International Students Contribute to Our Economy and American Innovation

International Students Grow the U.S. Economy

While international students make up only 5.5% of overall U.S. college enrollments, they make significant contributions to our communities.\(^1\)

International students contributed nearly $38.7 billion to the U.S. economy last year.\(^2\)

International students created or supported nearly 416,000 U.S. jobs. That’s three jobs for every eight international students.\(^3\)

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

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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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