WANTED AND WELCOMED: HIGHER ED PATHWAYS TO IMMIGRATION

WE FORMED OUR ALLIANCE TO SUPPORT UNDOCUMENTED, IMMIGRANT, INTERNATIONAL, AND REFUGEE STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Only national organization singularly focused on the intersection of higher ed and immigration.

550+
U.S. public and private college and university leaders

43
States, DC and Puerto Rico

Serving
5 million+ students
TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS, WE PURSUE A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH

ADVOCACY

CONVENING KEY STAKEHOLDERS

POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Higher Ed Immigration Portal

- Immigrant and international student enrollment data
- Federal & state policies impacting immigrant & international students
- Economic contributions
- Effective practices
- Student & alumni stories

https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/
THE U.S. IS LOSING ITS GLOBAL COMPETITIVE EDGE: SHARE OF NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT HAS DECLINED

When we fall behind in international talent, we lose our edge in science and innovation, our economy, and our security, with a ripple effect in all of our communities.

“The simple fact is that other countries are becoming more competitive in their fight for the world’s share of the ‘best and brightest’.”

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Report Puts the Price of Declining Student Market Share at $5.5 Billion

Top Host Destinations, 2000 & 2020

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, ICE

Graphic Image source: ETS Data and Outlook on International Students and the U.S. Economy (ETS, 2022)
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO CAMPUSES, GROW THE ECONOMY, AND SPUR INNOVATION

International students will help fill critical gaps as the U.S. college population is projected to decline beginning 2025.¹

International students created or supported 335,423 U.S. jobs. That’s one job for every three international students.⁴

International students help increase domestic U.S. student enrollment in STEM fields.²

Nearly one-quarter of the founders of the $1 billion U.S. startup companies first came to America as international students.³

Immigrants have been awarded nearly 40% of the Nobel Prizes won by Americans in chemistry, medicine, and physics since 2000.⁶


Policy Progress, Recommendations, Opportunities: Highlights

Progress
Joint Statement of Principles
Consular Improvements
Harmful Rules Withdrawn

Recommendations
National Recruitment and Retention
Coordinated Strategy
Modernize Immigration System

Opportunities
Partnerships across Sectors
Administrative Actions
Narrative Change
Facilitating immigration pathways for international students in the U.S. reinforces global relationships and strengthens investments abroad

Refugee Access to Higher Education

2010: 41 million forcibly displaced people
2020: 82 million forcibly displaced people

Higher Education Enrollment

- Global 37%
- Refugees 5%
Refugee & Displaced Student Access to Higher Education in the U.S.

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Welcome Corps

The Welcome Corps is a new program that empowers everyday Americans to come together to privately sponsor refugees, building on our country’s long tradition of providing refuge.

Together, sponsor groups welcome refugee newcomers by securing and preparing initial housing, greeting refugee newcomers at the airport, enrolling children in school, and helping adults to find employment.
Possibilities for U.S. Campuses

- Sponsoring refugee students on college and university campuses
- Financial, academic, and integration support
- Diverse campus stakeholders, including staff, faculty, and students
- Setting refugee students up for academic and overall success

Coming Soon!
College & University Sponsorship

Higher Education as a Resettlement Pathway

Creating higher education pathways in the U.S. for refugee students nurtures talent, spurs solutions and drives durable protections
Intersection of Higher Education & Immigration

- Higher education is a critical pathway to building the American talent pool.
- Immigration is intersectional.
- National, state, and local policy environments are best when inclusive.

https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/about/theory-of-change/