Financial Aid for Studies in the United States

The OAS – Rowe Fund Program offers financial aid in the form of interest-free loans of up to $15,000 dollars to citizens of JAMAICA (F or J visa holders) who have been admitted or are currently enrolled in their last two years of undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate studies at universities in the United States.

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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, graduate, or post-graduate studies in an accredited U.S. University, you may qualify for funding of up to $15,000.

According to the Institute of International Education (IIE) - Open Doors report, there were 2,820 students from Jamaica studying in the United States during the 2018-19 academic year.

Overall, the number of international students enrolled in U.S. universities surpassed one million, with only 80,962 of these from the Caribbean and Latin American region. Within this number, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, and Colombia combined represent 58.18% of international students from the region while Jamaica represents just 3.48%.

In existence for over 70 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.

JAMAICANS

Academic Level of JAMAICANS studying in the United States
Data extracted from IIE - Open Doors report, 2019

- Undergraduate: 62.3%
- Graduate: 24.5%
- Non-Degree: 11.8%
- OPT: 1.4%