International Students Contribute to Our Economy and American Innovation

International Students Grow the U.S. Economy

While international students make up only **4.7%** of overall U.S. college enrollments, they make significant contributions to our communities.¹

International students contributed nearly **$33.8 billion** to the U.S. economy last year.²

International students created or supported over **335,000 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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