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Greetings from American University (AU), Washington, DC!

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you for guiding your students as they take the next step in their academic journey. This fall, we're excited to welcome a diverse group of international students coming to the US for their education and many US citizens (AU US Global Nomads) who studied internationally for high school and are now starting their college years in the US. Forty countries and several states inside the US are represented in this year's class, with many from your US schools and regions! We have several important updates to share in this newsletter that will help you advise your students in the year ahead.

New This Year: An Early Action Application Plan

For the first time, AU will offer an Early Action (EA) plan. EA is a non-binding application deadline where applicants submit their applications earlier and receive their admissions decision earlier but have until the May 1 deposit deadline to consider all their admissions and financial aid awards before deciding where to enroll in the fall. With the addition of EA, we have updated our admissions and notification deadlines. More information about our decision plans can be found on our [Decision Plans & Deadlines page](#).

Application Type	Deadline	CSS Profile & FAFSA Deadline (for US citizens & US Permanent Residents only)	Notification	Deposit Deadline
Early Action	November 1	November 15	January 31	May 1
Early Decision I	November 1	November 15	December 31	January 15
Early Decision II	January 15	February 1	February 15	March 1
Regular Decision	January 15	February 15	April 1	May 1

New Scholarship Opportunities for International Students (preferably on F or J visas)

We are excited to announce that we are expanding our [Emerging Global Leaders Scholarship Program \(EGLS\)](#), offering two scholarships that cover all billable expenses to AU and up to eight additional partial scholarships of up to \$40,000.00 USD. Students interested in these opportunities will need to submit their admission application and EGLS application by December 1. We know that affordability is a major point of consideration for many international students, and we believe that the expanded scholarships will go a long way to supporting your students.



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Important Tips and Guidelines for International Applicants Inside the US

- International students graduating high school **inside the U.S.** may choose to apply Test Optional and **not** submit SAT/ACT scores, especially if they arrived at your school after 9th grade.
- **For students who require an F or J visa:** Proof of English proficiency **is** required. TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English Test (DET), PTE, or Cambridge Assessment English can meet [AU's English proficiency requirement](#).
- **New Declaration of Finances Form for Applicants who require an F or J Visa:** Applicants who require an F or J visa must submit the [AU Declaration of Finances Form \(AU DFF\)](#) confirming US\$81,620 by their application deadline. A bank letter and the AU CFIS form will be required later only for those students who are admitted and decide to attend AU. A full overview of our application requirements and this policy can be found on our [First-Year International Applicants page](#).

Additional Updates

While the updates shared above are specific to the admissions process, AU continues to innovate to provide a better experience for our students. Below are important notes about how our community is changing:

- Jonathan Alger became AU's 16th president on July 1st. President Alger previously served as the president of James Madison University in Virginia.
- Beginning in Fall 2025, AU will have a two-year residency requirement for all students. More information on this policy will be available soon.
- Artificial Intelligence is being adopted across the AU curriculum, including AI specific training in all classes within the Kogod School of Business.
- There are new majors in: Computer Science, Computational Media, and Early Childhood Education.

More Resources for You and Your Students

[Resources for Secondary School Counselors Outside the U.S.](#)

[Prospective International Students](#)

We look forward to supporting you and your students in the year ahead! Please feel free to reach out to our team throughout the year as we're always happy to help! Thank you for your collaborative partnership in this important work.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Levinson, Director of International Admissions