

**International and  
U.S. Global Nomad  
FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS**

**2021-2022**

**AMERICAN  
UNIVERSITY**  
 WASHINGTON, DC



We are:

# CHANGEMAKERS FOR A CHANGING WORLD

American University brings passionate learners, bold leaders, engaged scholars, innovators, and active citizens together in Washington, DC, to create knowledge that brings about meaningful change to address society's current and emerging challenges.

What will you help change?





## THE PERFECT FIT

American University is a mid-size institution. What does that mean for you? It means small class sizes to get to know your professors and classmates. It means you'll meet people from all walks of life. It means personalized attention mixed with the resources of a large research institution. It's the best of all worlds.



### Students

UNDERGRADUATES	8,527
GRADUATE & LAW	5,791
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,318</b>

### In Class

**23**

AVERAGE  
CLASS  
SIZE



**11:1**

STUDENT-  
TO-FACULTY  
RATIO

### Diversity

**13%**

INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS



**32%**

STUDENTS  
OF COLOR

**50**

STATES  
REPRESENTED

**123**

COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED

## GLOBALLY DIVERSE

American University is home to more than 1,830 international students representing diverse cultures and viewpoints from 123 countries.

**This map highlights where incoming first-year students came from— countries shaded red—between 2017 and 2019.**

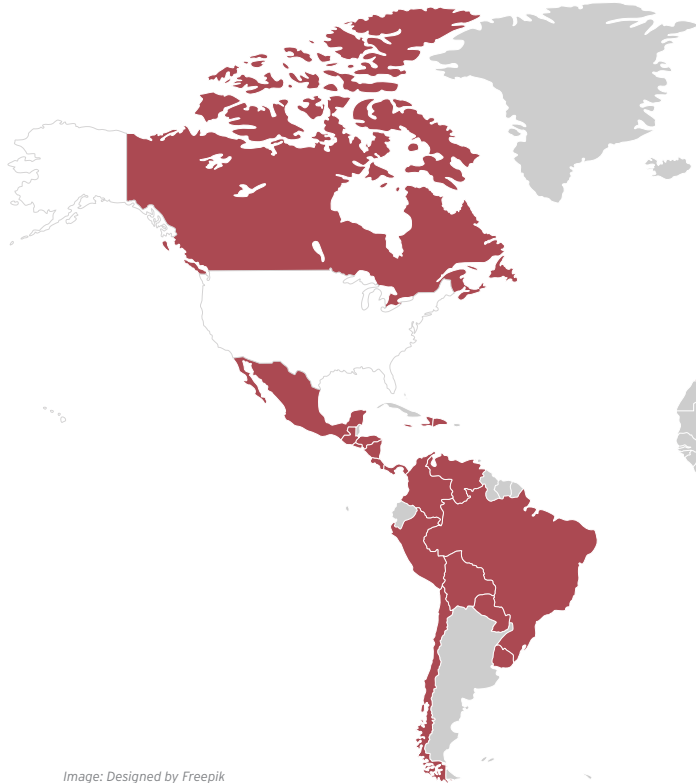
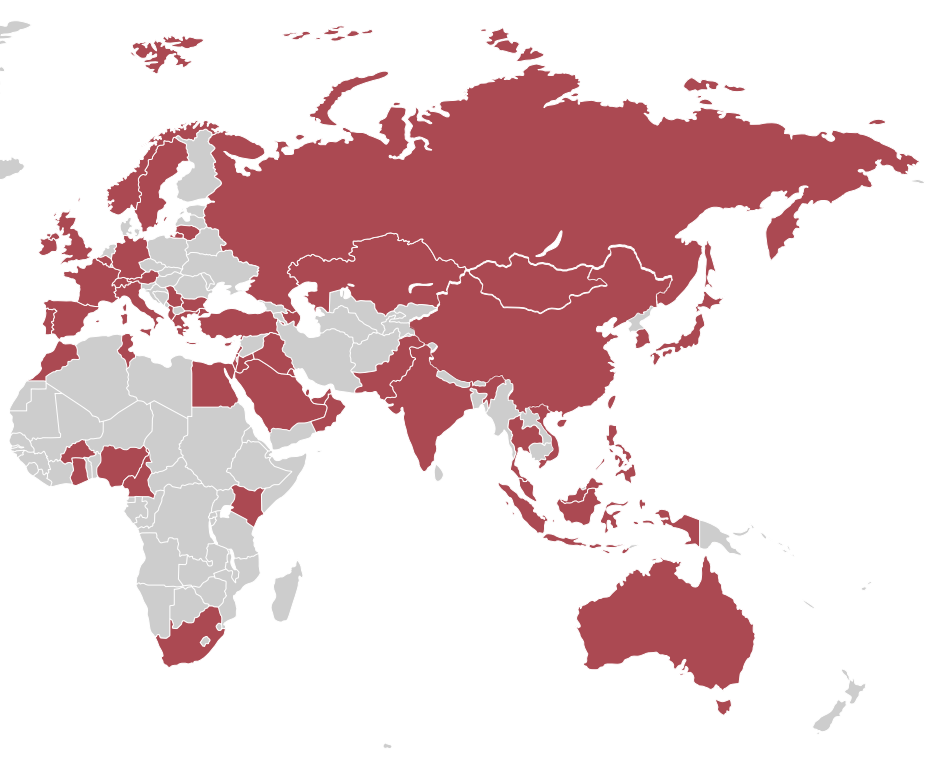


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## WELCOME GLOBAL NOMADS

AU is also home to many U.S. citizens and permanent residents who graduated from secondary schools outside the U.S. We call them our AU U.S. Global Nomads.



# Schools & Colleges

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

African American and  
African Diaspora Studies  
American Studies  
Anthropology  
Applied Mathematics  
Arab World Studies  
Arabic Studies  
Art History  
Asian Studies  
Audio Production  
Audio Technology  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Computational Science  
Computer Science  
Dance  
Data Science  
Economics  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Fine Arts  
French Studies  
German Studies  
Graphic Design  
Health Promotion  
History

Jewish Studies  
Language and Area Studies  
Literature  
Mathematics  
Mathematics and Economics  
Music  
Musical Theatre  
Neuroscience  
Philosophy  
Photography  
Physics  
Psychology  
Public Health  
Religious Studies  
Russian Studies  
Sociology  
Spanish Studies  
Statistics  
Studio Art  
Theatre  
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality  
Studies  
  
Languages:  
Arabic  
Chinese  
French  
German

Hebrew  
Italian  
Japanese  
Korean  
Portuguese  
Russian  
Spanish  
Swahili

## KOGOD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting  
Business Administration  
Accounting  
Entrepreneurship  
Finance  
Information Systems & Technology  
International Business  
Management  
Marketing  
Business, Language, and Culture  
Language tracks:  
Arabic  
French  
German  
Russian  
Spanish  
Business and Entertainment  
Finance

## SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Communication Studies  
Film and Media Arts  
Foreign Language and  
Communication Media  
Journalism  
Photography  
Public Relations and Strategic  
Communication

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Elementary Education  
Secondary Education

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Communication, Legal  
Institutions, Economics, and  
Government (CLEG)  
Data Sciences for Justice, Law, &  
Criminology  
Data Sciences for Political Science  
Justice and Law  
Legal Studies  
Political Science

## **SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

### International Studies

- Environmental Sustainability and Global Health
- Foreign Policy and National Security
- Global and Comparative Governance
- Global Inequality and Development
- Identity, Race, Gender, and Culture
- Justice, Ethics, and Human Rights
- Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution
- The Global Economy

## **PREPROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS**

- Prelaw
- Premedicine

## **THREE-YEAR SCHOLARS PROGRAMS**

- Global Scholars
- Public Health Scholars
- Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars





## GET A HEAD START

Being in Washington, DC, hands-on learning is kind of what we do at AU. But it's not all politics. AU students complete internships in the arts, sciences, business, communications, education, and, of course, international and domestic politics. Many of these internships lead directly to a job after graduation.



**91%**  
OF STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATED IN AT  
LEAST ONE INTERNSHIP  
WHILE AT AU



**92%**  
OF AU GRADUATES  
WERE EMPLOYED,  
IN GRADUATE SCHOOL,  
OR BOTH SIX MONTHS  
AFTER GRADUATION

[AMERICAN.EDU/WEKNOWSUCCESS](https://www.american.edu/weknowsuccess)



# EXAMPLE INTERNSHIPS

ABC News  
American Express  
Amnesty International  
Asian Development Bank  
Associated Press  
Black & Decker  
Booz Allen Hamilton  
Cisco Systems  
Citibank  
CNN  
Deloitte  
Discovery  
Communications  
Disney Channel  
Embassy of Bahrain  
Embassy of Canada  
Embassy of Chile  
Embassy of Great Britain  
Embassy of Korea  
Embassy of Pakistan  
Embassy of Panama  
Ernst & Young  
ESPN  
European Commission  
FBI  
Institute for International  
Economics  
International Monetary  
Fund

KPMG  
Lockheed Martin  
Mercedes-Benz  
Merril Lynch  
Microsoft  
Morgan Stanley  
MTV  
National Institutes of  
Health  
National Geographic  
Society  
NATO  
Nokia  
Peace Corps  
PwC  
Prudential Financial  
Smithsonian Institution  
United Nations  
U.S.-China Business  
Council  
U.S.-Saudi Arabia  
Business Council  
Wall Street Journal  
Washington Post  
White House  
World Bank  
World Wildlife Fund

[AMERICAN.EDU/CAREERCENTER](http://AMERICAN.EDU/CAREERCENTER)

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### ELIZABETH, AU CLASS OF 2020 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS US GLOBAL NOMAD-JORDAN

I worked as an intern for the Legal Department of Boehringer Ingelheim, a global research-driven pharmaceutical company. I received guidance and advice on how to perfect my application through the AU Career Center and applied for this position online.

AU gave me so many extracurricular activities to help me put my best foot forward when applying for jobs. I never realized how important it was to extend my experiences with organizations and clubs until I was immersed in AU's fast-paced social culture. From the Pre-Law Society to Debate Club and even the International Student Association, I found my place among so many other like-minded students and professors. Now, more than ever, I am equipped to better network and market myself in the job industry.





## NOT SITES, INSIGHTS

There are few cities in the US more international than Washington, DC. But that's no substitute for immersing yourself in different countries and cultures firsthand. With our AU Abroad program, you'll have the opportunity to study just about anywhere.

**70%**

OF STUDENTS STUDY  
ABROAD AT LEAST  
ONCE BEFORE THEY  
GRADUATE



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## AU Abroad

ABROAD PROGRAMS	150+
COUNTRIES	50+
CONTINENTS	6

[AUABROAD.AMERICAN.EDU](http://AUABROAD.AMERICAN.EDU)



# A SAMPLE OF AU'S STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

## MIDDLE EAST

Israel: Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Jordan: Intensive Arabic and Cultural  
Studies in Amman (CET)  
United Arab Emirates: AU Sharjah

## ASIA

China: Beijing Program  
China: Chinese University of Hong Kong  
India: Contemporary India Program -  
Pune (Alliance)  
Japan: Waseda University  
Korea: Yonsei University  
Taiwan: National Chengchi University

## CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina: Universidad Católica  
Argentina  
Brazil: Pontificia Universidade Católica  
de Rio de Janeiro  
Chile: Santiago Program  
Costa Rica: Universidad Nacional  
Autónoma (IFSA - Butler)  
Uruguay: University of Montevideo

## OCEANIA

Australia: University of Queensland  
Australia: University of New South Wales  
New Zealand: Victoria University of  
Wellington

## AFRICA

Kenya: Turkana Basin Field School  
Morocco: AMIDEAST in Rabat and  
Regional Studies in French

## UNITED KINGDOM/IRELAND

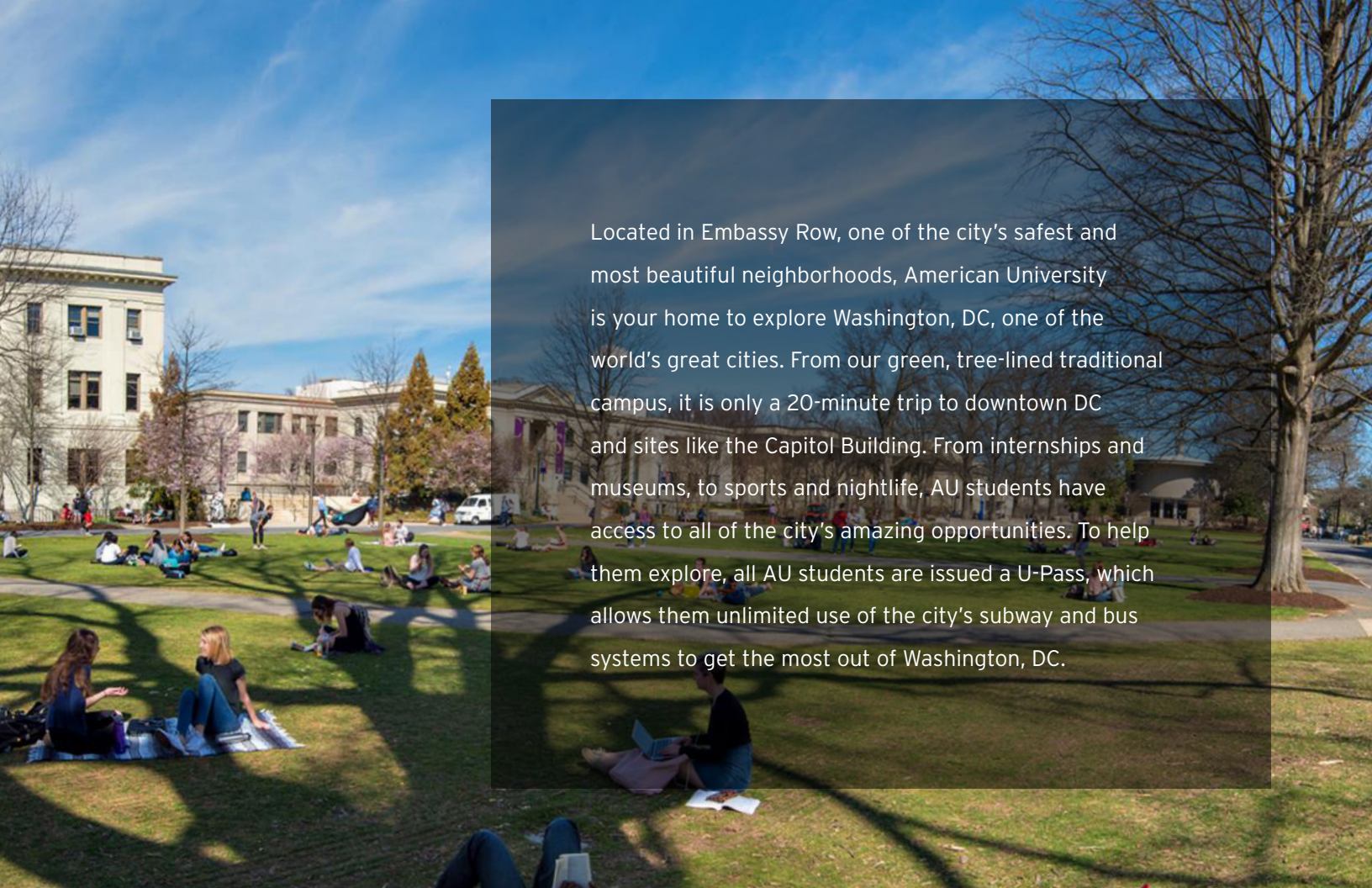
England: London School of Economics  
England: Oxford University  
England: University of Exeter  
Ireland: National University of Ireland,  
Galway  
Ireland: Trinity College Dublin  
Scotland: University of Edinburgh  
Scotland: University of Glasgow

## EUROPE

Belgium: European Union in Action  
Czech Republic: CET Prague Programs  
Denmark: Copenhagen (DIS)  
France: Intensive French in Paris  
Germany: Freie Universitaet  
Italy: Studio Art Centers International  
Netherlands: University of Leiden  
Poland: Jagiellonian University, Centre  
for European Studies  
Russia: Bard-Smolny Program  
Spain: Iberian Experience  
Tajikistan: Eurasian Regional Language  
Program (ACTR)  
Turkey: Koc University







Located in Embassy Row, one of the city's safest and most beautiful neighborhoods, American University is your home to explore Washington, DC, one of the world's great cities. From our green, tree-lined traditional campus, it is only a 20-minute trip to downtown DC and sites like the Capitol Building. From internships and museums, to sports and nightlife, AU students have access to all of the city's amazing opportunities. To help them explore, all AU students are issued a U-Pass, which allows them unlimited use of the city's subway and bus systems to get the most out of Washington, DC.

## SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

DR. JANE GOODALL

MARCH 28, 2017

On March 28, 2017, world-renowned ethologist and conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace, delivered a lecture of hope, peace, and call for conservation action at American University's School of International Service.



## NEVER A DULL MOMENT

From high-profile speakers, student clubs and organizations, and concerts, to sports and fitness, the question isn't what to do. It's how do I fit it all in? Life on AU's campus buzzes with energy and activity. But you'll still have time to sit back and relax with friends.



NCAA DIVISION I  
PATRIOT LEAGUE  
TEAMS  
+ MEN'S WRESTLING



OPTIONS  
BETWEEN  
CLUB AND  
INTRAMURAL  
SPORTS

150

STUDENT-  
RUN CLUBS &  
ORGANIZATIONS

[AMERICAN.EDU/UNIVERSITYLIFE](http://AMERICAN.EDU/UNIVERSITYLIFE)

## MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Like we said, you'll be busy at AU. But you can't forget to recharge. There's no better place to do that than in one of our residence halls, which have everything you need to thrive. And when you need a good meal or even just a coffee, Dining Services has you covered with options for every dietary need.



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AU HAS 12  
RESIDENCE HALLS  
ON CAMPUS



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OUR 16 DINING  
LOCATIONS CATER  
TO EVERY DIETARY  
NEED

[AMERICAN.EDU/OCL/HOUSING](https://american.edu/ocl/housing)  
[AMERICAN.EDU/OCL/ONECARDDINING](https://american.edu/ocl/onecarddining)





## WELCOME GLOBAL STUDENTS

As a global university, American University has a long tradition of welcoming students from across the United States and the world to our campus. No matter who you are or where you are from, you are welcome at American University.

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/YOU-ARE-WELCOME-HERE.CFM](https://AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/YOU-ARE-WELCOME-HERE.CFM)

## OUR AU DIPLOMATS

The AU Diplomats are a diverse group of current AU international students and U.S. Global Nomads who serve as student ambassadors to new and prospective AU students, and other members of the international community.

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/AU-DIPLOMATS.CFM](https://AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/AU-DIPLOMATS.CFM)



# APPLYING TO AU

## #1

### Apply Early Decision

If after exploring your college options you decide that American University is the place for you, applying as an Early Decision candidate is a great way to demonstrate that interest to us. In exchange for submitting your application by one of our Early Decision deadlines, you will receive your admissions decision early, taking the stressful wait out of the college admissions process.

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### English Proficiency

All applicants (including US citizens) whose first language is not English must demonstrate strong English skills. Students may prove English proficiency via their secondary school curriculum or via testing.



### Special Academic Programs:

AU also has a number of special academic programs, which require an additional application over and above the admissions application:

#### THREE-YEAR SCHOLARS PROGRAMS:

Global Scholars  
Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars  
Public Health Scholars

#### AU-RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY SAKURA SCHOLARS

#### AU EMERGING GLOBAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP (AU EGLS)

#### AU HONORS

#### COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH SCHOLARS

#### FREDERICK DOUGLASS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

*U.S. Citizens only*



## Admissions Application Checklist

- COMMON APPLICATION OR COALITION APPLICATION
- \$75 APPLICATION FEE
- SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT
- ACADEMIC RECORDS EQUIVALENT TO US GRADES 9-12
- SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER
- TEACHER RECOMMENDATION LETTER
- DEMONSTRATION OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
- AU CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES\*
- BANK LETTER SHOWING U.S.\$70,231 OR EQUIVALENT\*
- COPY OF PASSPORT INFORMATION PAGE\*

*\* Required for students who will need an F-1 or J-1 visa to study in the United States.*

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONS.CFM](http://AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONS.CFM)

### Admissions Application Deadlines

EARLY DECISION	EARLY DECISION II	REGULAR DECISION
NOV 15	JAN 15	JAN 15

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## Cost of Attendance

*Undergraduates On or Off Campus*

<b>TUITION*</b>	\$50,542
<b>FEES**</b>	\$547
<b>AVERAGE ROOM*</b>	\$10,096
<b>AVERAGE BOARD*</b>	\$4,884
<b>BOOKS**</b>	\$800
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE**</b>	\$1,890
<b>PERSONAL**</b>	\$1,472
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,231</b>

*\* Costs shown are for the 2020–21 academic year.*

*\*\* Estimated costs*

## MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Academically-qualified international and US Global Nomad applicants are automatically considered for partial merit-based scholarships. These scholarships are highly competitive.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION RESOURCES

Our International Admissions team understands that students and parents have a lot of questions about financing an education in the U.S. The following website has been designed to help answer your questions:

Financial Planning for Prospective First-Year Students  
[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/PROSPECTIVE-FINANCE.CFM](https://AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/PROSPECTIVE-FINANCE.CFM)

## FINANCIAL AID

U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents are eligible to apply for financial aid. In order to receive need-based aid, candidates must meet federal aid eligibility requirements and complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile.

Office of Financial Aid  
[AMERICAN.EDU/FINANCIALAID/](https://AMERICAN.EDU/FINANCIALAID/)

## AU EMERGING GLOBAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

The AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship promotes educational access and opportunity while enhancing international diversity. The AU EGL scholarship covers all billable AU expenses (full tuition, room and board) for **one** international student who will need a visa (preferably an F-1 or J-1 student visa) to study in the United States. The scholarship does not cover non-billable expenses such as mandatory health insurance, books, airline tickets and miscellaneous expenses (approximately U.S.\$4,000 per year). The AU EGL scholarship is renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate study, based on continued satisfactory academic performance.

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/EGLS.CFM](https://AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/EGLS.CFM)



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT AU EMERGING GLOBAL LEADER SCHOLAR

**DAYANA, RUSSIA**  
**AU CLASS OF 2020**  
**SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

EGLS gave me an opportunity to receive a kind of education I could previously only dream of and to meet people from a variety of backgrounds. I want to pursue a career in international affairs and need to be cross-culturally competent. The AU EGLS scholarship provided me with exposure to views, beliefs, and cultures very different from my own. This is a character-building experience that I will forever be thankful for.

## WHAT WE LOOK FOR

At American University, we believe in a holistic admissions process. You are more than the sum of your grades and test scores. We want to know about you inside and out of the classroom. In fact, the SAT or ACT is not required for students (including US citizens) graduating from secondary schools outside the United States.



## ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

Once you submit your completed application, what happens next? You will receive one of the following decisions:

### FALL ADMISSION

Fall admissions is familiar to most students and means you will begin as a degree-seeking student in the fall semester for which you applied.

### SPRING ADMISSION

We also admit students to AU for the spring semester with the option to participate in the Mentorship Program. Students who participate in the Mentorship Program begin in the fall semester as non-degree students at AU and matriculate in spring as degree-seeking students, transferring in those fall credits. The Mentorship Program has two options: an on-campus experience that includes an internship in Washington, DC or Mentorship in England, which is a first-semester study abroad experience.

[AMERICAN.EDU/SPEXS/MENTORSHIP/](https://american.edu/spexs/mentorship/)

### WAITLIST

We offer a limited number of students a waitlist decision each year. If space becomes available in the fall class and you sign up to remain on the waitlist, we will notify you in May if we're able to offer you admission. But we do suggest that students deposit at another institution to secure a spot somewhere for the fall.

### DENY

Each year, we have to deny a number of students due to the high level of talent in our applicant pool. But if you have your heart set on attending AU, we encourage you to consider transferring after at least one year at another college.

### RECOMMENDED FOR TRANSITION PROGRAMS

International students denied from direct entry may be recommended for IAP or American Collegiate in their denial letter. This is only available for students who meet IAP or American Collegiate requirements.

### INTERNATIONAL ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

International Accelerator Program at American University (IAP) is a demanding one-year transition program that combines intensive English language instruction with coursework and supplemental resources that help fully integrate students into the university and their campus community. IAP provides a pathway program that is designed to prepare students for degree-seeking status at AU.

Upon successful completion of the IAP program and meeting academic performance requirements for progression into their intended major, students enter their second year at American University as degree-seeking students.

[ACCELERATOR.AMERICAN.EDU](https://accelerator.american.edu)

### AMERICAN COLLEGIATE

American University launched its American Collegiate Program in fall 2017. This non-degree program is intended for first-year students who are seeking the academic, cultural, and English-language support to succeed at very competitive U.S. universities. Based at American University, students pursue a program that includes two to three semesters of credit-bearing course work, along with English language and other support. Additionally, these students receive counseling to facilitate a seamless transfer to any university, including AU.

[AMERICANCOLLEGIATE.COM/WASHINGTON-DC/](https://americancollegiate.com/washington-dc/)



# READY TO LEARN MORE?

1

GO TO [AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL](https://american.edu/admissions/international)

2

SELECT FUTURE EAGLE PORTAL

3


CREATE YOUR FUTURE EAGLE PORTAL ACCOUNT


4

EXPERIENCE AU FROM ANYWHERE  
[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/EXPERIENCE-AU](https://american.edu/admissions/experience-au)




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