. citizen "Global Nomad" freshmen from 52 countries around the world. Many are from your high schools inside the U.S. Here are a few updates:

SPECIAL WELCOME MESSAGE: Visit #YouAreWelcomeHere (<https://youtu.be/aDox6miwphw>) for our AU message to your international students and their families!

AU International Resource Corner for Counselors: american.edu/admissions/international/counselor-resources.cfm

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/internationalinstructions.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 form (with essay, CV/resume, U.S.\$70 application fee, and optional supplement)
- 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. \$66,717 (or equivalent)* (Sample financial forms: american.edu/ocl/iss/financial-proof.cfm)
- Bank letter (not statement) showing at least U.S.\$66,717 (or equivalent) *

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

Financing an AU education:

- 2019 AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (AU EGLS) is for ONE outstanding international student (1,200 applications received in 2018!) and covers all billable AU costs. Student pay 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 2018 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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