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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

GLOBAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Are you a high-achieving student who is tired of filling out scholarship applications?

At the University of Minnesota, all incoming international freshmen and transfer students are automatically eligible to receive one of the limited number of Global Excellence Scholarships. You do not need to fill out a separate application to be considered for the scholarships, which are awarded in the amount of **\$4,000 or \$2,000 for up to four years.**

Furthermore, it is quite an honor to receive these competitive, merit-based scholarships, since students are considered for these awards based on an overall assessment of their admission application. For more information on becoming one of the 4,000 world-class international students and scholars at the University of Minnesota, please visit www.passport.umn.edu/.

Minnesota English Language Program (MELP)

Whether you are struggling with English or simply seeking to perfect your language skills to excel in a university setting, the Minnesota English Language Program (MELP) offers credit and non-credit English courses to meet your unique needs. Offered since 1968, MELP courses are taught year-round by friendly, high-skilled teachers. Enrolled MELP students have access to cutting-edge technology and a wealth of University resources, facilities, and support services. Choose the program that works for you: short-term customized programs, TOEFL Test Preparation, or the Academic English Program, which you can take at the same time you are pursuing a degree at the University of Minnesota. The application deadline for each term is seven weeks prior to the start of classes, but it is advisable to send all application documents at least two months prior to the beginning of the term in which you intend to enroll. Please visit www.cce.umn.edu/Minnesota-English-Language-Program/ <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/costsaid/scholarships.html>

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW - EDUSA CONNECTS WEBCHAT ON LL.M. PROGRAMS IN THE U.S.

International Scholarships available at American University Washington College of Law

EducationUSA hosted a webchat on LL.M. Programs in the U.S on May 20, 2010.

Rosie Edmond, Assistant Director of Admissions for the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) at American University Washington College of Law answered questions regarding application procedures, scholarships, the bar exam and careers in law.



Useful links:

International Legal Studies Program - Washington College of Law, American University
www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp

Summer Programs open to law students at American University

www.wcl.american.edu/summer/dc

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

To find out more about *full-tuition* and other partial scholarships offered to international students, visit: www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/scholarly_competitions.cfm

Highlights of the session:

Q: I'm Armenian by nationality I got a higher education (degree) in Armenia. Now I would like to apply for a scholarship for LL.M. programs in the U.S. Do I have any chances to get a scholarship?

Rosie Edmond: Yes, you should apply to the Fulbright grant, but also check with the schools directly. Some (but not all) have scholarships for foreign lawyers. American University offers 5 full scholarships for our LL.M. in International Legal Studies.

Q: What do you think makes applicants competitive for those 5 full scholarships available for an LL.M. at American?

Rosie Edmond: Excellent writing skills because it is solely based on that. The scholarship requires the applicant to submit a 750 word essay on a major international legal issue and a 250 word essay on what that winner would do to give back to the Washington College of Law community. They use the essay to judge legal knowledge and writing skills.

Q: I will apply for LL.M. programs in the USA this year. My goal is to receive the Magister Degree. I have a diploma of Specialist of Law with honors and some work experience. Do I need to pass a specific exam for LL.M. or just the TOEFL? What is the required score for TOEFL?

Rosie Edmond: Most LL.M.s require the following: Application form, TOEFL/IELTS/PTE, 2 letters of recommendation, transcripts and degree certification. American University requires 93 but other schools might be higher.

Q: Greetings from Denmark. I would like to know how you view (or others you know of) work experience when applying for an LL.M.? Many Danish students want to go straight after their bachelors (first professional degree in Denmark). Can that be a problem?

Rosie Edmond: That depends on the school and the program. For AU our LL.M. wants both recent grads and those with work experience in order to enhance the program's diversity. Some more business oriented programs may want applicants with more experience. Sorry this is not a one size fits all answer.

Q: Greetings from Ukraine. I know that many universities in the USA require students to pass the LSAT. What is the required score for LSAT?

Rosie Edmond: The LSAT is only required for JD programs and not for an LL.M. The top schools will only accept applicants in the 90% (Harvard, NYU, etc.) The highest score is 180.

Q: As a European student, can you practice as a lawyer in the U.S. once you have completed an LL.M.?

Rosie Edmond: In order to practice law in the U.S., you need to pass the bar. Please note that each state has its own bar, so if you pass the bar in NY you can't practice in California. Also if your goal is to practice in the U.S., an LL.M. is not a shortcut. I suggest applying to a JD program. Many of our graduates, however, do pass the NY bar but end up working at the World Bank, IMF or other international organization or firm.

Q: What kinds of internships do students do? Is it difficult for international students to find an internship?

Rosie Edmond: As long as they are law related, a student can be an intern practically anywhere. Here in DC the opportunities are endless. We have placed students at the World Bank, IMF, OAS, embassies, and law firms. Most schools have a career office where students are given tools on how to market themselves.

Q: I have learned about the WCL Summer Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law - is it connected in some way to the LL.M. Program? Also, are there scholarship available for this particular event? Does one have to attend WCL to be eligible for the Academy? Thank you.

Rosie Edmond: Yes, the HR academy is connected, although admission is separate. The HR, International Arbitration and International Environmental law academies are independent from the LL.M. program, but are all part of WCL. They are open to practitioners, law students and professors. Students interested in pursuing an LL.M. can transfer up to 4 credits to the ILSP. The academies have their own scholarships, but the ILSP does offer special scholarships (for the LL.M.) for participants of these academies. The academy takes place here in DC but most of the professors are Human Rights experts from all over the world.

FELLOWSHIPS @ THE WILSON CENTER 2010-2011 - SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND MORE

The Center awards approximately 20-25 residential fellowships annually to individuals with outstanding project proposals in a broad range of the **social sciences and humanities on national and/or international issues**. Topics and scholarship should relate to key public policy challenges or provide the historical and/or cultural framework to illuminate policy issues of contemporary importance.

Eligibility

- Citizens or permanent residents from any country (foreign nationals must be able to hold a valid passport and obtain a J1 Visa)
- Men and women with outstanding capabilities and experience from a wide variety of -backgrounds (including government, the corporate world, professions, and academia)
- Academic candidates holding a Ph.D. (Ph.D. must be received by the application **deadline of October 1**)
- Academic candidates demonstrating scholarly achievement by publications beyond their doctoral dissertations
- Practitioners or policymakers with an equivalent level of professional achievement
- English proficiency as the Center is designed to encourage the exchange of ideas among its fellows

www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Fellowships.welcome

II. News You Can Use

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Application Deadline for the Fall Semester: July 1, 2010

Diablo Valley College is one of three publicly supported two-year community colleges in the Contra Costa Community College District. The main campus is located off Interstate 680 in Pleasant Hill, California and twenty miles east of UC Berkeley. A new San Ramon Valley Center in Dougherty Valley opened its doors to students in November of 2006.

DVC serves more than 22,000 students of all ages with these program options:

- Associate in Arts Degree
- Associate in Science Degree
- Transfer credit to four year colleges
- Articulation agreements with University of California and California State University Systems
- Vocational training
- Certificates of Achievement
- Certificates of Accomplishment
- Lifelong personal improvement opportunities



Top Reasons to Choose DVC:

- * Number 1 transfer college to UC Berkeley (51% of the international students transferred to UCB, UCLA, or UCSD.)
- * Transfer Agreement **Guarantees TAGS** to UC Irvine, Davis, San Diego and Santa Barbara and ALL of the California state universities. (UC San Diego is only in the last 2 months)
- * Reasonable tuition: @ \$5000 per year
- * Students without the TOEFL can attend our English language center (IEC) and by passing the highest level are admitted to DVC.
- * Great location and weather very near San Francisco

International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC)

IEC offers six levels of English. The programs are structured to increase students' fluency in the English language and prepare them for academic studies at DVC or other universities. There are 24 hours of class per week in addition to IEC organizes volunteer programs, conversation partner programs and many activities for students. www.iec-dvc.org/application.html

Four excellent reasons to study English at IEC

- No TOEFL is required to transfer to DVC. Students who complete the highest level of English at IEC have direct entry into DVC without taking the TOEFL.
- Highly motivated students: Over 95% of IEC students continue on to DVC or other universities.
- Excellent Instructors: All instructors have a Master's Degree and extensive overseas and US teaching experience, and speak at least one other language.
- Excellent Student Services: Many organized activities, volunteer and community service opportunities, as well as university and general advising.

Contact information and websites:

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TOEFL TUTORIAL NOW ONLINE WITH EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

TUTORIAL for TOEFL:

Test of English as a Foreign Language

Beginning July 2010, we offer an intensive online professional development program designed to help prepare international citizens for the official TOEFL examination.

Do you have a computer? If so, register for these lessons online (cost is \$350 US) and use your own personal computer to complete the program of study. All materials are provided. Application for admission to ETSU is NOT required. The course of study is 5 weeks only. The first session will be held July 6—August 17, 2010. You must register no later than July 2, 2010. Lessons are structured over five weeks and give you direct, **real-time access to the professor** at pre-arranged times. This program will prepare English learners for the iBT TOEFL, including instruction in vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and the skills required for the reading, writing, listening, and speaking sections of the iBT TOEFL.

Highlights:

- All materials provided online.
- Professor qualified in teaching English as a 2nd / foreign language.
- Participants receive frequent personal updates of their performance on exercises and assignments.
- Practice exams designed to follow iBT TOEFL format.
- Participants can submit sound files and receive instruction on pronunciation.
- Lessons provide training in spoken and written forms of all words on the entire Academic Word List.
- Participants have frequent, real-time interactions with the professor.
- Professor available to answer questions by email.
- Participants practice skills that contribute to successful performance on TOEFL exams, such as speech organization, transition usage, identifying rhetorical mode, paraphrasing, and many more.
- All sections of the TOEFL exam are included.

ETSU On-line Registration:

<http://etsuaw.etsu.edu/wconnect/ace/home.htm>

QUESTIONS?

VISIT the website for the ETSU

Office of Professional Development:



www.etsu.edu/academicaffairs/scs/professionaldevelopment

ETSU and Social Media



ETSU on Facebook: www.facebook.com/easttennesseestateuniversity

ETSU International Students www.facebook.com/pages/Johnson-City-TN/ETSU-International-Students/367890682936?ref=mf

The ETSU Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/user/EastTennesseeState
International scholarship playlist coming soon!

ETSU has an iTunes U page. Go to www.etsu.edu and click on "ETSU podcasts." Select the "international student scholarships" podcast to see testimonial videos from current ETSU international students, spoken in their first languages.

HOW I GOT INTO HARVARD WITH FULL FINANCIAL AID

Ana Angelovska, a senior from NOVA high school in Macedonia, received a full scholarship at Harvard and shared her success story with high school students at the American Corner Skopje on April 29th, 2010.

Key points she mentioned that contributed to her getting accepted, other than academic performance and test scores, include:

- a carefully crafted personal statement;
- obtaining references from several sources, including: teachers, her college counselor, and a community service coordinator;
- highlighting her volunteer and community service experiences as extracurricular activities.

What was the biggest challenge for Ana?

"For me, the most challenging admission process was the writing of the supplements, because some schools do not make interviews, and those supplements are the only glimpse of your personality that you input in your applications. All of the rest is grades and data."

She recommends starting your college search early and devoting enough time to prepare the application package.

Watch the video at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HnxjM2ZkHI



ENTER THE EXCHANGESCONNECT "SHARE YOUR STORY" CONTEST AND WIN

Alumni of exchange programs are invited to submit their stories regarding their exchange experience on the social networking site of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

If your story is chosen to be published, you will receive an ExchangesConnect T-shirt and will have a chance to win a Flip Video Camcorder.

For contest rules, and to submit your story, visit: <http://connect.state.gov>