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# I. Financial Aid

#### WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY CROSS-CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Winona State University is a comprehensive university that offers academically-inspired students the opportunity to obtain an education in the liberal arts and contemporary professions and to explore the application of knowledge in today's world. The University prepares students to be skilled, competent, and active citizens with a strong sense of personal responsibility and motivation to contribute to the communities in which they live and work.



The Cross-Cultural Scholarship is available to all international students who qualify for admission to Winona State University and hold an F-1 Student Visa. These scholarships are equivalent to the difference between the resident rate of tuition and the non-resident rate of tuition. Since tuition is based on a tuition band, the amount of the scholarship for the Academic Year of 2012 - 2013 is valued at an estimate of USD \$5,600.00 based on 24 - 36 semester credits. **For more information, please visit:** <u>http://bit.ly/15QOCth</u>



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#### WESLEYAN COLLEGE MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

In 1836, Wesleyan College was the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. Since that time, we've sent scores of women out in to the world, to do some pretty amazing things. That includes the

first woman to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree and the first woman to argue a case before the Georgia Supreme Court. At Wesleyan, First for Women isn't just a claim to fame -- it's a philosophy that separates our learning community from all others. We're anchored in tradition and guided by an innovative spirit. Though we look back fondly on what we've achieved, we also look forward – to changing the way women are educated in the next century. Just when it seems we couldn't possibly accomplish more, our "first for women" list keeps on growing.

As one of the nation's most affordable selective colleges, Wesleyan offers a strong merit scholarship program as well as a comprehensive financial aid program. In part, this commitment to creating financial access for students and their families has enabled Wesleyan to attract an extremely talented and diverse student body. Minimum eligibility requirements are listed below for Wesleyan's academic scholarships and leadership awards. There are a limited number of scholarships. Simply satisfying these requirements does not guarantee a student will receive a given scholarship. Upon review of applicants' admission credentials, the Scholarship Committee may choose to invite students who have not fully satisfied the stated eligibility requirements. **For more information, please visit:** http://bit.ly/13apZbo

### OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

What began in 1950 as Central Christian College (with an enrollment of 97) has grown into a comprehensive Christian university serving more than 2,000 students. Affiliated with the churches of Christ, Oklahoma Christian welcomes all students who respect the university's commitment to academic and spiritual excellence and who respect the academic and spiritual pursuits of their fellow students. When it comes to universities and colleges in

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Christian University offers the combination of a unique, small-town feel with the cultural richness associated with a big city.

The international scholarship is for students who are citizens of foreign countries and ineligible for federal aid or for one of OC's academic scholarship awards. It is worth \$2,000 per year for up to 10 semesters. A student must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA. To apply, complete OC's international student application for admission.

For more information, please visit: <a href="http://bit.ly/Z31Bmk">http://bit.ly/Z31Bmk</a>





#### PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS

Pittsburg State University, a comprehensive regional university, provides undergraduate and graduate programs and services to the people of southeast Kansas, but also to others who seek the benefits offered. This is accomplished by the unique combination of academic programs in the

four colleges of the University: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, and Technology. The university is equally committed to fulfilling its statewide mission in technology and economic development by facilitating partnerships with secondary and postsecondary educational institutions, businesses and industries

Pittsburg State University's Office of Continuing and Graduate Studies has recently announced they will be awarding several \$5000 International Graduate Fellowships to new international graduate students for Fall 2013 (August). This fellowship will be applied to tuition for the first two semesters of full-time academic enrollment at a rate of \$2,500 each semester. **For more information, please visit:** http://bit.ly/W8hN9D



#### ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND ASSISTANSHIPS

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Illinois Institute of Technology is a national, technological, Ph.D.-granting research university, with world-renowned programs in engineering, architecture, the sciences, humanities, psychology, business, law, and design. Founded in 1940 and tracing its roots back to the 1890s with the foundings of Armour Institute of Technology and Lewis Institute, IIT brings a focused, interdisciplinary approach to education, including the Interprofessional Projects Program. With five campuses throughout the Chicago area and alumni around the world, IIT pairs the educational and cultural experiences of America's Second City with the small feel of an undergraduate population of just over 2300 and total population of just over 7400.

Fulltime international students applying to Professional Master's Programs who have exceptionally strong academic records may be eligible for one of a limited number of one-year, half-tuition academic scholarships. Full time students applying to M.S. and Ph.D. programs may qualify for fellowships, scholarships, and assistantships. You will be considered automatically for scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships at the time the admission decision is made — as long as you apply by the funding deadline listed on the admission application. Further information about scholarships for graduate students can be found on the Graduate Admission website.



#### THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO GRADUATE ASSISTANSHIPS

The University of Nevada Reno was founded in 1874 as the State University of Nevada in Elko, Nevada, about 300 miles northeast of its present-day campus in Reno. The site for the university preparatory school in eastern Nevada (where no state institutions had previously

been located) proved to be impractical, as nearly half of the state's residents lived in the Reno-Carson City area. In 1885, the legislature approved the move of the University from Elko to Reno. In the last 35 years, the University has met the challenges of leadership in what is now the fastestgrowing state in the country, with its enrollment rising to more than 17,000 students in fall 2010.

Graduate assistants perform a variety of duties from teaching undergraduate classes to grading papers, to conducting research in laboratories. Teaching assistants receive special teaching-skills training through the Graduate School. All graduate students holding an assistantship (teaching TA or research RA) are considered Nevada residents for tuition purposes. Non-resident tuition is only waived for the duration of the assistantship. International students serving as Teaching Assistants must meet minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores. **For more information, please visit:** <a href="http://bit.ly/XdhgJk">http://bit.ly/XdhgJk</a>

# II. Campus News

# REGISTER NOW FOR THE HOBSONS ASIA VIRTUAL STUDENT FAIR

Join the Hobsons Asia Virtual Student Fair on March 9th, 2013 for a realistic, computer-generated environment where you can chat live with

U.S. colleges and universities! Also, you will have the chance to chat with international students like you who are already on campus. Register now and attend the fair to be eligible to win \$3,000 in scholarships!

For more information, please visit: <u>http://bit.ly/XfxhqG</u>

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHARE FOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The International Student Association at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Prescott campus offered cultural delights to all during their 14th Annual International Festival on Saturday. Students enrolled at the school created a feast of homemade delicacies from their home countries for those in attendance, treating hungry stomachs to a cultural "food passport."

"We feature the international flavor of our campus at the festival. We have 140 international students that are here on visas, but we have a lot more that have diverse cultures, that may be U.S. citizens. They also participate," Parris said. "The event is open to students, faculty and staff, and also to the community to enjoy all the different cultures and the diversity our students provide here." Approximately 9 percent of the school's students hail from another country, Parris said, adding that, "We've had up to 400 attend these festivals in the past".

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/15QQQso



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#### EXPLORE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

International students looking to attend community college in the United States may have one greater challenge than their peers headed to fouryear institutions: housing. Two-year schools aren't generally known for a wide variety of housing options.

"Community colleges are starting to identify on-campus or close-by housing as an important marketing advantage for recruiting international students," says Ross Jennings, associate vice president of international programs for Green River Community College in Washington. Green River offers a homestay program with 400 active families, he says. In a homestay program, international students pay a fee to stay in a private room of the home of a host family or individual. Programs are available with and without meal options. Staying with a family helps the student transition to living in the United States and allows the student's family to feel more comfortable about sending their children abroad, he says.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/ZLxTH8

#### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM AT UWSP CONNECTS STUDENTS WITH THE WORLD



As the world continues to "shrink," forcing businesses and communities to think globally, the international program at UWSP fosters relationships that will transcend borders. "When we talk to alumna, we hear about their relationships and how they've enhanced their careers and business opportunities over time," said Brad Van Den Elzen, director of the international students and scholars office at UWSP, which oversees about 200 foreign students on campus each year.

Pai grew up in a city of more than 12 million people, and by traveling to the other side of the world to a small, Midwestern community, he forced himself out of a comfort zone that he could have developed at larger campuses he was considering. "When I came in, there were like, two Indians on campus. I thought, 'This may be nice.' I would know nobody here and it would be completely different," he said. "I couldn't come here and find a few Indians and live in little India, which probably would have occurred if I had gone to New York or Australia.

For more information, please visit: http://mnhne.ws/YAh9Ox

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