



# EducationUSA

EducationUSA (<http://www.educationusa.info/>) is a network of hundreds of advising centers in 170 countries, where millions of international students each year find accurate, comprehensive, and current information about how to apply to accredited U.S. colleges and universities.

The EducationUSA network is supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), which strives to foster mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. EducationUSA advisers and staff work with U.S. higher education professionals to promote international student enrollment.

EducationUSA makes applying to a U.S. college or university clear with Your 5 Steps to U.S. Study:

## 1. Research Your Options

- Define your priorities
- Familiarize yourself with U.S. degrees
- Learn about search options to explore thousands of accredited U.S. institutions

## 2. Finance Your Studies

- Develop a budget
- Find ways to reduce educational costs
- Search for scholarships and other financial aid

## 3. Complete Your Application

- Manage the application timeline

- Tackle application requirements, including required tests
- Write personal essays or statements of purpose

#### 4. Apply for Your Student Visa

- Understand which forms are needed
- Outline the visa application process
- Feel prepared for your interview

#### 5. Prepare for Your Departure

- Know what to expect when you arrive
- Ease into your new academic environment
- Adjust well to U.S. culture and your new community