DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FACT SHEET



Higher Education

During the 2022/23 academic year	11,457 international students attended colleges and universities in the District,	
contributing \$525.5 million to the state economy	and supporting 4,306 jobs.*	

During the 2021/22 academic year...

...2,997 DC students studied abroad.**

*Source: NAFSA International Student Economic Value Tool, 2023

**Source: Open Doors, 2023

U.S. Department of State BridgeUSA Programs

Each year, businesses host international college students, graduates, and visitors participating in BridgeUSA programs. These programs support national security benefits, strengthen the U.S. economy, and increase mutual understanding.

In 2022...

350 Au Pair	1 Camp	515	94 Summer Work	11 Teacher
participants	Counselor	Intern/Trainee	Travel participants	participants
	participants	participants		

...from countries around the world contributed culturally and economically to the District of Columbia.*

*Source: U.S. Department of State, 2022

U.S. Department of State Funded Programs

Each year, the U.S. Department of State funds educational and cultural exchange programs that engage youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and rising leaders in the United States and more than 160 countries.

OUTBOUND PROGRAMS		INBOUND PROGRAMS	
Fulbright Program (2022/23)*	64 students	Fulbright Program (2022/23)*	111 students
Gilman Scholarship (2022/2023)*	57 students	IVLP (FY22)***	
Critical Language Scholarship (2022/23)*	8 students		
FLEX Program (2022/2023)*		FLEX Program (2022/2023)*	
YES Program (2022/23)*		YES Program (2022/23)*	1 student

*Source: Open Doors, 2023

**Source: U.S. Department of State, 2022

***Source: GlobalTiesUS.org, 2022