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## I. Scholarships and Fellowships

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WELCOME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

University of Alaska Anchorage is something of a "best kept secret" for international students. Advantages include:

- A non – competitive and relatively simple admission process, no recommendations, essays, or interviews for undergraduate students
- Low tuition rates relative to most public U.S. universities (approximately \$12,600 tuition and fees for one academic year)
- An ESL program beginning at the intermediate level (TOEFL IBT 40-45) for which students earn 100 level credit that can be used to fulfill elective requirements
- A community college division offering associate degrees
- Abundant on-campus jobs available
- Excellent internship and optional practical training opportunities in the area
- All of the majors you would expect to find at a public university
- A "Welcome Package" to help students settle into university housing, if they choose to live on campus
- A very active and vibrant International Student Association
- Anchorage is the third-most diverse city in the U.S. and welcomes foreigners with open arms
- The adventure that is Alaska!

Anchorage, where UAA is located, is the most temperate city in Alaska – no igloos or polar bears here! To address that issue, **we have created a Facebook site that includes 100s of photos of our campus and the surrounding area, as well as a brand new video campus tour featuring current international students. The video is also available on YouTube.** There are also photos of International Student Association activities and announcements for upcoming events.

**Please take a moment to check out our Facebook site. Find the site by searching for "International Student Services, University of Alaska Anchorage."** Please become a fan and feel free to link to the site any way you like.

**Students can find complete admission information on our International Student Services web site at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/iss>.**

**For more information on scholarships, visit: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/scholarships/>**

If you have students that may be interested in attending UAA, we will be happy to help in any way we can.

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## APPROACHING INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PRIORITY DATE THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

The University of Wisconsin–Madison is a major research university, internationally renowned for its academic excellence, commitment to undergraduate education, and dedication to out-of-classroom learning experiences. Students come from all 50 U.S. States and more than 130 countries to attend a university with over 160 majors and to work with and learn from over 2000 faculty.

**Please note that the international application priority date is December 15 for the Fall 2010 term.**

All students requiring a visa to study in the U.S. must submit applications by December 15 to receive full and equal consideration. An application does not need to be complete, but it must be submitted or postmarked by December 15 in order to meet the priority date.

More information on International Admissions at The University of Wisconsin–Madison can be found online:

<http://www.admissions.wisc.edu/international.php>

### Scholarships:

<http://scholarships.wisc.edu/Scholarships/>

Inquiries about the application process should be directed to:

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## GRADUATE INCENTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND ACCELERATED DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

### Graduate Incentive Fellowship Program

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the Graduate Incentive Fellowship Program. This program provides an **additional \$2,200 per year on top of assistantship offers for highly qualified students**. Incentive Fellowships are awarded to selected students at the discretion of the Graduate Dean.

### Accelerated Dual Degree Program

Students at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama will soon have the opportunity to earn credit for a master's degree while still working toward their undergraduate diploma through an Accelerated Dual Degree program. The program will be available to top students who wish to work in fields where advanced qualifications are needed, or would like to use their academic talents to more quickly earn an advanced degree. Students must meet minimum grade point and credit hour standards to become eligible.

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Scholarships and Fellowships: <http://www.auburn.edu/scholarship/>

Academic Non-resident scholarships: <http://www.auburn.edu/scholarship/academic-scholarships.html>

Non-resident Freshman scholarships: <http://www.auburn.edu/scholarship/nonresident-freshman-scholarships.html>

Graduate Fellowships: <http://www.auburn.edu/scholarship/graduate-fellowships.html>

## II. News You Can Use

### SECOND ANNUAL EXCHANGESCONNECT VIDEO CONTEST RECENTLY LAUNCHED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*"Change Your Climate, Change Our World"*  
<http://connect.state.gov>

Office of the Spokesman  
Washington, DC

November 17, 2009

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton today launched the Department of State's second annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest, **"Change Your Climate, Change Our World,"** with a video message on the ExchangesConnect social network at <http://connect.state.gov>.

The contest is a call to action for global citizens around the world to engage in cross-cultural community building and mutual understanding. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State launched ExchangesConnect social network in October 2008 and it has attracted over 14,000 members.

**People all over the world, ages 14 and older, are invited to submit their 2-minute videos to ExchangesConnect at <http://connect.state.gov>.** Two international and two American winners (one in each of the two age categories: 14-17 and 18 and older) will receive one of four Grand Prizes: an all-expense-paid two-week international exchange program. Last year's contest drew over 8,400 new ExchangesConnect members from 170 countries and the winners were featured at <http://exchanges.state.gov/news/ovc.html>.

Video submissions will be accepted November 17, 2009 through **January 12, 2010**. The ExchangesConnect community will vote on video entries and an expert panel of judges, all ECA exchange program alumni, will rank the "top 40" videos based on originality, creativity, effectiveness and production quality.

The panel of judges includes:

- **Jay Craven – Independent Filmmaker** (U.S. Cultural Envoy and AFI 20/20 Global Cultural Exchange Program alumnus);
- **Vassilios Karamitsanis – President, Platforma International Film Festival and Urban Cultural Company** (International Visitor Leadership Program alumnus);
- **Josef Frank Madisia - Director, National Art Gallery, Namibia** (International Visitor Leadership Program alumnus);
- **Rodolfo Molina – Coordinator, El Salvador's Biennials of Visual Arts events** (Fulbright Student Program alumnus); and,
- **Hind Shoufani – Writer and Filmmaker** (Fulbright alumnus).

The School of Cinema and Performing Arts (SOCAPA), one of the premier visual and performing arts programs for young people, joins the Department in support of the contest in providing the young international winner a two-week summer camp experience.

Please visit <http://exchanges.state.gov/news/2009/exchangesconnect-videocontest.html>.