International Students Contribute to Our Economy and American Innovation

International Students Grow the U.S. Economy

While international students make up only 5.6% of overall U.S. college enrollments, they make significant contributions to our communities.¹

International students contributed nearly $40.1 billion to the U.S. economy last year.²

International students created or supported over 368,333 U.S. jobs. That’s one job for every three international students.³

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 2021, five of the seven U.S. Nobel Prize winners 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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