## EducationUSA Weekly Update

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## I. Financial Aid

## WESTMINSTER COLLEGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Westminster College is a small liberal-arts school in Salt Lake City, Utah. With a close-knit community and hands-on learning style, Westminster offers a unique environment for learning. Westminster supports our international students with the WESLI institute, providing advanced


WESTMINSTER academic-English courses and a semester to adjust to life in the USA.

Westminster College offers several scholarships and programs for international students, including first-time freshmen and transfer students. All Westminster College applicants are automatically considered for a Merit Scholarship once they are admitted. Scholarships for transfer students range from $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 10,000$, and scholarships for first-time students range from $\$ 6,000$ to $\$ 14,000$.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/nsw9X4

## TEXAS A\&M KINGSVILLE ENGINEERING MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas A\&M-Kingsville is South Texas' greatest university, offering more academic programs and degrees, providing better learning and living facilities, doing more research, awarding more scholarships and producing more
 successful graduates than any other college or university in the region.

Texas A\&M University-Kingsville offers merit scholarships for qualified international students. F.H. Dotterweich College of Engineering offers BS \& MS degrees in various engineering disciplines and a Ph.D. degree in Environmental Engineering.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/kv5lfy

## STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Stephen F. Austin State University is a comprehensive institution dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, creative work, and service. Through the personal attention of our faculty and staff, we engage our students in
 a learner-centered environment and offer opportunities to prepare for the challenges of living in the global community.

Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas offers scholarships to international students with a 3.0+ GPA. These scholarships are awarded to students who will contribute to the increased diversity at SFA. The amount of the scholarship is $\$ 1,000$ per year. Students who receive this scholarship will pay Texas Resident Tuition Rates (undergraduates, you will pay only $\$ 3,965 /$ semester instead of $\$ 9,229$ ). You will save thousands of dollars each semester! Apply by July 1 for Scholarships!
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/wqRiVQ

## PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Pepperdine University is a Christian university committed to the highest

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service, and leadership.

The Pepperdine University Graziadio School of Business and Management offers Merit Scholarships for international MBA applicants. The awards range from partial to full tuition. For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/j8S4Qq

## II. Campus News

Event registration is now open for EdUSA Connects webinars focusing on Your 5 Steps to U.S. Study, now on Step 5: Prepare for Your Departure!
 Session topics include adjusting to American culture, campus life, important documents, and making travel arrangements.

Participation is free - don't miss this unique opportunity! Sessions this week include:

June 11 - U.S. Campus Life: Rural Settings
June 12 - U.S. Campus Life: Urban Settings
June 13 - U.S. Campus Life: Suburban Settings
June 14 - Pre-departure Documents \& Travel Arrangements
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/KxS43G
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## UNIVERSITY OF TULSA LAUNCHES NEW LAW CONCENTRATION IN ENERGY

The University of Tulsa College of Law has launched a new Energy Concentration of the masters of law (LL.M) in American law for foreign lawyers. Through the Energy Law concentration, students examine legal and policy approaches for achieving the important goals of energy reliability, sustainable supplies of natural resources, and a healthy environment.

Students pursuing the Energy Law concentration will benefit from The University of Tulsa's legacy as an oil and gas industry research powerhouse and its diverse energy programs in engineering, business, law, environmental protection and information security. TU Law has long been strong in energy, indigenous peoples and natural resources law. Despite being a private university with an intimate faculty to student ratio and state of the art facilities, at $\$ 20,000$ the LL.M. is still one of the most affordable of Top 100 Law Schools.

Learn more about the program, see a virtual tour of the law school, learn more about The University of Tulsa, the city of Tulsa, the law professors and application process at our website.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/KgEMcL

## TENNESSEE TECH AND FLS INTERNATIONAL OFFER ESL AND CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS

Tennessee Tech University and FLS International have joined together to offer ESL and Conditional admissions for our intensive ESL programs. Students may start any week and students who complete level 7 may enter TTU without a TOEFL score.

This program helps students develop their reading, writing, vocabulary and listening \& speaking skils. Students have the option of adding elective courses such as TOEFL, idioms, American slang and survival English. The FLS International course is located across the street from the Office of International Students affairs and the students have the option of living on or off campus in the residence halls or homestays.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/hH7IX3

## TEXAS UNIVERSITIES BACK BILL TO ALLOCATE VISAS TO HIGHTECH FOREIGN STUDENTS

Senator John Cornyn ( $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{TX}$ ) recently "filed the Securing the Talent


San Antonio's Home Page America Requires for the 21st Century, or STAR Act, to bolster U.S. economic competitiveness."

If passed, this legislation would allow 55,000 visas to international students who complete programs of study in the United States "and have job offers in related fields." The visas allocated in this bill would be taken from a congressional program that provides "opportunities for immigrants to come to the United States from countries with low historical rates of immigration." Various universities in Texas also support this bill.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/L7oDRO

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[^0]:    Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university. EducationUSA.state.gov (Note: students must apply for financial aid directly with the institution listed)
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