About the Office of International Students and Scholars

COMPLIANCE

We educate international students and scholars on how to maintain their immigration status; we advise faculty, staff and departments on what is required to host international students and scholars; and we ensure that the university is in compliance with immigration regulations.

CONNECTION AND ENGAGEMENT

We strive to be well connected to other offices and departments on campus in order to support the entire experience of our international students and scholars.

We provide intentional programming designed to bolster the professional and personal development of our international community. We also provide avenues for our represented countries and cultures to share with the greater campus community.

We facilitate ways for our international students and scholars to engage beyond the Lehigh campus.

ADVOCACY

We advocate on behalf of our students and scholars regarding immigration, academic and personal matters to ensure that their voices are heard within the Lehigh community and beyond.

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**International Students and Scholars Annual Report 2022**

**Our International Community**

- 529 graduate students
- 283 students on OPT*
- 430 undergraduate students
- 113 scholars

* OPT, or Optional Practical Training, lets students work in the U.S. in their field of study for one to three years after graduation.

**International Students and Scholars at a Glance**

- 113 scholars from 32 countries are assistant professors, post-doctoral research associates and more.
- 959 international students from 74 countries study at Lehigh, the majority on F-1 student visas.
- 92% of international students in the Class of 2021 are employed or continuing their education.
Undergraduate Enrollment by College

- Arts and Sciences: 167
- Business: 114
- Engineering: 98
- Health: 11
- Other: 56

Graduate Enrollment by College

- Arts and Sciences: 92
- Business: 82
- Education: 29
- Engineering: 329
- Health: 5
- Other: 15

International Student Enrollment

- Program Students:
  - Computer Science (EN): 74
  - Mechanical Engineering: 73
  - Industrial and Systems Engineering: 50
  - Electrical Engineering: 46
  - Chemical Engineering: 43
  - Business Analytics: 41
  - Finance: 33
  - Computer Science and Business: 31
  - Economics: 30
  - Bioengineering: 29

Top Countries of Origin

- India
- China
- South Korea
- Italy
- Japan
- Colombia
- Germany
- Brazil
- Canada
- Israel

Top Hosting Departments

- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Biological Science
- Physics
- Civil and Environmental Engineering

International Enrollment Trends

- (IIE Open Doors)
The Economic Impact of International Students

In addition to the immeasurable academic and cultural value that international students add to colleges and universities in the United States, they make an important economic impact. According to data from NAFSA: Association of International Educators, for every eight international students, three U.S. jobs are created and supported by spending in the higher education, accommodation, dining, retail, transportation, telecommunications and health insurance sectors.

**NATIONALLY**

950,000 international students contribute

$33.8 billion to the economy and support

335,400 jobs

**IN PENNSYLVANIA**

44,370 international students contribute

$1.7 billion to the economy and support

19,635 jobs

**IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY**

1,759 international students contribute

$76.5 million to the economy and support

794 jobs