



## Education USA Weekly Update

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## I. Scholarships and Fellowships

### Undergraduate: Capital University International Scholarships, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Description:** Generous, merit-based tuition scholarships for international students with strong academic records who are pursuing a bachelor's degree. Most scholarships are partial, but renewable for a total of 4 years.

**Areas of Study:** Scholarships are available for any major of study that Capital offers, including: Biology, Business and Management, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Studies, Mathematics, and Music. Capital's Conservatory of Music offers performance awards. International students must submit an audition cd or dvd by the audition deadlines.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Completed international undergraduate application. Completed scholarship application with essays. Meet undergraduate TOEFL requirement. Strong secondary grade point average or test scores. Scholarships are only for Capital degree bound international students pursuing a bachelor's degree.

**Application deadline:** Rolling - Complete the undergraduate international application form and the international student scholarship application. Submit all required supporting documents.

**Further information:** [www.capital.edu](http://www.capital.edu)

**Contact:**

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**Graduate: Chicago-Kent College of Law -LLM in International and Comparative Law, Chicago, Illinois**

**Program Description:** Students holding a first degree in law from outside the U.S. can study a wide range of upper level U.S. law subjects to earn an LLM degree; required courses include the Introduction to the American Legal System and Comparative Law.

**Areas of Study:** Comparative Law, International Law, Law

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must hold a first degree in law from outside the U.S., and submit all prior law school and other school transcripts. Recommended TOEFL score of 600(paper)/250 (computer)/100 (internet) or IETLS 6.5. Application requires essay, application fee and two recommendations.

**Application deadline:** Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis when complete, admissions decisions are made starting October 1 for August admission.

Average Award Amount: \$3,000-\$9,000  
Number of Awards: 5-10  
Award Coverage: Tuition reduction  
Award Duration: 1 academic year

Further information: [www.kentlaw.edu/international](http://www.kentlaw.edu/international)

**Contact:**

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Program Coordinator  
*Office of International Law and Policy*  
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**Graduate and Post Graduate:  
International Federation of University Women (IFUW) Fellowships and Grants**

**Program Description:** The International Federation of University Women offers a limited number of fellowships and grants to women graduates for advanced research, study and training. The competitions are normally held every two years. The awards are intended to help finance short graduate and post-graduate study, research and training projects and to serve as complementary funds for longer programs. Many IFUW awards are restricted to residents of a particular country. A few national affiliates offer fellowships and grants open to IFUW members from other countries. Women who are interested should contact the national affiliate in their respective country to ask about available funding. Contact information is available on the website.

The current competition is offering awards for research, study or training to be undertaken during the period May 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Must be a member of the IFUW or one of the 77 national affiliates  
Must be well started on the research program to which the application refers. Must have obtained admission to the proposed place of study prior to applying to IFUW's competition. An official letter of acceptance must accompany the application.

**Number of Awards:** The awards offered vary. Normally 16 to 25 fellowships and grants are offered in each competition.

**Award Duration:** Grants are for a minimum of 2 months of work. They are awarded for specialized training, independent research, or to assist in the completion of a postgraduate degree.

**Award Amount:** Fellowships are the equivalent of 8,000 to 10,000 Swiss francs. Grants are from 3,000 to 6,000 Swiss francs. IFUW Recognition Awards are 1,000 Swiss francs.

**Application:**

The deadline for members of IFUW national federations and associations varies by country, but normally falls between 1 September 2007 and mid-October 2007. Please ask your national headquarters for the exact deadline. The deadline for IFUW International Members is 1 October 2007.

Members of IFUW's 77 national federations and associations must obtain the application package from and apply through their respective national headquarters. IFUW Independent Members and International Individual Members must apply directly to IFUW Headquarters in Geneva, where the preliminary screening for individual members will take place.

Further information: <http://www.ifuw.org/fellowships/international.htm>

**Contact:**

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Switzerland  
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## Professional: 50 Partial Scholarships at New York Film Academy

**Program Description:** The New York Film Academy has announced the availability of 50 partial scholarships for exceptional students to attend either a One-Year Filmmaking Program, a One-Year Acting for Film Program, or a One-Year Producing Program at the Film Academy's location in New York City or Universal Studios, Hollywood.

**Award Amount:** Qualified students will receive the scholarship worth 50% of the total tuition fee for the course. Filmmaking scholarships are \$17,000 (total tuition is \$34,000), Acting for Film scholarships are \$12,000 (total tuition is \$24,000), and Producing scholarships are \$12,500 (total tuition is \$25,000).

**Award Duration:** Scholarships are valid for the following start dates: One-Year Filmmaking March 6 or June 5, 2008; One-Year Acting for Film, March 5 or June 4, 2008; One-Year Producing, January 11, 2008.

**Application Deadline:** December 1, 2007.

Applicants must complete the standard application and submit a written statement (500 - 1000 words) regarding their qualifications, and why they believe they should receive this scholarship. Prior experience in filmmaking or acting is not necessary.

### About the New York Film Academy:

New York Film Academy programs are designed on the philosophy of "learning by doing". To support this philosophy and the curricula, the Film Academy maintains an unparalleled faculty and one of the largest film school equipment inventories in the world. Since its inception in 1992, the Film Academy has grown from a film school offering short-term filmmaking and film production workshops to a film school presenting students with an array of options for courses including filmmaking, acting for film, producing, screenwriting, animation and film editing. If you have any questions about the Film Academy or the scholarships please contact us.

### Further information:

For more information, please contact the Film Academy at:

Tel: +1-212-674-4300

Email: [film@nyfa.com](mailto:film@nyfa.com)

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### Program Highlights: South Seattle Community College Summer Institute, Seattle, WA

Summer Institute: American Life & Culture

The Summer Institute is open to all students regardless of English level and ability and is designed for students, visitors and professionals during summer vacation. You will develop American conversation and communication skills by participating in daily activities featuring dynamic art, sports and Seattle's legendary music program. American Language and Culture course is a fun way to learn English, meet American friends, experience Seattle culture for a short 2 week program.

Summer Institute is offered two different session times:

Option I: June 30 - July 14, 2007 (2 weeks)

Option II: June 30 - July 21, 2007 (3 weeks)

Further information and application form: <http://www.southseattleinternational.com>

### Contact:

South Seattle Community College \* International Programs

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## II. News you can use

### U.S. Visa Inquiries: Useful Links and Resources

The list below, compiled by the Bureau of Consular Affairs, provides useful phone numbers and web addresses for various types of visa inquiries. Forwarded on behalf of the Alliance for International Educational & Cultural Exchange.

#### Visas: How Do I...

Ask about a specific visa case:

Tel: (202) 663-1225 or Email: [usvisa@state.gov](mailto:usvisa@state.gov)

Check on the status of a clearance:

Tel: (202) 663-1851

Report a trend in visa decisions at a post:

Abby Rupp in CA/VO ([ruppam@state.gov](mailto:ruppam@state.gov))

Find an embassy/consulate or see appointment wait times:

[http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html)

General visa application information:

<http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/pdfs/gettingavisa.02.03.pdf>

General student visa application information:

[http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1268.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html)

Find out about special clearances for certain citizens:

<http://travel.state.gov/visa/reciprocity/index.htm>

Waiver of 212e:

[http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info\\_1294.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info_1294.html)

SEVIS information:

<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/index.htm>

Port of entry guidance:

[http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent\\_stdnt\\_fs.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent_stdnt_fs.htm)

NSEERS information:

<http://www.ice.gov/pi/specialregistration/index.htm>

Visa regulations ([www.foia.state.gov](http://www.foia.state.gov)):

<http://foia.state.gov/REGS/fams.asp?level=2&id=10&fam=0>

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### IIENetwork Article Archives: New Linkages Articles Posted Online

The Institute of International Education has launched a new section in the Article Archives on the IIENetwork website: Linkages. IIE hopes that these will serve as helpful resources for educational advisers.

The Linkages Article Archives can be accessed at: [www.iienetwork.org/?p=Linkages](http://www.iienetwork.org/?p=Linkages)

**A Global Response to Global Issues: Partnering with Universities Worldwide To Build Cooperation and Train Future Leaders**  
James V. Wertsch, Washington University

**Partnerships as the Driving Force of Campus Internationalization**  
Susan Buck Sutton, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

**Developing Global Partnerships: The Search for True Peers**  
Rajeev Malik, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Building University Capacities for Participation in the Global Marketplace**  
Galen Spencer Hull, Tennessee State University

**Building Higher Education Capacity for Economic Growth: A Success Story in Georgia**  
Bijan Fazlollahi, Georgia State University

Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university  
<http://www.educationusa.state.gov/>

**Communications and Team-Building in a Bilateral University Partnership**  
John E. Bonine, University of Oregon

**Increasing Higher Education Opportunities for African and Asian Students: Experience of Symbiosis International University in India**  
P.J.Lavakare and Vidya Yeravdekar

**TransPacific Hawaii College and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University**  
John Norris and Shungo Kawanishi, TransPacific Hawaii College

**Old Activities, New Goals: ESL as a Window into the Middle East, and Korea**  
William Cyrus Reed, American University in Cairo

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**Are Search Engines Tracking Down Your Site? How to Use Search Engine Optimization to Achieve a Higher Rank**

<http://www.high-search-engine-ranking.com/>

If I was to ask you right now *"Are you absolutely certain that your web site is search engine compatible?"*, what would you say?

What if I was to ask *"How many search engines has your site been registered with?"* Or how about *"Does your site have tailored title and META Tags?"*

If you would answer *"No"* or *"I don't know"* to any of these questions, you would be amongst the 70 percent of web site owners whose sites are missing out on search engine traffic because they are not designed for high rankings. Has your web designer optimized YOUR site? Have they submitted it to the top 20 search engines and directories? More than likely, you don't know because you haven't asked OR they haven't told you. Ask them TODAY!

First you need to determine how compatible your existing site is and whether or not it needs optimization. A good starting point is to take a fun quiz: [How Compatible is Your Site With Search Engines?](#)

**What is Search Engine Optimization?**

Simply explained, it is the technique of attaining a high ranking in search engines and directories via changes to your site code to make it more search engine compatible.

If you would like to learn more about Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and increase the prominence of your advising center's website appearing on search engines, you can read the full article at:

<http://www.high-search-engine-ranking.com/>