International Statistical Report

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Letter from the Director

October 12, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to share this report on the university’s international student and scholar community. The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) serves our rapidly growing international community of students and scholars. We track, report and provide resources for an international population of over 1,500.

This report serves as a statistical resource about our international population. Lehigh’s international community includes degree seeking and non-degree seeking non-immigrant visa holders and exchange students. It also includes the international scholars on campus who serve as researchers, faculty members or short-term lecturers at the university. Our international population also includes dependents of our students and scholars. This report does not include immigrants such as green card holders, asylees or refugees.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at sad416@lehigh.edu

Sincerely,

Samba Dieng

Director, International Students and Scholars
Office of International Affairs
Lehigh University
Overview: International Community at Lehigh

How does OISS support internationals?

- OISS strives to engage and collaborate with university colleagues.
- OISS contributes to intercultural awareness via educational, social and cross-cultural programming.
- OISS advocates on behalf of our population regarding immigration, cross-cultural and personal matters.
- OISS works with relevant government agencies on matters relating to our international community.
- OISS advises and supports the university’s international community of students and scholars.
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Total International Population at Lehigh

N=1,516

- Undergraduate=452, 30%
- Graduate=640, 42%
- Optional Practical Training=304, 20%
- Dependents=62, 4%
- Scholars=49, 3%
- Exchange=9, 1%
## International Student Statistics

**1,092 Total Enrolled International Students**
- 452 Undergraduate
- 640 Graduate

**300 New International Students**
- 127 Undergraduate
- 164 Graduate
- 9 Exchange

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**Gender Distribution**
- Male 62%
- Female 38%

**Visa Types**
- F1 94%
- J1 5%
- Other 1%

**Top Programs: Total Intn’l Enrollment**
- Mechanical Engineering (95)
- Industrial & Sys Engineering (79)
- Electrical Engineering (71)
- Analytical Finance (37)

**Top Recruiting: New Students, Fall 2018**
- Industrial & Sys Engineering (21)
- Mechanical Engineering (20)
- Analytical Finance (18)
5 Year Overview: International Enrollment

Fall 2017 to Fall 2018

7% Decrease in Graduate International Students

4% Increase in Undergraduate International Students
**Optional Practical Training: OPT**

**OPT**: Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a benefit for international students allowing them to work in the U.S. for one year or more in their field of study, after completion of their degree.

**STEM OPT**: Science, Technology & Engineering (STEM) degree holders may apply for a 24-month extension of OPT.

304 students on OPT
International Student Citizenship

93 Countries Represented
(Total International Enrollment)

Top 3 Countries Represented
(Total Enrollment)

Africa
- Angola
- Botswana
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Libya
- Malawi
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe

Asia
- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Turkmenistan
- Vietnam

Middle East
- Bahrain
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Oman
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria

Europe
- Albania
- Armenia
- Bosnia
- Czech Republic
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Ireland
- Italy
- Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- Uzbekistan

Americas
- Argentina
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

Oceania
- Australia
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International Student Impact on the Lehigh Valley

International students contribute to the local and state economy, supporting thousands of U.S. jobs yearly.

Pennsylvania

- 51,129 international students
- Contribute $2 billion to PA
- Supporting 27,971 jobs

PA’s 15th Congressional District

- 1,833 international students
- Contribute $90.4 million to the district
- Supporting 1,238 jobs

Lehigh University

- 1,056 international students
- Contribute $65.5 million to the Lehigh Valley
- Supporting 1,066 jobs

(NAFSA, 2018).

95: The number of undergraduate international students receiving partial or full financial assistance from Lehigh.
Lehigh currently has **49 active scholars.**
Our scholars include *visiting researchers, professors and student interns.*

**Scholars: Roles on Campus**

- Professor: 6%
- Student Intern: 2%
- Short Term Scholar: 8%
- Research: 84%

**Scholars: By Country of Origin**

- **Asia**
  - 27: China
  - 5: India
  - 2: South Korea
  - 1: Japan
  - 1: Thailand
  - 1: Turkey

- **Americas**
  - 1: Canada

- **Europe**
  - 2: France
  - 2: Germany
  - 2: Poland
  - 2: Portugal
  - 1: Lithuania

- **Africa**
  - 1: Ghana

**Scholars: Fields of Specialization**
OUR STAFF

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