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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 52 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, 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:

2019 AU Welcome Message: Visit #YouAreWelcomeHere 2019 edition (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=geEtkS9DiHY>) for a special message to your students and their families!

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

AU Resource Corner for counselors: www.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

Our 2019 incoming freshman class:

- Nearly 19,000 applications for 1,760 spots for fall 2019.
- 36 percent admit rate.
- 3.81 average GPA equivalent for admitted freshmen.

Outcomes:

- 90 percent of our students pursue one or more internships during their study at AU. No extra time is required.
- 92 percent of our 2018 alumni were working and/or in graduate school within **six** months of graduation.

Find out where a degree at AU could take your students! www.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
- Sakura Scholars joint degree program with Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan

Application process - www.american.edu/admissions/international/instructions.cfm

- Common Application or Coalition Application. (U.S.\$70 fee)
- Deadlines: EDI: Nov. 15, 2019; Regular Decision/EDII: Jan. 15, 2020.
- No SAT/ACT required for any student 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
- TOEFL or IELTS is required
- Advanced standing 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. See policies at www.american.edu/admissions/exam-credit.cfm

- F or J visa students must submit the AU Certification of Finances form and a bank letter showing a minimum of U.S. \$68,357 (2020 estimated costs) for their first year of study **before** their application packets can be reviewed and considered for admission.

Financing an AU education:

- We received over 1,000 applications for our 2019 AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (AU EGLS). Awarded to one student each year, the AU EGLS covers all costs that are billable to AU. Recipients must be prepared to pay approximately US\$4,000/per year for non-billable mandatory expenses. To apply for AU EGLS, students must complete a separate application in addition to the Common or Coalition application. american.edu/admissions/international/EGLS.cfm
- Partial merit scholarships are available but very competitive. 2019-2020 amounts 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 students from outside the U.S:** www.american.edu/admissions/international/prospective-finance.cfm and www.american.edu/admissions/international/admitted-finance.cfm

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 250 clubs and organizations engage students in a variety of activities and interests.
- AU Abroad offers approximately 135 programs in 38 countries worldwide, and 70 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 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 student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1. All classes are taught by faculty, **not** by teaching or research assistants. Our 793 full-time faculty members are committed teachers who are nationally and internationally recognized in each of their disciplines. Ninety-four 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 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 together throughout the coming year to ensure a smooth transition into our dynamic and vibrant academic environment.

Kind regards,

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