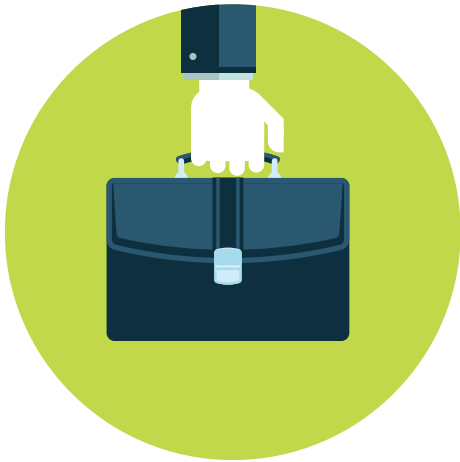
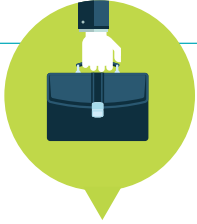


What's the **impact** of international exchange?



The Impact of Department of State International Exchange Programs



Prepare Americans for success in the global economy

73% of U.S. employers put significant value on international experience when hiring¹



Strengthen U.S. economy

International students contributed \$27 billion to the U.S. economy in 2013-14²



Foster volunteerism and social change

1.6 million hours of community service by exchange participants and U.S. hosts³



Support U.S. national security

8,000 Americans are studying languages critical to national security



Increase mutual understanding

97% of exchange students from Muslim-majority countries said their year in the U.S. gave them deep, nuanced, and more favorable views of American people and culture³



Create and engage leaders

Exchange program alumni include:

- 364 current or former heads of foreign governments, including countries key to U.S. national security, including Brazil, China, Russia, and Turkey.
- 46 members of 113th U.S. Congress
- 55 Nobel Prize winners
- 80 Pulitzer Prize winners

“The American toolbox should contain something other than hammers.”

— Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates

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