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I. Financial Aid

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AWARDS



It's time to apply for University of Kansas Fall 2012 International Undergraduate Admissions Awards. To be considered, a complete application for admission & all required materials must be received by the deadline of January 15, 2012.

KU offers several special scholarships for incoming international undergraduate students (freshman and transfer):

- International Merit Awards or KUEA international undergraduate scholarships -- competitive, renewable, merit-based awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year.
- KU-IIE undergraduate tuition scholarships; selection facilitated with the cooperation of the Institute of International Education (IIE) highly competitive, renewable merit-based tuition awards (valued approximately \$21,000 per year up to four years) for new students with outstanding academic profiles & demonstrated leadership who will be entering the U.S. in F-1 or J-1 status in the Fall semester.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/nlJkG1



THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND AWARDS 45 FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS



The University of Richmond awards 45 full tuition scholarships to exceptional first year students each year. The scholarship recognizes engaged scholarship and leadership in four broad designations: Oldham Scholars, Science Scholars, Artist Scholars, and Boatwright Scholars.

First-year admission applicants who apply by December 1 compete for 45 Richmond Scholar awards. The selection committee considers each student individually, evaluating their application in a highly personalized and holistic manner. The writing sample is particularly critical because it communicates some of the special contributions a student might make to the University. While grades and test scores are important, the committee is aware that they do not represent the whole student and, as a result, they are not used to automatically include or exclude an applicant from consideration.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/n0jyzH

ATTEND HOBSONS VIRTUAL STUDENT FAIR AND WIN \$3,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS



The next Hobsons Virtual Student Fair will run on September 17th and is open to any international student interested in U.S. higher education. These fairs will allow students to:

- Get admissions information from U.S. colleges and universities: chat live with them when you log in!
- Chat with international students like you who are already on campus!
- Watch student video webcasts and download them!

In addition, you will be eligible to win USD 3,000 in scholarships! All you need to do is register online and attend the fair!

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/nVwmft

SOUTH FLORIDA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS



The Master's degree program in American Studies at the University of South Florida is actively seeking international applicants. The program offers advanced training in American literature and culture and American Studies methodology for career educators.

University of South Florida also has Graduate Fellowships and Teaching Assistantships available to support international students. The applicant entering in the fall of 2012 who scores highest on the GRE will receive a one-year, \$10,000 fellowship. In addition, all students accepted will receive positions as teaching assistants, if they wish, provided that they have these minimum TOEFL scores: Reading: 20; Writing: 24; Listening: 20; Speaking: 24.

Teaching assistantships include a tuition waiver and a stipend. This stipend is \$2270 per semester in the first year and \$5200 per semester in the second year, and there are three teaching semesters per year. However, the tuition waiver does not include the waiver of student fees, which amount to approximately \$2000 per year; and the cost of living in Tampa is estimated at \$12,000 per year.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/o3AAXP

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAM



The University of Mississippi is a public, comprehensive, research institution that exists to enhance the educational, economic, healthcare, social and cultural foundations of the state, region, and nation. As the oldest public institution of higher learning in the state and as a Carnegie Research University (high research activity), the institution's primary functions are the creation, dissemination, and application of knowledge through a variety of programs and public service activities.

The goal of the graduate assistantship program at The University of Mississippi is to give graduate students the chance to learn, work and grow in their respective fields. While learning, the graduate assistant (GA) earns money for tuition and expenses and grows through contact with professionals in his or her field of study.

The largest source of funds for graduate support are from teaching, research and graduate assistantships offered by academic departments, along with partial tuition and non-resident waivers. External grants, awards and fellowships are also types of funding that graduate students can apply for. These funds can be obtained from national, state and local organizations, foundation and agencies.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/qDwvqq



STUDY ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES NEW INITIATIVES TO CURRENT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S.



Study Illinois would like to announce two initiatives that are available to current international students in the U.S. Study Illinois announced a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for two current F-1 students enrolled at Study Illinois member

\$1,000 scholarship opportunity for two current F-1 students enrolled at Study Illinois member schools for Fall 2011. Stay tuned to the Study Illinois website to view the top 10 applicants and be part of the voting process!

Study Illinois also announced its first annual International Student Transfer fair and Conference being held for current F-1 students in Illinois at DePaul University on October 15, 2011. Check the Study Illinois website often for other upcoming opportunities for future students coming to the U.S.!

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/ozWoOJ

FOREIGN STUDENTS OPT FOR ONLINE SEARCH



An article in University World News centered on a new report issued by the British Council's Intelligence Unit entitled

"Online Marketing to a Global Student Audience." This report finds that the traditional use of printed university materials as a means of informing international students hoping to study abroad at higher education institutions has lost its effectiveness, as students increasingly consult Internet search engines and social media such as Facebook.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/qA3dnO





ECKERD COLLEGE DROPS SAT REQUIREMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Eckerd College, a small, private liberal arts and sciences college in St.

Petersburg, Florida, has dropped the SAT requirement for international students. All students whose first language is not English or whose secondary schools were not taught primarily in English are still required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. Students whose first language is English or whose secondary school was taught primarily in English will need to submit a graded essay of at least 3000 words.

Eckerd College will also institute an Early Action admission program this year. Students who apply Early Action and have completed applications by November 15 will receive their admission decision and scholarship award by December 15. Eckerd will then move to rolling admission after December 1, reviewing applications as they become complete, returning a decision within 4 weeks of a completed application. Both Early Action and rolling admission programs are non-binding; students have until May 1 to make a final decision about their enrollment. Eckerd College will also waive the application fee for students until December 1.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/pu40JK











UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ANNOUNCES GLOBAL SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION



The University of Washington Foster School of Business Global Social Entrepreneurship Competition (GSEC) is a leading-edge international social venture plan competition, where interdisciplinary student teams

from around the world propose creative, commercially viable businesses aimed at reducing poverty in the developing world. Each year, GSEC brings the world to UW: a select group of semi-finalist student teams from around the globe are invited to Seattle for GSEC Week. Teams visit regional companies, present their business ideas to judges, and compete for prize money that go to the most innovative social business ideas targeting poverty alleviation in developing economies. Applications opening online mid September through Nov. 09, 2011!

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/iXpJyK





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

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