

# BAHAMIANS

## Did you know that the OAS offers financial aid for studies in the United States?

The Organization of American States (OAS), through the Rowe Fund program, grants interest-free loans to Latin American and Caribbean students.

If you are an F or J student visa holder and have been admitted or are currently enrolled in the last two years of undergraduate, master's, or doctoral studies in an accredited university in the United States, you may qualify for funding from the Rowe Fund for up to \$15,000 and simultaneously apply for a supplementary scholarship of \$2,000.

According to the Institute of International Education (IIE) - Open Doors report, there were 2,606 students from **The Bahamas** studying in the U.S. during the 2022-23 academic year.

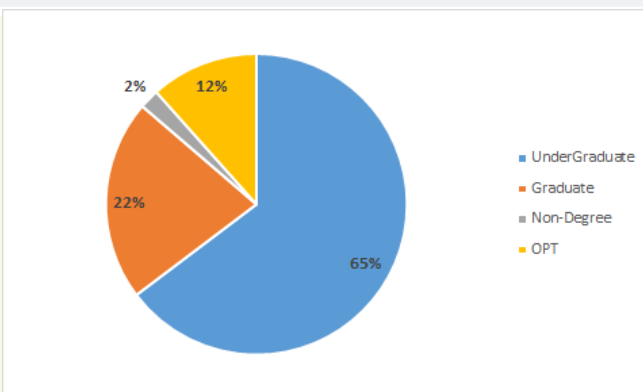
Overall, the number of international students enrolled in U.S. universities was 1,057,188, with only 81,945 of these from the Caribbean and Latin American region. Within this number, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, and Colombia combined represent 54.70% of international students from the region while The Bahamas represents just 3.18%.

In existence for over 75 years, the Rowe Fund program was established out of an endowment left by Dr. Leo S. Rowe, former Director General of the Pan American Union, a predecessor of the OAS.

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By financing a portion of their studies in the United States, the Rowe Fund helps international students complete their education while fostering cultural diversity, friendship, and communication among the people of the Americas.



### Academic Level of **BAHAMIANS** studying in the United States

Data extracted from IIE - Open Doors report, 2023

