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Dear Colleagues,

I'm excited to update you on American University's (AU) initiatives to expand our outreach to talented international students. These include our membership in the International University Alliance (IUA), the International Accelerator Program (IAP) at AU, and American Collegiate (formerly American Access). These programs create pathways for students who need additional support before becoming degree-seeking students.

International University Alliance (IUA) - AU is part of the IUA, a network of U.S. higher education institutions offering transition programs that prepare international students for degree programs. IUA representatives, who may visit your region, will discuss the opportunities available at AU and other member institutions. Learn more at [IUA](#).

International Accelerator Program (IAP) at AU - The IAP is a one-year transition program combining English language instruction with academic coursework to prepare students for degree-seeking status at AU. The program offers multiple tracks based on a student's academic background and English proficiency, ensuring a smooth transition to their second year at AU. More details are available at [AU Accelerator](#).

American Collegiate - This non-degree program supports first-year students seeking academic and language support to succeed at competitive U.S. universities. Students complete 2-3 semesters of credit-bearing coursework and can transfer to any university, including AU. Visit [American Collegiate](#) for more information.

Pre-Sessional English - Students needing additional language support, our Pre-Sessional English program offers courses to help them acclimate to academic life at AU before entering the IAP or American Collegiate program.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is a good fit for direct entry at AU? Students with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher and strong English proficiency (TOEFL 85+, IELTS 6.5+, Duolingo 120+) are competitive candidates. They may also qualify for merit scholarships. Learn more at [AU International Admissions](#).

Who should apply to the International Accelerator at AU? Students with a GPA of 3.0+ who need additional English language support (TOEFL 68+, IELTS 5.5+, Duolingo 90+) are ideal for the IAP. They can apply directly or may be referred after applying to AU. More information is available at [AU Accelerator](#).

Who is best suited for American Collegiate? Students with a GPA of 2.5+ and moderate English proficiency (TOEFL 68+, IELTS 5.5+, Duolingo 90+) can benefit from this non-degree program, which supports their transfer to a U.S. institution. For details, visit [American Collegiate](#).

Who should enroll in Pre-Sessional English? Students with a GPA of 2.5+ and lower English proficiency (TOEFL 50+, IELTS 4.5+, Duolingo 70+) are eligible for Pre-Sessional English before entering their designated track.

Best wishes,

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