

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

2020-2021



**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 but mixed with the resources of a large research institution. It's the best of all worlds.



Students

UNDERGRUATES	8,287
GRADUATE & LAW	6,024
TOTAL	14,311

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.

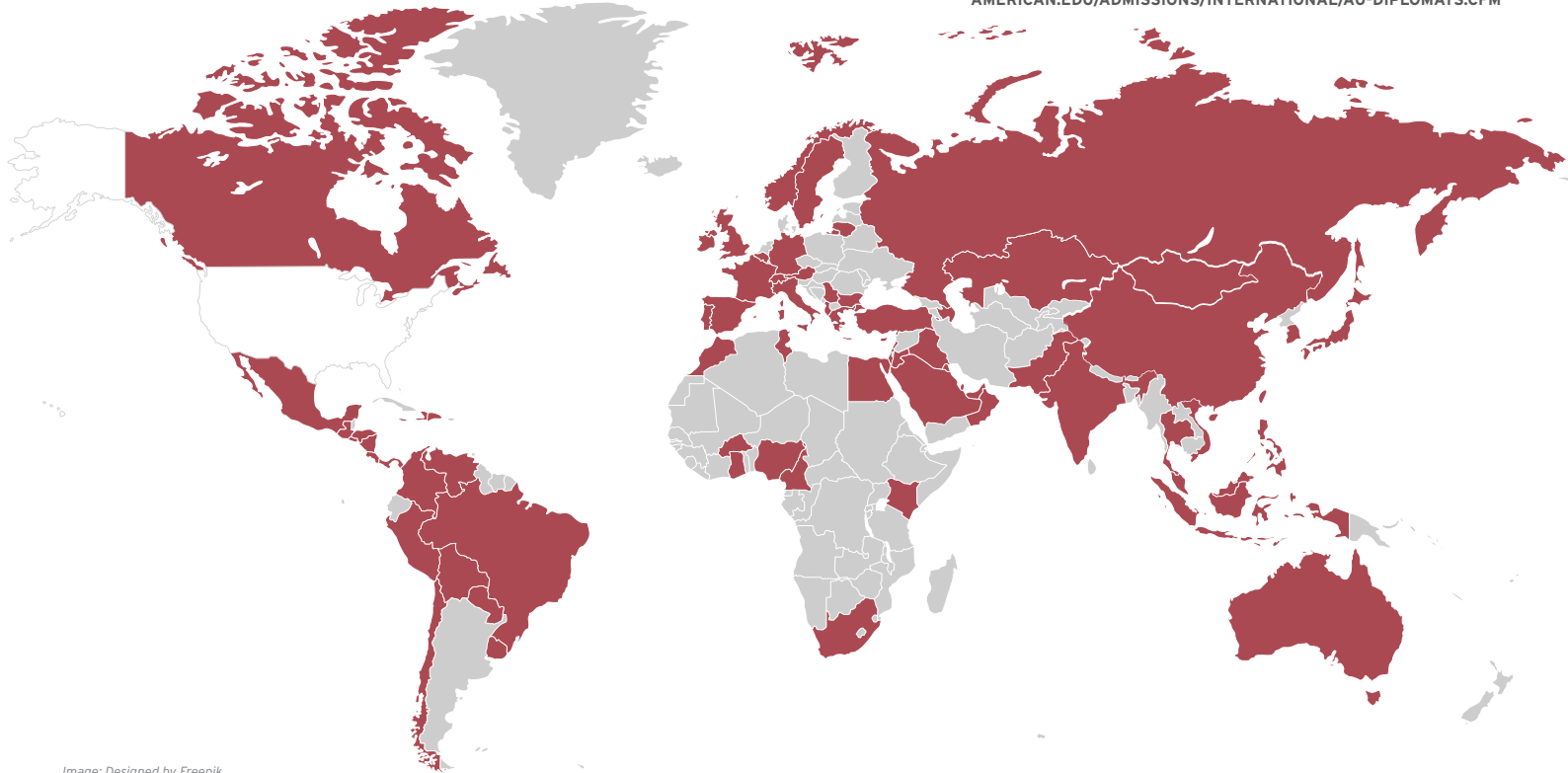


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OUR AU DIPLOMATS

AU is also home to many U.S. citizen Global Nomads who have grown up outside the United States. You can meet our U.S. Global Nomad and International AU Diplomat student ambassadors and learn more about their first impressions of AU at:

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND 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
Economics
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Fine Arts
French Studies
German Studies
Graphic Design
Health Promotion
History
Jewish Studies
Language and Area Studies

Schools & Colleges

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 and Entertainment
Business, Language, and Culture
Language tracks:
 Arabic
 French
 German
 Russian
 Spanish
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 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

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

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, domestic and international politics. Many of these internships lead directly to a job after graduation.



90%

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
Neiman Marcus
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

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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

I'm working 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 has given 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've 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



AU Abroad

ABROAD PROGRAMS	150+
COUNTRIES	50+
CONTINENTS	6

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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

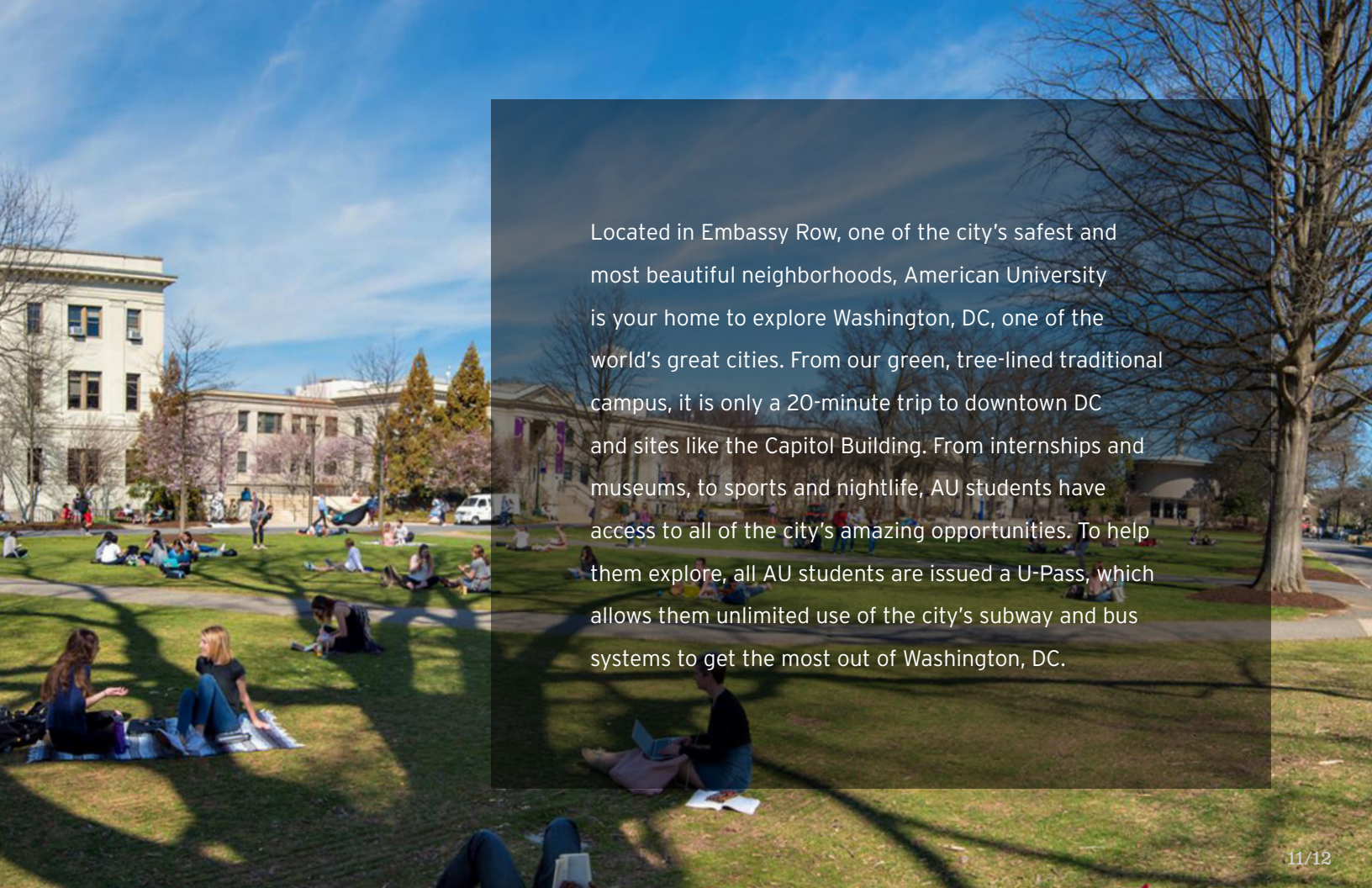
England: London School of Economics
England: Oxford University
England: University of Exeter
Ireland: National University of Ireland, Galway
Ireland: Trinity College Dublin
Scotland: University of Edinburgh
Scotland: University of Glasgow

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.



15 NCAA DIVISION I
PATRIOT LEAGUE
TEAMS
+ MEN'S WRESTLING



45 OPTIONS
BETWEEN
CLUB AND
INTRAMURAL
SPORTS

150

STUDENT-
RUN CLUBS &
ORGANIZATIONS

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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 12 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)

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.

WAYS TO APPLY

As you are applying to American University, keep in mind that we offer a number of options.

#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.



English Proficiency

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

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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)

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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 US\$ 68,357 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.*

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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

TUITION*	\$49,070
FEES**	\$547
AVERAGE ROOM*	\$9,996
AVERAGE BOARD*	\$4,884
BOOKS**	\$800
HEALTH INSURANCE**	\$1,960
PERSONAL**	\$1,100
TOTAL	\$68,357

** Costs shown are for the 2019–20 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 two websites have 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 Planning for Admitted First-Year Students
[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/ADMITTED-FINANCE.CFM](https://american.edu/admissions/international/admitted-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.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT 2016 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.



BATTELLE MEMORIAL

ARTS IN SCIENCES
SOCIAL SCIENCES

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/INDEX.CFM](https://american.edu/spexs/mentorship/index.cfm)

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.

The International Accelerator Program offers English-language skills in conjunction with academic courses, facilitates success, and supports the transition of international students studying at these member institutions. The IAP is comprised of two distinct program tracks: Extended Accelerator and the Academic Accelerator. Program placement depends on the student's academic background and level of English-language proficiency.

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.

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.



READY TO LEARN MORE?

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GO TO AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS

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SELECT REQUEST INFO

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CREATE YOUR FUTURE EAGLE PORTAL ACCOUNT

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JOIN US TO EXPERIENCE AU:


AU Visits You - Local Visits
Information Session & Tour
Showcase AU
Interview


Preview Day
Day Visit
Overnight Program


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