International Students Contribute to Our Economy and American Innovation

**International Students Grow the U.S. Economy**

While **international students make up only 4.6% of overall U.S. college enrollments**, they make significant contributions to our communities.¹

International students contributed **$28.4 billion** to the U.S. economy last year.²

International students created or supported **over 306,000 U.S. jobs.** That's one job for every three international students.³

Nearly **one-quarter of the founders of the $1 billion U.S. startup companies** first came to America as international students.⁴

**International Students Help America Lead in Innovation**

For America to **remain the leader in scientific discovery**, we must continue to attract the best and brightest from around the world.⁵

U.S. productivity is generated largely by **advances in technological improvements.** Technological improvements are largely **driven by the rate of innovation.**⁶

In 2016, **all six American winners of the Nobel Prizes** in economics and scientific fields were immigrants.⁷

Immigrants have been awarded nearly **40% of the Nobel Prizes** won by Americans in chemistry, medicine, and physics since 2000.⁸

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