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## EducationUSA

The Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center is open to all who wish to pursue study in the United States. Undergraduate and graduate students, young professionals, post-doctoral fellows and researchers are all welcome to make use of the service. With its library of reference books, American university catalogue collection, handouts, CDs and internet access, EducationUSA provides a comprehensive source of information about U.S. higher education.

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## A New Academic Year Brings New Opportunities

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year! We will have many exciting events and opportunities this year, from test-taking workshops to college fairs and special events. As we begin the busy fall season, we encourage you to begin the process of researching and applying for study in the United States as early as possible. EducationUSA is here to help you each step of the way, and we have conveniently broken down the process into 5 steps:

### 5 Steps to U.S. Study

1. Research your options.
2. Finance your studies.
3. Complete your application.
4. Apply for your student visa.
5. Prepare for your departure

*For more information about each of these steps, please see the [EducationUSA](http://EducationUSA) website.*

We look forward to this exciting new year, and we hope to see you at some of our events. Do not hesitate to reach out to us!

- The EducationUSA Team

## New Faces at EducationUSA

Dear EducationUSA Community,

It is my pleasure to join the EducationUSA team this year as a 2017-2018 Fulbright grant recipient. I came to Budapest from my home town of Houston, Texas, where I just completed a Master of Education in English Teaching at the very small (but beautiful) University of St. Thomas, where I also worked as an academic advisor for undergraduate students. I am looking forward to working with Hungarian students now! Previously, I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Mozambique, where I taught English at a rural high school. I received my undergraduate degree in Linguistics from Rice University (also in Houston, Texas) in 2011.

Here in Budapest, I will be working with EducationUSA to help facilitate your journey to study in the United States. I will also be teaching some English courses at ELTE University. I very much look forward to this year with you, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions at [shaw@fulbright.hu](mailto:shaw@fulbright.hu).

Best, Helen Shaw



WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

## Schools in Focus

### 1. Western Carolina University

**Type:** Medium-sized private university

**Location:** Cullowhee, North Carolina

**Enrollment:** 9,171 students

**International Scholarships:** Tuition for international students capped at \$2,500 per semester.

**Application requirements:** TOEFL of 68 or IELTS of 6, SAT recommended

**Deadline:** April 1 for fall 2018 admission

\*\*Check out more info on applying [here](#).

### 2. University of California – Berkeley

**Type:** Large public university

**Location:** Berkeley, California

**Enrollment:** 27,496 students

**International Scholarships:** New scholarship for business students of up to \$4,000 toward tuition – read more about the [Global Access Program](#) (BHGAP)

**Application requirements:** TOEFL 80 or higher, IELTS or 6.5 or higher, and SAT or ACT.

**Deadline:** October 27<sup>th</sup>, to be considered for the BHGAP scholarship.

\*\*Read more about the application process [here](#).

### 3. University of La Vergne

**Type:** Medium-sized private university

**Location:** La Vergne, California

**Enrollment:** 2,809 students

**International Scholarships:** International applicants are automatically considered for [merit scholarships](#) ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

**Application requirements:** TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge, or PTE test, SAT or ACT, letter of rec., essay.

**Deadline:** Rolling admissions process, but recommended to apply by Feb 1 for fall 2018.

\*\*Check out more info on applying [here](#).

### 4. Villanova University

**Type:** Medium-sized private university

**Location:** Villanova, Pennsylvania

**Enrollment:** 6,999 students

**International Scholarships:** International applicants eligible for merit-based and need-based scholarships covering partial or full tuition.

Information [here](#).

**Application requirements:** Minimum test score of 90 for TOEFL, 6.5 for IELTS, or 620 on SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. SAT/ACT required.

**Deadline:** Regular decision deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> for fall 2018, with several options for early decision.

\*\*Find out more [here](#).

### 5. University of Southern Mississippi

**Type:** Medium-sized, public university

**Location:** Hattiesburg, Mississippi

**Enrollment:** 11,779 students

**International Scholarships:** Automatic international freshman scholarship of \$2,000 if accepted by Dec. 1 with additional scholarships available in some areas.

**Application requirements:** TOEFL with a minimum score of 71 or IELTS with a score of 6.0, one letter of recommendation and SAT/ACT.

**Deadline:** Dec. 1 for fall 2018 admission. Must take SAT in October to meet this deadline!

\*\*Learn more about how to apply [online](#).

“I walked straight into a family...The university has a lot of different programs in place to help international students adjust.”

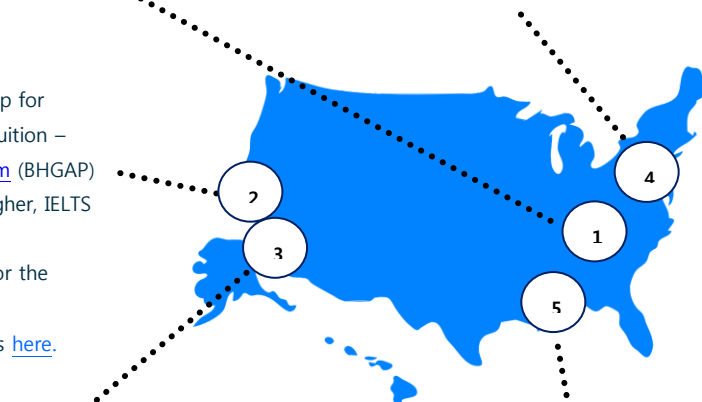
Erin Malone (Sydney, Australia), Villanova University

## Did You Know?

The employment rate for students graduating from University of Southern Mississippi's Polymer Science and Engineering (Materials Science) program is 100%.

## Want to Know More?

If you are interested in attending Berkeley (#2 on the list to the right) there is a free [informational webinar](#) for incoming freshmen about their Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology (MET) program on Tuesday, Sept 19th at 4 p.m. Pacific Time (1:00 a.m. Budapest time).



## Upcoming Workshops

### EducationUSA Test Preparation and Writing Workshops

*These workshops take place in the  
EducationUSA office at Baross u. 62.*

### SAT Preparation Workshop

26 Sept (Tues) 2:30-4:00 p.m.

### TOEFL Workshop and Practice Test

28 Sept (Thurs) 2:00-5:00 p.m.

### Writing Skills Workshop

3 Oct (Tues) 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**Please sign up for workshops in  
advance, either by phone (462-  
8050) or by e-mail  
(educationUSA@fulbright.hu) or in  
person at the Fulbright  
EducationUSA Advising Center.**

## Useful Resources

### [Innovation rankings: U.S. institutions are on top](#) (ShareAmerica)

In the most recent rankings from the leading science journal, *Nature*, nine out of the top ten most innovative institutions in the world were found to be in the U.S.

### [Acing the SAT and ACT comes down to embracing 6 simple truths](#) (Business Insider)

It is well-known that standardized tests like the SAT and the ACT are an extremely important component of the American college admissions process. Check out these 6 tips from a test tutor for how to maximize your scores.

### [Why Small Colleges Are Great For Science Students](#) (Forbes)

This article by Physics professor Chad Orzel at Union College in New York explains why small, liberal arts colleges can be especially great places for science students to flourish.

### [How to Go to Law School for Free](#) (U.S. News and World Report)

Law school can be notoriously expensive, but there are some tips and tricks to financing your legal education without burying yourself in debt.

„An investment in  
knowledge pays the  
best interest.”

Benjamin Franklin,  
U.S. Founding Father

