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The Guide is divided into three sections. **Section I** contains a financial guide for higher education in the Americas, which includes a list of scholarships and loans available for Latin American and Caribbean students, organized by the offering country. **Section II** includes a list of programs financing and advancing higher education in the United States and elsewhere, some of which provide financial aid for studies. **Section III** details a list of institutions and/or organizations that may serve as donors or offer capacity-strengthening opportunities. This section is divided into three subsections: a) entities within the US, b) entities in the Latin America and Caribbean region, and c) Other countries.
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3. American Student Association (ASA)
4. Association of International Educators (NAFSA)
5. Center for Higher Education Studies (CSHE)
6. Student Loans
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19. Forum for Education Abroad
20. Foundation Center
21. Fulbright: International Science and Technology Award
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24. Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE)
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27. LoanConsolidation.ed.gov
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29. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)
31. National Education Association (NEA)
32. Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC)
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B. Outside the United States
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4. Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Instituciones de Educación Superior (ANUIES)
5. Canada-Chile Equal Opportunity Scholarship Program
6. Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS)
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9. Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano (CSUCA)
10. Convenio Andrés Bello (CAB)
11. El Fondo para el Desarrollo de Recursos Humanos (FIDERH)
12. Fundación Mexicana para la Educación, La Tecnología y la Ciencia (FUNED)
13. GuateFuturo
14. Instituto Internacional para la Educación Superior en América Latina y el Caribe (IESALC)
15. Red Iberoamericana para la Acreditación de la Calidad de la Educación Superior (RIACES)
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   3. Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA)
   5. Consortium for Internationalizing Higher Education (CIHE)
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   8. Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU)
   9. Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC)
   10. Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
   11. Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC)
   12. Packard Foundation
   13. World Bank
   14. World Education
   15. W.W. Kellogg Foundation

B. In the LAC Region
   1. Association of Caribbean States
   2. Association of Caribbean Education Administrators (ACHEA)
   3. Association of Caribbean Tertiary Institutions (ACTI)
   4. Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL)
   5. Asociación Mexicana para la Educación Internacional (AMPEI)
   6. Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP)
   7. Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE)
   8. Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
   9. Consejo Universitario Iberoamericano (CUIB)
   10. Espacio Común de Educación Superior America Latina, Caribe y Unión Europea (ALCUE)
   11. Ibero American Association of Distance Higher Education (AIESAD)
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   14. Universidades Iberoamericanas UNIVERSIA
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3. Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)
4. Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)
5. Asociación Universitaria Iberoamericana de Postgrado (AUIP)
6. Australian Education International (AEI)
7. Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA): Erasmus Mundus
8. European Commission: America-Latina Formación Académica (ALFA)
9. German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
10. International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
11. International Association of Universities (IAU)
12. International Association of University Presidents (IAUP)
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SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS AVAILABLE FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND  
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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

1. Ministry of Education: Scholarships  
The Ministry of Education offers scholarships for citizens to study abroad.

Contact Information:  

ARGENTINA

2. Ministry of Education: Beca Externa  
The Ministry of Education offers scholarships for citizens to study abroad as well as various scholarships for students who wish to attend national universities.

Contact Information:  
Pizzurno 935, 2 Piso, Oficina 231 - C1020ACA  
Capital Federal. 4129-1187  
Phone: (011) 4129-1000  
E-mail: becas@me.gob.ar,  
Website: www.mcye.gov.ar

BAHAMAS

3. Ministry of Education: All Bahamas Merit Scholarship  
The Ministry of Education offers scholarships for citizens to study at local and international institutions.

Contact Information:  
Thompson Boulevard,  
P.O. Box N-3913,  
Nassau, Bahamas.  
Phone: (242) 502-2700  
Fax:1 (242) 322-8491  
E-mail: info@bahamaseducation.com  
Website: www.bahamaseducation.com

BOLIVIA

4. Fundación Para la Producción (FUNDA-PRÓ): Programa de Financiamiento Educativo (EDUCAPRO)  
EDUCAPRO offers loans to Bolivian students for graduate and the last two years of undergraduate studies in Bolivia or abroad.
5. Centro Impulsor de Educación Profesional (CIDEPE)

CIDEPE offers student loans to Bolivian students.

Contact Information:
Lic. Mercy Suárez Añez, Gerente
Calle Ayacucho 186
Edificio Santa Cruz, Piso 6, Of. 607
Sta Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia
T: 3342200, Fax 3351034
E-mail: cidep@cotas.com.bo

6. Carlos Chagas Foundation (CCF)/ Ford Foundation: Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program

The International Fellowship Programs provide scholarships for graduate studies to under represented students.

Contact Information:
Fundação Carlos Chagas –
Programabolsa, Av. Prof. Francisco Morato, 1565 Jd. Guedala 05513-900
São Paulo SP, Brasil
Phone: (11) 3722-4404
E-mail: programabolsa@fcc.org.br
Website: www.programabolsa.org.br/

7. Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico (CNPq): Bolsas Individuais

CNPQ provide loans for undergraduate and graduate study.

Contact Information:
SHIS QI 1 Conjunto B - Blocos A, B, C e D
Lago Sul - Brasília, DF - Cep: 71605-001
Ph: 0800 61 96 97
Website: www.cnpq.br

8. Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES):

CAPES provide funding for graduate studies – locally and abroad – and administers the program Science without Borders.

Contact Information:
9. Fundación APLUB de Crédito Educativo (FUNDAPLUB):

FUNDAPLUB offers loans to Brazilian students.

Contact Information:
Phone: (51) 3016-6557 (51) 3016-6558
Website: www.fundaplub.com.br

CONICYT provides scholarships for graduate studies locally and abroad.

Contact Information:
Canadá 308, Providencia, Santiago, Chile
Phone: 02-2365 4400
Website: www.conicyt.cl

11. Becas Chile, Ministerio de Educacion
Provides scholarships for graduate, post-graduate, tesol, and technical studies abroad.

Contact Information:
Av. Libertador Bernardo O’Higgins 1371. (562) 2-406-6000.

12. Colombian Institute for Educational Loans and Technical Studies Abroad (ICETEX): Loans and scholarship
ICETEX coordinates a number of scholarship programs for Colombian students and also offers loans for studies locally and abroad.

Contact Information:
Cra. 3 No. 18-32
Bogotá - Colombia
Phone: (571) 281-0701
E-mail: info@icetex.com
Website: www.icetex.gov.co
13. Foundation for the Future of Colombia (COLFUTURO): General Loan-Scholarship Program (PGB)

COLFUTURO provides funds for postgraduate studies. It is available to students who have been accepted to master or doctoral program in any subject in any foreign university.

Contact Information:
Carrera 15 No. 37-15
Bogota, Colombia
Phone: (1) 340 5394
E-mail: colfutur@openway.com.co
Website: www.colfuturo.org

14. Instituto Colombiano para el Desarrollo de la Ciencia y la Tecnología “Francisco José de Caldas” (COLCIENCIAS): Gerentes Innovadores

COLCIENCIAS provides opportunities for managers and executives to strengthen their skills and gain additional training through internships or short courses outside of Colombia.

Contact Information:
7B Kr Bis # 132-28,
Bogota DC Colombia.
Phone: (57+1) 6258480
Fax: (57+1) 6251788
E-mail: contacto@colciencias.gov.co
Website: www.colciencias.gov.co

15. Instituto Colombiano para el Desarrollo de la Ciencia y la Tecnología “Francisco José de Caldas” (COLCIENCIAS): Science & Technology Program

COLCIENCIAS is for Colombian professors and researchers in engineering and the natural and social sciences to pursue masters and doctoral degrees at universities outside of Colombia.

Contact Information:
7B Kr Bis # 132-28,
Bogota DC Colombia.
Phone: (57+1) 6258480
Fax: (57+1) 6251788
E-mail: contacto@colciencias.gov.co
Website: www.colciencias.gov.co,
**COSTA RICA**

16. **Comisión Nacional de Préstamos para Educación (CONAPE)**  
CONAPE offers loans for undergraduate and graduate studies.

   Contact Information:  
   San José, Costa Rica  
   Phone: 2527-8600  
   **Website:** [www.conape.go.cr](http://www.conape.go.cr)

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

17. **Acción Pro Educación y Cultura (APEC): La Fundación APEC de Crédito Educativo, Inc. (FUNDANPEC)**  
FUNDANPEC This program offers loans for graduate studies.

   Contact Information:  
   **Website:** [www.fundapec.edu.do](http://www.fundapec.edu.do)

   **Santo Domingo**  
   Phone: 809-689-4171  
   Fax: 809-686-7541

   **Santiago**  
   Phone: 809-582-1333 - 809-582-1511  
   Fax: 809-226-5518  
   E-mail: avargas@fundapec.edu.do

   **San Pedro de Macorís**  
   Phone: 809-529-0232  
   E-mail: msoto@fundapec.edu.do

17. **Fundación Inicia**

   Contact Information:  
   Torre Progreso, 3er Piso  
   Av. Winston Churchill #5  
   Santo Domingo  
   República Dominicana  
   Phone: (809) 541 5400  
   E-mail: informacion@fundacioninicia.org

**ECUADOR**

18. **Fundación Luis. A. Dávalos (FLAD)**  
Offers loans and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies.
19. **Instituto Ecuatoriano de Crédito Educativo (IECE)**

FLAD offers loans and scholarships for studies locally or abroad.

Contact Information:
Website: [http://fundacionluisadavalos.org/](http://fundacionluisadavalos.org/)

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19. **Instituto Ecuatoriano de Crédito Educativo (IECE)**

FLAD offers loans and scholarships for studies locally or abroad.

Contact Information:
Website: [http://fundacionluisadavalos.org/](http://fundacionluisadavalos.org/)

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**EL SALVADOR**

20. **Ministry of Education of El Salvador: FANTEL Scholarships for Higher Education**

This program supports university studies for Salvadoran citizens both locally and abroad. It offers scholarships for Studies abroad in collaboration with LASPAU.

Contact Information:
Website: [http://www.laspau.harvard.edu/current-programs/fantel-scholarships-higher-education](http://www.laspau.harvard.edu/current-programs/fantel-scholarships-higher-education)

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**MEXICO**

21. **Fondo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes**

This program offers scholarships for Masters, PhD’s and specialization courses in architecture, visual arts, dance, cultural studies, audiovisual media, music, and theatre.

Contact Information:
Phone: 52 (55) 4155 0730
E-mail: atencionfonca@conaculta.gob.mx
Website: [http://fonca.conaculta.gob.mx/](http://fonca.conaculta.gob.mx/)

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22. **FUNDACIÓN BECA**

This program offers scholarships for postgraduate courses abroad.

Contact Information:
Av. Industrialización No. 1 bis,
Col. Álamos 2a. Sección,
Santiago de Querétaro, Qro., C.P. 76160 México,
E-mail: informes@fundacionbeca.net
Website: [www.fundacionbeca.org](http://www.fundacionbeca.org)
23. Human Resources Development Fund (FIDERH)

FIDERH is a public financial institution that provides government loans for post-graduate Studies.

Contact Information:
Gante 21 Primer Piso Col.
Centro Del. Cuauhtémoc
C.P. 06000 México D.F.
Website: www.fiderh.org.mx/

24. Instituto de Financiamiento e Información para la Educación (EDUCAFIN)

EDUCAFIN offers scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies en México.

Contact Information:
Blvd. Guanajuato Ote. 1615,
Col Real Providencia, León,
Guanajuato, México.
Phone: 01(477) 710 34 00
Website: www.educafin.com

25. National Science and Technology Council (CONACYT): Becas para Estudios de Posgrado

CONACYT offers scholarships to Mexican professionals for graduate studies (both locally and abroad) in areas of science, technology, social science and humanities. Preference is given to doctoral students.

Contact Information:
Phone: 55-5322-7700
Website: www.conacyt.mx

26. Instituto para la Formación y Aprovechamiento de Recursos Humanos (IFARHU)

IFARHU offers loans and full and partial scholarships to Panamanian students or professionals for higher education studies in Panama and abroad.

Contact Information:
Via España
República de Panamá, Panamá
Website: www.ifarhu.gob.pa
27. **Instituto Peruano de Fomento Educativo (IPFE)**
IPFE provides loans for university studies or training locally and abroad.

Contact Information:
Jr. Coronel Zegarra 758 - Jesús María
Lima 11 – Perú
Phone: (511) 471-7397
Online Contact Form: http://www.ipfe.org.pe/site/contactanos.php
Website: www.ipfe.org.pe

Through CONCYTEC the government of Peru offers scholarships for graduate studies abroad.

Contact Information:
Phone: (051)-1-225-1150
Website: http://portal.concytec.gob.pe/

29. **Oficina de Becas y Crédito Educativo (OBEC): Ministerio de Educación**
OPEC is a government program that provides loans and scholarships to for studies in Peru and abroad.

Contact Information:
Calle Tiziano 387,
Urbanización San Borja
Lima, Perú
Phone: (1) 615-5800
Website: http://www.minedu.gob.pe/obec/

30. **Presidencia del Consejo de Ministros (FINCyT)**
FINCyT supports doctorate studies locally and abroad.

Contact Information:
Phone: 511-640-4420
Online Contact Form: http://www.fincyt.gob.pe/web/contacto.html
Website: http://www.fincyt.gob.pe/web/
31. Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP)
Provides low interest student loans to citizens of Trinidad and Tobago or within CARICOM to help cover non-tuition expenses.

Contact Information
Funding and Grants Administration Division, Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, #16 Warner Street, St. Augustine.
Phone (868) 645-7356 / (868) 645-2811
Website: www.stte.gov.tt

32. Government Assistance for Tuition and Expenses (GATE)
GATE is managed by the Funding and Grants Administration Division, Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education. It provides free tuition and awards to qualified students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Contact Information:
#16 Warner Street, St. Augustine.
Phone (868) 645-7356 / (868) 645-2811
Website: www.stte.gov.tt

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35. American Society of International Law: Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program
Helton Fellowships provide financial assistance in the form of “micro-grants” for law students and young professionals to pursue field work and research on significant issues involving international law, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and related areas.

Contact Information:
2223 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20008,
Phone: 1 (202) 939-6000
Fax: +1 202-797-7133
E-mail: services@asil.org
Website: http://www.asil.org/helton-guidelines.cfm

36. American Society for Microbiology (ASM): International Fellowship for Latin America and the Caribbean
Female students enrolled in a behavioral, life, physical, social science or engineering program leading to a Ph.D. degree may apply. Non-U.S. citizens must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program at a university in the United States.

Contact Information:
33. American Historical Association: Fellowship in Aerospace History

Applicants must possess a doctorate degree in history or in a closely related field, or be enrolled as a student (having completed all coursework) in a doctoral degree-grant program. The stipend is $20,000 for a 6–9 month fellowship.

Contact Information:
400 A Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003
Phone: (202) 544-2422
Fax: (202) 544-8307
E-mail: info@historians.org
Website: www.historians.org/prizes/NASA.htm

34. Association for Women in Science: AWIS Pre-doctoral Awards

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) Educational Committee offers awards to help women complete their education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Awards are available to female undergraduate and pre-doctoral students and must be attending university in the United States.

Contact Information:
1442 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 894-4490
E-mail: awis@awis.org
Website: http://www.awis.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=328

35. Barra Foundation: Barra Foundation International Research Fellowships

Financial assistance provided for students of early American history and culture.

Contact Information:
James Green: Library Company of Philadelphia

The program is open to applicants who have distinguished credentials in the field of journalism and who have covered international news as a working journalist for print, broadcast, or online media widely available in the United States. The Edward R. Murrow Press Fellow spends nine months full-time in residence at CFR’s headquarters in New York. The program enables the fellow to engage in sustained analysis and writing, expand his or her intellectual and professional horizons, and extensively participate in CFR’s active program of meetings and events.

Contact Information:
58 East 68th Street,
New York, NY 10065
Phone: 212-434-9740
E-mail: fellowships@cfr.org
Website: http://www.cfr.org/thinktank/fellowships/murrow.html

37. Educational Testing Service: ETS Harold Gulliksen Psychometric Research Award Program

During the academic year, selected fellows study at their universities and participate in a research project under the supervision of an academic mentor and in consultation with an ETS research scientist.

Contact Information:
E-mail: internfellowships@ets.org
Website: http://www.ets.org/research/fellowships/

38. Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

A U.S. Department of State program administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The recruitment for the Humphrey Fellowship program is conducted by the U.S. Embassies or Fulbright Commissions in participating countries. The Program targets mid-career professionals and funds 10 months of non-degree academic study and related professional experiences in the U.S.

Contact Information:
Institute of International Education
39. IADB and the Government of Japan: Japan-IDB Scholarship Program

The IDB scholarships seek to train people who have experience in the public sector and/or academia and intend to return to their countries to work in the same area.

Contact Information:
1300 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20577
Phone: (202) 623-1000
Fax: (202) 623-3096
E-mail: jsp@iadb.org
Website: www.iadb.org.

40. Inter American Press Association Scholarship Fund (SIP)

The Sociedad Interamericana de Prensa (SIP) offers a $20,000 scholarship for tuition for one academic year to enable those individuals from Latin America or the Caribbean to study in recognized journalism schools in the United States or Canada.

Contact Information:
Phone: 305-634-2465
Fax: 305-635-2272
Website: www.sipiapa.com

41. International Human Rights Internship Program

Managed by the International Institute of Education, the International Human Rights Internship Program (IHRIP) works to foster the human rights movement by promoting the exchange of knowledge and ideas between human rights organizations in the Global South and the former CIS states.

Contact Information:
IHRIP
42. International Fellowships, American Association of University Women (AAUW)

The American Association of University Women Educational Foundation (AAUW) offers International Fellowships which are awarded for full-time study or research in the United States to women who are not United States citizens or permanent residents. Both graduate and postgraduate studies at accredited institutions are supported.

Contact Information:
Phone: 202.785.7700
Fax: 202.872.1425
TDD: 202.785.7777
E-mail: connect@aauw.org
Website: www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/international.cfm

43. International Fulbright Science and Technology Award

A U.S Department of State program, administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE), and outside the U.S., the Foreign Fulbright Student Program is administered by bi-national Fulbright Commissions/Foundations or U.S. Embassies. All Foreign Student Program applications are processed by these offices. Therefore, foreign students must apply for Fulbright Fellowships through the Fulbright Commission/Foundation or U.S. Embassy in their home country. Program eligibility and selection procedures are determined by each country.

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Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 898-0600
Website: www.foreign.fulbrightonline.org/fubrightprogram.html

44. John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation: John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship Competition

This fellowship is for advanced professionals in all fields (natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, creative arts) except the performing arts. Fellowships are not available for students. The Foundation selects its Fellows on the basis of two separate
competitions, one for the United States and Canada, the other for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Contact Information:

Online Contact Form:
http://www.gf.org/about-the-foundation/contact-us
Website: www.gf.org

45. The Organization of American States

The Organization of American States (OAS) is the world’s oldest regional organization dating back to the First International Conference of American States held in 1889. The OAS was established to achieve among its member states “an order of peace and justice, to promote their solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration, and to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, and their independence.” Today it is comprised of the 34 independent states of the Americas and has granted permanent observer status to 69 states, as well as to the European Union. The Organization of American States constitutes the principal political, juridical, and social governmental forum in the Hemisphere. For additional information visit: www.oas.org

The OAS uses a four-pronged approach to effectively implement its essential purposes, based on its pillars: democracy, human rights, security, and development. Thus, the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment offer the following programs to promote and make higher education more financially feasible:

- **The OAS Scholarship** offers opportunities to citizens and residents of OAS Member States to obtain graduate degrees or pursue graduate-level research in any OAS member state other than their own.
  
  Contact: scholarships@oas.org

- **The Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund (The Rowe Fund) student loan program** helps citizens from Latin America and Caribbean OAS Member States to finance their studies in universities across the United States by awarding interest free loans.

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  1889 F St. NW
  Washington, DC 20006
  Phone: (202) 370 9760
  E-mail: rowefund@oas.org
  Website: www.oas.org/en/rowefund

- **Professional Development Scholarship** offers scholarships for short professional development courses in specialized areas of training.
46. Quacquarelli Symonds (QS): QS Community Scholarships for MBA and Postgraduate Studies

QS’s mission is to enable motivated people around the world to fulfill their potential by fostering international mobility, educational achievement and career development. QS offers: a) community scholarships for MBA and Postgraduate studies, consisting of five awards of US$2,000 each, for QS World MBA Tour and QS World Graduate School Tour applicants who demonstrate an exceptional level of socially responsible leadership and an ability to motivate others; b) leadership scholarship for QS World MBA Tour or QS World Graduate School Tour for participants who demonstrate exceptionally strong leadership potential and innovative thinking (US$10,000 scholarship); and c) prepares the QS World University Rankings (www.topuniversities.com)

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Online Contact Form: http://www.qs.com/contact-us.html
Website: www.qsnetwork.com

47. Rotary International: Rotary Ambassadorsial Scholarships

The purpose of the program is to advance international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. The 1.2 million members around the world work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto Service Above-Self. Through programs like Global networking groups, Group Study Exchange, and Rotary Friendship Exchange, Rotarians tap into an international network of people who share similar interests.

Contact Information:
48. Tenaris, Ternium and Techint: Roberto Rocca Education Program

The Roberto Rocca Education Program is an initiative to provide scholarships and fellowships to talented undergraduate and graduate students of engineering and the applied sciences in selected countries.

Eligible Countries:
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- Brazil: bolsa.brasil@robertorocca.org,
- Colombia: becas.colombia@robertorocca.org,
- Mexico: becas.mexico@robertorocca.org,
- Venezuela: becas@robertorocca.org

www.robertorocca.org

49. The Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program (IFP)

IFP intends to identify emerging leaders in disadvantaged groups, including racial, ethnic and religious minorities.

Contact Information:
Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program
Online Contact Form: http://www.fordifp.net/ContactUs.aspx
Website: http://www.fordifp.net/

Eligible countries and contact information in Latin America:

Brazil:
Carlos Chagas Foundation (CCF)
Website: www.programabolsa.org.br

Guatemala:
Center for Research on the Mesoamerica Region (CIRMA)
Website: www.cirma.org.gt

Mexico:
Center for Research and Higher Education in Social Anthropology (CIESAS), Website: www.ciesas.edu.mx/ciesas-ford/Intro.htm
Peru:
Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP)
Website: www.iep.org.pe/

50. World Bank: Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMF)

The MMMF provides grants to women from developing countries who are already engaged in degree-granting studies in the United States. The beneficiaries demonstrate a commitment to working for the benefit of women and children in the developing world, and plan to return to their countries within approximately two years of receiving the grant.

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E-mail: mmmf@worldbank.org,
Website: www.mmmf-grants.org

51. World Wildlife Fund

WWF supports several programs aimed at educating future environmental leaders. These programs are meant to help inspire and train individuals with the potential to excel in their fields and make a contribution to conservation. Among the programs are: The Kathryn Fuller Science for Nature Fund, Alcoa Foundation Conservation and Sustainability Fellowships, The Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program, WWF Memorial Scholarships. Studies can be at the master's or doctoral level and can take place anywhere in the world.

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Website: www.wwf.org

52. The International Scholarship Search for Students Wishing to Study Abroad

www.internationalscholarship.com

53. Scholarship Matching Service for US Citizens as well as International Students

www.fastweb.com
54. IEFA International Financial Aid and College Scholarship Search
www.iefa.org

55. International Students’ Portal
An online community of international students studying in the USA.
www.abroadplanet.com

56. College Board
An online financial aid source for scholarships, grants, and loans.
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

57. Scholarships for International Students to Study in the US
www.foreignborn.com

58. USA Education Guides
A resource for international students interested in studying in the USA.
www.usaeducationguides.com

59. World Wide Learn
An online resource for the educational needs of today’s students.
www.worldwidelearn.com

60. Mobility International
An online scholarship resource for non-U.S. citizens with disabilities.
www.miusa.org/ncde/financialaid/nonus

61. International Student Online Portal
For those looking to further their education overseas.
www.internationalstudent.com

62. Fondo Solidaridad: Becas Post Grado “Carlos Quijano”
This program awards scholarships for graduate studies at home or abroad

Contact Information:
VENEZUELA

63. Educrédito A.C.
This program offers loans to students, scholars and professionals for graduate and technical studies.

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PART II
HIGHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

A. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BASED IN THE UNITED STATES

1. AVINA: Latin America Donor Index

AVINA fosters the construction of networks and alliances between social and business leaders in the search for sustainable models of development in Latin America. To reach this mission, AVINA promotes shared agendas for action in four strategic areas: Equitable Opportunities, Democratic Governance and the Rule of Law, Sustainable Economic Development, and Conservation and Management of Natural Resources. AVINA believes that only through seeking partners, acting synergistically, and building common agendas will donor and civil society organizations progress toward sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Until now, grant seekers had to rely on word of mouth, individual contacts, and partial information to identify potential donors. AVINA has established a database, The Latin America Donor Index, on its website that grant-seekers can use to search hundreds of donor profiles by thematic area, geographic area, and other variables.

Contact Information:
Website: http://www.lacdonors.org/

2. American Council on Education (ACE)

Through collaboration with institutions in and outside the realm of the higher education, ACE aids colleges and universities in preparing for the challenges of the 21st century while encouraging the formation of a stronger nation and better world. One of ACE’s areas of focus is the internationalization of education, which is supported by its Higher Education for Development (HED) Department. HED supports the worldwide development goals of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), by facilitating the engagement of the higher education community in order to address development challenges. Institutional partnerships link U.S. colleges or universities with institutions of higher learning in developing nations. Partners work together to design and implement solutions to development challenges across the developing world. The HED Department maintains specific ties with Latin America and Mexico. While ACE does not promote specific loans or grants, it holds forums for faculty and administrators of member institutions (various U.S. universities) to exchange ideas and work to further their international agendas.

Contact Information:
3. **American Student Association (ASA)**

The ASA is a non-profit higher education loan management organization, whose mission is to aid borrowers in managing their higher education debt through consultation during the entire loan experience. ASA provides information, training, and services to students, parents, schools, and educational lenders. ASA believes that all student borrowers, regardless of the source of their loans, must be guaranteed the tools to responsibly manage and repay their education debts. The ASA works to improve all areas of the lender program.

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Boston, MA 02114

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866-493-5563
E-mail: specialist@asa.org

All other inquiries:
Phone: 800-999-9080
E-mail: information@asa.org
Website: [http://www.asa.org](http://www.asa.org)

4. **Association of International Educators (NAFSA)**

NAFSA is an association of worldwide individuals working to advance international education, exchange, and global workforce development by offering training, development, and networking possibilities. NAFSA is also a large advocate for international education as it recognizes the importance of international competence. NAFSA organizes its goals around influencing public policy, creating and disseminating knowledge, and maintaining a strong organization. NAFSA’s annual conference, serves as a meeting place for more than 6,000 international educators from 70 countries; annual membership dues are a nominal $360. NAFSA continuously seeks new methods of promotion and development of international education, such as participatory training opportunities, for example.
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Washington, DC 20005-4701
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Website: http://www.nafsa.org/

5. Center for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE)

CSHE is devoted to the study of systems, institutions, and processes of higher education. The Center’s mission is to produce and support multi-disciplinary scholarly perspectives on strategic issues in higher education, to conduct relevant policy research, to promote the development of a community of scholars and policymakers engaged in serious policy-oriented discussion, and to serve the public as a resource on higher education. Activities include research projects, seminars and conferences, and a Visiting Scholars Program. Publications include the Research and Occasional Papers Series (ROPS), the Chronicle of the University of California, and other reports. The CSHE Library contains 1600 volumes with an emphasis on American, Californian, and international higher education; the CSHE library for scholars and researchers is available online.

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6. Chase Student Loans

Chase Student Loans is a private student loan organization that offers credit-based loans that can be used for any qualified expense related to education. The organization also offers loans in conjunction with the federal government. The private loans are organized in four categories: Chase Private Student Loans, Chase Select Private Student Loans, Chase Health Education Program, and Chase Private Consolidation Loan. The loans do not require collateral, but they do require credit checks and co-signers for most borrowers. Students and co-signers must be U.S. citizens; international students may only apply if they have a cosigner with U.S. citizenship. Chase Select Loans also require that school Financial Aid Officers first determine each student’s need for a Chase
Select Loan and approve the amount the students may borrow. With the Chase Select Loan, funds are sent directly to the school.

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Chase
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1 E. Ohio St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: 1-800-487-4404
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Website: http://www.chasestudentloans.com/

7. **Coalition for International Education**

The Coalition is a group of over 30 national higher education organizations, all of which share an interest in the U.S. Department of Education programs as well as those that promote U.S. competency; “The Coalition strives for U.S. education community consensus on policies and issues affecting international education initiatives to educate Americans in the foreign languages and cultures of the world.” The coalition is largely inspired by Title VI of the Education Act and Fulbright-Hays, with the goal of developing international consciousness within the U.S. The website is dedicated primarily to the Coalition’s educational and promotional projects.

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E-mail: cie@usglobalcompetence.org
Website: http://www.usglobalcompetence.org/about/cie.html

8. **Collegiate Enterprise Solutions (CES)**

CES provides colleges and universities with transformational consulting and outsourcing solutions that typically deliver revenue enhancements, increased efficiency and economy, and advice on the best practices for achieving and maximizing competitive advantage. CES’s international consulting services are intended to assist those institutions that wish to develop or refine a strategic vision for international affairs, to enhance the contributions made by international programs in overall institutional excellence, and to increase international representation throughout their respective institutions.

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CONAHEC enhances mutual understanding and cooperation within the North American community by fostering collaboration between institutions of higher education in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. On behalf of its membership, CONAHEC also works with the North American federal and state/provincial governments on issues relating to higher education. Through student and faculty exchange, regular dialogue and discussion, inter-institutional academic program development, collaborative efforts with the business sector, cooperative research projects, and international comparative research analysis, CONAHEC facilitates and invigorates direct interaction between institutions of higher education in these three nations; thus promoting the common interests of the North American community.

CONAHEC’s Student Exchange Program is designed for both undergraduate and graduate students, including students at the doctoral level; the program covers all academic disciplines, as well as options for those interested in academic coursework and on-the-job training and/or experiential education abroad. CONAHEC calculates the cost of studying abroad and outlines the ways in which students may apply for scholarships, loans, and grants. CONAHEC also sponsors a program called EDUCAMEXUS, which facilitates access to educational opportunities for Hispanics living in the United States by providing Spanish-language alternative educational programs at all levels of schooling (elementary through post-secondary education).

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CONAHEC Student Exchange Program
Phone: (520) 626-5922
Website: http://www.conahec.org/conahec/index.jsp

CIES, the scholar division of the Institute of International Education (IIE), works with the U.S. Department of State and with many other governments, foundations, corporations, colleges and universities, international organizations, and generous individuals to provide educational exchange and developmental training opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals worldwide. CIES also manages the Fulbright Program that provides grants to U.S. and non-U.S. scholars. Individual Fulbright grants are available for scholars from selected countries to conduct research, lecture, or pursue combined lecturing and research in the United States. Under the Visiting Fulbright Scholar Program, scholars apply in their home country for Fulbright awards and are preliminarily selected by the commission board.
11. **Council on Graduate Schools (CGS)**

CGS has been the national voice for the graduate dean community and is the only national organization in the United States that is dedicated solely to the advancement of graduate education and research. The mission of CGS is to advance graduate education in order to ensure the vitality of intellectual discovery and to promote an environment that cultivates rigorous scholarship. CGS draws its institutional membership from colleges and universities significantly engaged in graduate education, research, and scholarship, culminating in the award of a master's or doctoral degree. Currently, CGS membership includes over 500 universities in the United States and Canada, and 16 universities outside North America. Collectively, CGS institutions annually award more than 95 percent of all U.S. doctorates and over 84 percent of all U.S. master's degrees. CGS also provides membership opportunities for other organizations and welcomes participation by foundations, businesses, associations, and other stakeholders in graduate education.

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Washington, DC 20036
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Fax: (202) 331-7157
Website: [http://www.cgsnet.org](http://www.cgsnet.org)

12. **Discover Student Loans**

Discover Student Loans is a student loan program offered through Discover Bank Financial Services. The loans are offered in conjunction with the federal student loan programs for U.S. students. The website provides an organized grid with all of the pertinent information regarding the different types of loans. It also provides information on responsible borrowing, including how to understand an award letter, the importance of good credit, a glossary of financial aid terms, and other relevant information.

Contact Information:
Discover Student Loans
P.O. Box 30947
13. **Duke Center for International Development (DCID)**

The DCID “is dedicated to strengthening capacity for international development through interdisciplinary approaches to practice, research, international advising, mid-career training, and post-graduate education.” DCID offers a Master’s program in International Development Policy and has formed partnerships with governments and agencies around the world; the common goal being the promotion of public policies in sustainable development. The program was created as a result of a US $20 million donation called the *Bruce and Martha Karsh Endowment*.

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Website: [http://www.sanford.duke.edu/centers/dcid/](http://www.sanford.duke.edu/centers/dcid/)

14. **EducationUSA**

EducationUSA is a global network of more than 400 advising centers supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. **EducationUSA centers actively promote higher education in the United States of American through comprehensive, convenient and objective information about educational opportunities in the United States for those residing elsewhere.** EducationUSA also offers guidance to qualified individuals on how to best access those opportunities. **EducationUSA funds the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship Program,** run by the Institute of International Education. The Gilman Scholarship offers grants to undergraduate U.S. citizens who have limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. **The Open Doors Report** is an annual census of international students in the U.S. and U.S. students abroad which is published through the Institute of International Education and funded by EducationUSA.

**Contact Information:**
Website: [http://www.educationusa.info/pages/students/finance.php](http://www.educationusa.info/pages/students/finance.php)  
Advising centers: [http://www.educationusa.info/centers.php](http://www.educationusa.info/centers.php)
15. EduPASS

EduPASS is a collection of information for international students wishing to pursue higher education in the United States; it includes information about university selection and application, culture in the United States, academics, and visas/immigration. The financial page of EduPASS contains information about financial planning, financial aid resources, scholarships, and loans for international students. The EduPASS guide contains up-to-date and relevant information on almost everything an international student needs to know about studying and living in the United States.

Contact Information:

Website: http://www.edupass.org/

16. Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc. (ECE)

The mission of ECE is to help foreign trained individuals have their qualifications properly recognized in the United States when seeking employment, professional licensure, further education, or other benefits. ECE also helps professionals in the United States understand international education through foreign credential evaluation reports, training, and research. ECE prepares five different types of evaluation reports: General; Course-by-Course; Subject Analysis; Catalog Match; and Health Professions Licensure.

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Milwaukee WI 53203-3470, USA
Email: eval@ece.org
Website: http://www.ece.org/

17. FinAid

FinAid is a resource site geared to U.S. students and their families, containing extensive information on financing higher education. The site is divided into four categories: loans, scholarships, savings, and military aid. FinAid also provides information regarding other types of aid. Although the web-site primarily serves U.S. students, it also provides links to EduPASS; a website that provides comparable resources for international students.

Contact Information:

Website: http://www.finaid.org/
18. **Ford Foundation**

This foundation aims to fund grants or loans that build knowledge and strengthen organizations and networks. The foundation distributes grants from its New York headquarters and regional offices in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, and Russia. The focus of the Ford Foundation is on educational development, including development in higher education. Globally, the foundation supports reforms that make institutions of higher education more accessible to disadvantaged students as well as those institutions that provide financial and academic support, known as an **opportunity initiative**. The Foundation has established an International Fellowship Program that offers fellowships to leaders from disadvantage communities in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Russia for post-graduate studies. Fellowship recipients are exceptional individuals who have demonstrated social commitment and academic achievement. Typically, they are individuals who have overcome obstacles such as poverty and discrimination in order to gain access to higher education, and they aspire to effectuate social justice in their home communities upon completion of their studies.

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For other philanthropic resources, visit  

19. **Forum for Education Abroad**

The Forum’s mission is to improve education abroad programs and to benefit the students who participate in them. In order to achieve this goal, the Forum works to establish standards of good practice, improve study abroad curricula, encourage and support various research initiatives, and promote data collection as well as outcome assessment so that all students may profit from high quality education programs abroad. Forum members include various U.S. colleges and universities, overseas institutions, consortia, agencies, and provider organizations.

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20. Foundation Center

The Foundation Center’s mission is to strengthen the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about U.S. philanthropy. It is a national nonprofit service that connects nonprofits and the grant-makers, supporting them with tools they can use and information they can trust. The Center’s audience includes grant-seekers, grant-makers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. The Center maintains a comprehensive database on U.S. grant-makers and their past grants; issues a wide variety of print, electronic, and online information resources; conducts and publishes research on trends in foundation growth, giving, and practice; and offers an array of free and affordable educational programs. The International Visitors website provides a link to the Resource Guide to Financial Aid for International Students. This guide contains links to many of the organizations listed within this report (EduPASS, Fulbright, IIE, NAFSA, etc).

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Website: http://foundationcenter.org/

21. Fulbright: International Science and Technology Award

The Fulbright award provides talented students with an opportunity to pursue Ph.D. studies at top U.S. universities. The award is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. It is designed to be the most prestigious international scholarship in science and technology. The Award Program demonstrates the United States’ commitment to welcoming top-notch future researchers and leaders to pursue serious scientific study and research at U.S. institutions. International Fulbright Science and Technology Award recipients come from all regions of the world. The award recipients receive grants that cover tuition and living expenses. Hosting U.S. institutions are expected to provide support for the remaining expenses toward the completion of the Ph.D. Moreover, J-1 visa sponsorship is granted for up to five years. To be eligible, students must be citizens of a country where there is an active Fulbright Foreign Student Program, apply through the Fulbright Commission or US embassy in their country of citizenship, and have completed education equivalent to a U.S. Bachelor’s degree. Foreign students must apply for Fulbright Fellowships through the Fulbright Commission/Foundation or U.S. Embassy in their home countries. Program eligibility and selection procedures are determined by each country. The Institute of International Education (IIE) arranges academic placement.
for most Fulbright nominees and supervises participants during their stay in the United States.

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22. International Advising Agency (AEI)

With headquarters in Canada and Mexico, AEI provides assistance to individuals wishing to obtain undergraduate or graduate degrees abroad. AEI provides assistance and advice in the selection of schools, in completing applications, in translations, in finding financial aid providers in Canada, and in other areas of support. By investigating the education market, AEI is able to match individuals’ needs on a social, economic and cultural level. This web-site can be useful for Latin American students seeking institutions within the United States that can accommodate their needs, costs, etc. for their higher education. However, most of the schooling opportunities in the United States focus on English language courses and less on undergraduate/graduate programs. Additionally, the financial aid information focuses mainly on scholarships and financial resources for Mexican students.

Contact Information:
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Website: http://www.asesoriasparaestudios.net/
http://www.studyabroadprograms.ca

23. International Education Service (IES)

IES assists students around the world who wish to study at universities in the United States. IES offers a free placement service for international students to find suitable institutions in the United States based on their academic, financial and geographic needs. IES also publishes the Foreign Students’ Guide to American Schools, Colleges and Universities and the American Education magazine.

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International Education Service (IES)
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24. **Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE)**

The IOHE is a non-profit association that responds to the needs of developing international relations, improving the quality of information, and promoting academic collaboration among Higher Education Institutes (HEI) in the Americas. The IOHE is the only university organization that spans the entire continent of the Americas and its objectives are primarily educational. The association is comprised of more than 300 university institutions and national university associations which encompasses a student body of five million, 500,000 professors and 600,000 support staff. **It is committed to strengthening and recognizing the contributions of higher education to the sustainable development of the peoples of the Americas.** The association is engaged in developing cooperation and solidarity among its members, connections between them, and is committed to the harmonious integration of the Americas through university cooperation and improved intercultural understanding. There is an annual membership fee to participate in the programs and activities.

The IOHE currently focuses on three major programs:

1. **The College of the Americas (COLAM)** promotes cooperative connections **between universities in the Americas** via Inter-American Training and Research Networks and develops national societies based on the principles shared by countries in the Americas, namely: equity, quality, relevance, and efficiency.

2. **The University Institute for Leadership and Management (IGLU)** seeks to **enhance the institutional development of universities** by incorporating various changes and learning mechanisms, both organizational and professional, thus benefiting the human dimension, quality, social relevancy, and inter-institutional collaboration. The program’s main objective is to enhance the professional training and skills of university leaders and higher education decision-makers in Latin America and the Caribbean.

3. **CAMPUS** aims to create collaborative links and solidarity among its members, while promoting a consensual process of integration within the Americas via university cooperation and improved intercultural understanding.

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25. **Institute for International Education (IIE)**

IIE’s mission is to advance international education and access to education worldwide through the management of scholarships, training, exchange and leadership programs; by conducting research and facilitating policy dialogue on global higher education; and by protecting scholarship around the world. IIE has worked to promote the United States as a destination for higher education and to provide resources to aid students in locating funding for U.S. study opportunities. IIE offers membership to their institutions; however, a membership fee is required. IIE also partners with the U.S. Department of State in order to run the Fulbright Program. This program aims to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills (for more information see #21, Fulbright, above).

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- **Website:** [http://www.iie.org/](http://www.iie.org/)
- [www.iiepassport.org](http://www.iiepassport.org) IIE’s directory of over 7,000 study abroad programs
- [www.fundingusstudy.org](http://www.fundingusstudy.org) is an extensive database of scholarships, fellowships and grants organized and maintained by the Institute of International Education (IIE)

26. **LASPAU: Academic and Professional Programs for the Americas**

LASPAU is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Harvard University and governed by an independent, inter-American board of trustees. **LASPAU designs, develops, and implements academic and professional programs to benefit the Americas.** LASPAU’s work is in three main areas: scholarship program design and management, teaching and learning initiatives, and testing and assessment. The LASPAU website also offers various resources and programs of study in higher education.

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27. **LoanConsolidation.ed.gov**
The Loan Consolidation is a U.S. government service that provides information and resources for consolidating federal loans for borrowers, schools, and loan holders. There are three repayment plans offered: a standard repayment plan, a gradual repayment plan, and the Income Contingent Repayment Plan (ICR).

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28. MacArthur Foundation

The MacArthur Foundation is one of the largest independent foundation that supports creative people and institutions committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. Through the support it provides, the Foundation fosters the development of knowledge, nurtures individual creativity, strengthens institutions, helps improve public policy, and provides information to the public, primarily through support for public interest media. It issues grants and loans through four different programs: International Programs, U.S. Programs, Media, Culture, and Special Initiatives, and The MacArthur Fellows Program. MacArthur grant recipients work in about 60 countries. The Foundation has offices in India, Mexico, Nigeria, and Russia.

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29. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

NCES is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the United States and other nations. NCES is located within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences. The purpose of NCES’s website is to provide clear, complete information about NCES's mission and activities, and to serve research, education, and other interested parties. The Center is divided into four divisions; of particular importance is that of the Postsecondary Studies Division (PSD). The PSD oversees the planning, design, operations, statistical analysis, reporting, and dissemination of postsecondary surveys, ensuring that quality and confidentiality are maintained. The staff is also responsible for the development and
implementation of the congressionally mandated NCES System in the area of postsecondary education. There are vast amounts of educational statistics available on the website that: address the needs of high priority education data; provide consistent, reliable, complete, and accurate indicators of education status and trends; and report timely, useful and high quality data (data ranges from tuition costs to degree completion). However, the statistics focus on OECD countries, and the data usually includes input from a single member country (Brazil).

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Through educating educators, NCEE’s mission is to advocate for better school-based economic and financial literacy from K-12, worldwide. NCEE provides teacher training programs and standards-based economic and financial education to students while they are in school in three core areas: Economics America, Economics International, and Economics Exchange. The Economics International programs focus on providing educational assistance to teachers in societies transitioning to market economies. The Council also provide information in Spanish and is expanding to include additional projects in Latin America.

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31. National Education Association (NEA)

At the national level, NEA lobbies Congress and federal agencies on behalf of its members and public schools, supports and coordinates innovative projects, works with other educational organizations and friends of public education, provides training and assistance to its affiliates, and generally conducts activities consistent with the policies set by its elected governing bodies. At the international level, NEA links educators around the world in an ongoing dialogue dedicated to making schools as effective as possible. Therefore, NEA's Office of International Relations monitors and works with the United Nations, intergovernmental agencies, and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on issues related to teaching and learning. The Office of
International Relations articulates NEA policy in international forums, and maintains communication with affiliated national education unions around the world.

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32. Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC)

The mission of the OACAC is to facilitate global interaction among counselors and institutions supporting students in their transition from secondary school to higher education. OACAC is affiliated with the U.S.-based National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). OACAC membership is made up of nearly 600 professionals from around the world who are dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education (membership is on an individual basis). OACAC, “is the organization to join if you are involved with assisting international students as they make their transition to higher education.” Membership is required to attend the annual conference and costs US 50.00 dollars annually.

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33. Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation's (OPIC) mission is to mobilize and facilitate the participation of United States private capital and skills in the economic and social development of less developed countries, and those transitioning from nonmarket to market economies. OPIC helps U.S. businesses invest overseas, fosters economic development in new and emerging markets, complements the private sector in managing risks associated with foreign direct investment, and supports U.S. foreign policy. Because OPIC charges market-based fees for its products, it operates on a self-sustaining basis at no net cost to taxpayers. Five of the 29 project summaries for 2010 were based in Latin America. These projects generally focused on loans and guarantees for loans to promote education, development, and infrastructure.

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34. **Study in the USA**

*Study in the USA* is an education guide for international students that has been published in magazine format since 1978. Through its website, prospective students can request information about English as a Second Language (ESL) programs, universities, colleges, and boarding schools in the United States and Canada. The “Featured Programs” page offers descriptions of post-secondary programs as well as forms for contacting admissions offices. The website is available in more than 20 different languages and provides information for a wide range of international students.

Contact Information:

**Website:** [http://www.studyusa.com/](http://www.studyusa.com/)

35. **Teaching and Learning Body of Knowledge (TALBOK Initiative)**

TALBOK is designed to promote and develop a collaborative environment fostering performance, innovation, and deep learning in educational and business settings. TALBOK has partnered with LASPAU (see #26, LASPAU) to develop the TALBOK Initiative. The goal of the TALBOK Initiative is to provide higher education for faculty and administrations with standard competencies in the design, delivery, and management of high quality environments for teaching and learning, both at the institutional level and in the classroom. TALBOK training is provided online and through small-group workshops to develop the following areas: the ability to implement findings from learning sciences in the classroom, skills in the use of communication tools for team building and institutional changes, and knowledge of principles, practices, tools and techniques for the design, delivery and implementation of organizational and individual learning. TALBOK holds annual conferences focused on developing the quality of higher education through keynote speeches and panel discussions. The purpose of the conferences is to provide innovative spaces where, based on the best practices in each dimension, teachers can share and propose new ways of teaching and learning in their profession.

Contact Information:

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36. **United States Treasury Department: Office of Financial Education**

The mission of the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Financial Education is to ensure that Americans have access to financial education programs that help them obtain practical knowledge and skills to make informed financial choices throughout
their lives. The Office of Financial Education (OFE) focuses its efforts on several issues, including: basic savings, credit management, consumer protection, homeownership, and retirement planning. In addition, the OFE is responsible for the Department of the Treasury’s financial education policymaking and for coordinating financial education initiatives within the Department and its bureaus. The OFE also provides financial assistance for students of higher education.

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37. Washington International Education Council, Inc. (WIEC)

The Washington International Education Council (WIEC) is dedicated to helping international students reach the highest levels of academic excellence. International educational exchange plays a vital role in building bridges between cultures throughout the world. WIEC specializes in assisting North American institutions in implementing programs to attract qualified international students. Services include: conferences bringing sponsoring agencies together with institutional representatives, publications dedicated to broadening the awareness of the availability of higher education options for international students, college fairs that bring interested students together with North American institutions, and assistance with the placement of international students at selected institutions.

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B. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

1. Asociación Panamericana de Instituciones de Crédito Educativo (APICE)

APICE is an international organization, constituted by public and private entities, that promotes, coordinates, and administers educational loan programs with the purpose of offering additional financial alternatives to access higher education. Around 62 institutions in 18 countries within the hemisphere are members of APICE (membership requires an annual fee). APICE offers a list of student loan programs in the Americas, organized by country.

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2. Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes (UNICA)

UNICA is an independent, voluntary organization that brings together the highest ranking officials (President, Rector, etc.) of the universities in the Caribbean region. UNICA facilitates academic contacts and collaborative projects and it promotes projects that gather institutions and academicians from the entire region. UNICA supports the regionalization of higher education in the Caribbean. A number of projects have been successfully undertaken, including the Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), the Consortium of Caribbean Universities for Natural Resource Management (CCUNRM), the Caribbean Inter-Collegiate Student Exchange Program (CISE), and immersion courses in French, Spanish and English. UNICA welcomes proposals and ideas for future collaborative projects and requests for information.

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3. **Asociación Colombiana de Universidades (ASCUN)**

The Association is a non-governmental organization that brings together private and public universities in Colombia. Its main objectives are: to provide a space for the reflection on the present and future of Colombian universities; to establish a link between the universities and the national government; to carry out academic investigations on higher education; to promote the extension of university programs and therefore, continuous education; to promote academic development and conform to thematic networks; to lend services of information; and to maintain inter-institutional and international relations. The Association promotes university autonomy; the liberty of teaching and learning; and technological, scientific and cultural research. The Association is affiliated with 75 institutions of higher education, public and private, throughout Colombia. The Association also has an internationalization initiative: **Red Colombiana para la Internacionalización de la educación superior (RCI)**. RCI is a non-governmental, academic organization, whose mission is to stimulate, promote, and facilitate the internationalization of higher education through cooperation between Colombian institutions and similar institutions throughout the world. RCI includes approximately 80 institutions of higher education and international cooperation, including ASCUN, ICFES, ICETEX, the Fulbright Commission, Colciencias, Colfuturo, and the Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs.

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4. **Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Instituciones de Educación Superior (ANUIES)**

ANUIES is a non-governmental organization that is comprised of approximately 152 universities and other institutions of higher education in Mexico. Its mission is to promote integral improvement in the fields of teaching, investigation, and the diffusion of different cultures in the context of democratic principles, equity, plurality, and liberty. The organization also aims to support institutions that are united in strengthening cooperative relations by establishing programs and agreements that promote the academic exchange of students and researchers. ANUIES is currently partnered with five different institutions that support the interchange of students between Mexico and the partner institution’s country, and have one agreement with France to fund projects that advance the sciences and research studies. However, there is no information regarding the procedure for forming such an agreement with the organization, only a means of contact.
5. **Canada-Chile Equal Opportunity Scholarship Program**

This scholarship program is designed for one hundred Chilean graduate students who will receive funding from CONICYT to study at Canadian universities. The Program is open to Chilean citizens who wish to complete their master’s or doctoral studies. Chile also provides other scholarships for higher education, training, and research studies inside and outside of Chile.

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**Website:** [http://www.anuies.mx/](http://www.anuies.mx/)

6. **Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS)**

The CIESAS research center has four main functions: social science research, professional training, disseminating the results of research projects, and establishing connections with various groups in need of these services. CIESAS is headquartered in Mexico City, with various units of investigation in six Mexican states. **CIESAS works nationally and regionally within Mexico to provide specialized teaching programs, and to collaborate in various activities with academic institutions in different states.** Its objective is to consolidate the institutional capacities of research and higher education in anthropology, history, linguistics, and other social sciences, with a regional, national, and international presence in research, teaching, and the spread of knowledge.

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7. **Comisión México-Estados Unidos para el Intercambio Educativo y Cultural (COMEXUS)**

**COMEXUS** is an organization created to administer the Fulbright-Garcia Robles scholarship program (created in 2001), which is an exchange program between students from the United States and students from Mexico. **COMEXUS’ mission is to**
increase understanding between Mexico and the United States through an exchange program for students that demonstrate academic excellence. **The organization provides partial and full scholarships for Mexican citizens who are not already accepted into U.S. universities.** The organization’s focus is on students who have never worked or studied in the United States before. COMEXUS collaborates with the Institute for International Education (IIE) and LASPAU in the United States.

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8. **Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET)**

CONICET is the principal organization for the promotion of science and technology in Argentina, particularly in the following four areas: Agriculture, Engineering, and Architecture; Life and Health Sciences; Physical and Mathematical Sciences; and Social Sciences and the Humanities. **Its primary objective is to advance technological and scientific studies in Argentina and to encourage development of the national economy in order to improve the quality of life.** CONICET offers scholarships for graduate students and for those pursuing scientific research in Argentina and abroad.

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9. **Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano (CSUCA)**

The CSUCA seeks to promote integration in Central America, particularly the integration and strengthening of higher education in Central American societies. Its mission is to improve the quality of higher education in Central America, which is done by encouraging the creation and transmission of knowledge, orienting its actions to achieve the common good of the Central American region, and contributing to solutions for global issues. Thus, **CSUCA promotes the development of the region’s universities through the cooperation of societies, institutions, and the state.**

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10. Convenio Andrés Bello (CAB)

CAB is an intergovernmental organization whose headquarters have been located in Bogotá, Colombia since 1970. CAB’s mission is to encourage the educational, scientific, technological, and cultural integration in Latin America. CAB promotes the communication, cooperation, solidarity, and equality of its member states and intends to contribute to the integration process of its member states in order to improve the quality of life for their populations.

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11. El Fondo para el Desarrollo de Recursos Humanos (FIDERH)

FIDERH is a program coordinated by Banco de México that offers loans to Mexican students in technical and higher level education in six main areas: Engineering and Technology, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Business, Humanities, Health, and Agriculture. FIDERH also grants loans to schools and institutions to promote technical and higher level education. The program offers up to 150,000 pesos annually for studies within Mexico and 200,000 pesos annually for studies outside of Mexico at any university. Funds may be used to cover tuition, living expenses, or medical insurance.

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12. Fundación Mexicana para la Educación, La Tecnología y la Ciencia (FUNED)

FUNED is a non-profit organization that provides educational loans for Mexican students in masters programs in Mexico and abroad. The organization’s focus is on economics, administration, engineering, law, and business. Its primary focus is on funding two year masters programs and the organization has coordinated with Tec Monterrey, ANAHUAC, IPADE, ITAM, IBERO in Mexico and Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Columbia, and Georgetown in the U.S., providing financing to almost 1,500 students. FUNED also provides links to scholarships offered through different institutions.

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13. GuateFuturo

GuateFuturo is a non-profit organization with cultural and educational objectives. Its resources are devoted to the training and professional development of Guatemalan professionals wishing to pursue graduate work abroad for educational and personal enrichment, with the intent of returning to work for the development of their country. GuateFuturo’s mission is to create a new generation of leaders by promoting academic excellence and financing graduate studies for Guatemalan professionals outside of the country. Its vision is to improve human capital of the Central American region and stimulate Guatemalan development so that it can become a fair, supportive, and prosperous nation. GuateFuturo is financed by donations and various public/private agencies.

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14. Instituto Internacional para la Educación Superior en América Latina y el Caribe (IESALC)

IESALC’s fundamental mission is to contribute to the development and transformation of the tertiary levels of education in the Latin American and the Caribbean region. In accordance with UNESCO, the IESALC promotes regional and national mechanisms of strengthening the quality of higher education by using new technologies, improved use of human resources, the expansion of available studies, titles and diplomas, etc.
The IESALC works in collaboration with governments, higher educational institutions, governmental and non-governmental organizations, international organizations/institutions, and other organizations that share the same goals of promoting the development of higher education. In order to support regional Latin-American and Caribbean integration and the internationalization of Higher Education, IESALC, in conjunction with OUI and UDUAL, are uniting efforts to actualize various initiatives such as the construction of a space for the Latin-American and Caribbean Meeting of Higher Education (ENLACES).

UNESCO-IESALC also supports the CREALC, the Regional Convention for the Recognition of Higher Education Studies, Diplomas, and Degrees in LAC (signed by 16 countries in 1974) with the purpose of accrediting tertiary study programs and developing regional agreements. (http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0005/000593/059308mo.pdf#page=14)

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15. Red Iberoamericana para la Acreditación de la Calidad de la Educación Superior (RIACES)

RIACES is an association of agencies, organizations, and Latin American countries that promotes the cooperation and exchange of evaluations and accreditations of institutions of higher education in Latin American countries. It seeks to strengthen the credibility of degrees and titles earned in Latin American institutions and thus to guarantee the quality of the higher education of these countries. RIACES does allow international agencies that are dedicated especially to the higher education in Latin America to become part of the RIACES goal.

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16. **Unión de Universidades de América Latina y el Caribe (UDUAL)**

The objectives of UDUAL are: to promote and improve relations between Latin-American universities, as well as other institutions and cultural agencies; to orient and unify administrative and academic units in order to avoid possible university disagreements; and to promote the academic exchange of professors, students, investigators, and graduates. UDUAL has various programs: the Distance Education Program (via teleconferences); Sistema de información de educación de América Latina y el Caribe (SIESALC) which unites over 1000 Latin American universities; and el Centro de información y documentación universitarias (CIDU) which contains many documents on higher education and publishes many reviews, articles, bulletins, etc. SIESALC has developed a reliable and updated website with specific data associated to the structure, academic, and administrative characteristics of each university in Latin America and the Caribbean. Visit http://www.udual.org/ecaluacion/seacesalc/seacesalc.pdf.

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17. **University Consortium of Small Island States (UCSIS)**

The mission of the UCSIS is to improve the capabilities of graduate educational institutions in small island states by facilitating the development of the institutional and systemic capacities necessary to implement the Barbados Program of Action. The objectives of the UCSIS are: to improve information flow between members regarding course offerings, facilities, student needs, and relevant documents so as to encourage cooperative curriculum development, research, and outreach in key areas of sustainable development; to share research findings and reference materials; to ensure the sustainability of the Consortium by seeking and securing appropriate funding to support the activities of the Consortium; and to use the results of SIDS-focused research and field work to assemble curricula relevant to island development and recommend standards and procedures for inter-institutional accreditation among Members.

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18. University Council of Jamaica (UCJ)

The mission of UCJ is to increase the availability of University-level training in Jamaica, through accreditation of institutions, courses, and programs for recognition and acceptability. The Council has the power to confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards and distinctions for those who have pursued courses approved by the Council at associated tertiary institutions. Since its inception in 1987, the University Council of Jamaica has registered 48 tertiary institutions (public and private) that have met the stated criteria of educational quality.

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PART III
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS: DONORS OR CAPACITY STRENGTHENING OPPORTUNITIES

A. In the United States

1. Academy for Educational Development (AED)

AED is a nonprofit organization that works to improve global education, health, civil society and economic development. In collaboration with local and national partners, AED fosters sustainable results through practical and comprehensive approaches to social and economic challenges. AED implements more than 250 programs, serving people in all 50 U.S. states and more than 150 countries. The organization has completed several higher educational development projects, primarily by providing access to technology to marginalized sectors of society. AED’s projects are widely based on forming partnerships to solve critical social problems. Collaborations with partners include: advocacy, monitoring and evaluation, policy advice, program design and implementation, and stakeholder development and coordination. Recent projects in the LAC region include: the Bridge to Employment program (helping young people build solid futures by introducing them to a broad array of careers in health care and providing them with real world experiences), the Mejorando el Impacto al Desempeño Estudiantil de Honduras (designed to assist in the forming of Honduran academic standards, as well as to support and accurately measure the improvement of student achievement), the Global Learning Portal, a multilingual resource (more than 5,500 members in over 130 countries share teaching materials and quality educational resources online through user-friendly portal tools), and many others.

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2. American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)

AASCU’s 430 public college and university members are located throughout the United States. The association has a four-fold purpose: a) to promote appreciation and support for public higher education and the distinctive contributions of our member colleges and universities; b) to analyze public policy, and to advocate for member institutions and the students they serve; c) to provide policy leadership and program support to strengthen academic quality, promote access and inclusion, and facilitate educational
innovation; and d) to create professional development opportunities for institutional leaders, especially presidents, chancellors and their spouses. Membership is open to any regionally accredited institution of higher education offering programs leading to bachelors, masters or doctoral degrees and wholly or partially state supported or state controlled.

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3. Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA)

AIEA is a membership organization formed in November 1982 composed of institutional leaders engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education. The purposes of the Association are to: provide an effective voice on significant issues within international education at all levels; improve and promote international education programming and administration within institutions of higher education; establish and maintain a professional network among international educational institution leaders; and cooperate in appropriate ways with other national and international groups sharing similar interests.

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The corporation was created to promote “the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.” As a grant-making foundation, the Corporation seeks to carry out Carnegie’s vision of philanthropy, which one should aim “to do real and permanent good in this world.” The Corporation has an international program that focuses on the growth of globalization; the danger of deepening fragmentation along cultural, regional and religious divides; and the role of developing countries in advancing
global cohesion and prosperity. The corporation would currently like to dedicate its resources to:

- Galvanizing public and policy-level support for the reduction of nuclear weapons and their proliferation risk.
- Deepening the international engagement of American expert and policy communities and encouraging fresh perspectives on U.S. foreign policy.
- Improving U.S., UN and regional organizations' policies designed to assist states emerging from conflict or facing the risk of instability or collapse.
- Increasing the understanding of the diversity of thought, cultures, and history of Muslim states and societies and the U.S.’s engagement with them.
- Strengthening universities and academic capacities in sub-Saharan Africa and in Eurasia.
- Revitalizing public and university libraries in sub-Saharan Africa.

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5. Consortium for Internationalizing Higher Education (CIHE)
CIHE was established by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) and seeks to enhance the international education of every public/private college and university in West Virginia. A council of leaders from higher education, business, and government has been appointed to provide the necessary leadership to guide the consortium and provide a strategic plan for internationalizing higher education throughout the State. Some of the goals of the consortium are to: combine the strengths and efforts of higher education institutions in WV, facilitate partnerships between educational institutions in WV and those in other states and countries, increase the number of international students in WV, and increase the number of students going abroad.

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6. Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)
FIPSE is part of the U.S. Department of Education in the Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE). Their focus is on US postsecondary education and to support and disseminate innovative reform projects that promise to be models for improving the
quality of postsecondary education and increasing student access. They recently issued a grant in conjunction with the Brazilian Ministry of Education that fosters the exchange of students and faculty within a context of bilateral curricular development (there is a similar grant for North American countries as well). Thus, FIPSE has granted proposals that increase academic mobility.

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7. Henry Luce Foundation

The Henry Luce Foundation seeks to bring important ideas to the center of American life, strengthen international understanding, and foster innovation and leadership in academic, policy-making, religious and art communities. One of the foundation’s focuses lays in higher education, where some grants have addressed the Foundation’s commitment to increase America’s capacity for international understanding. For example, a grant to the American Council on Education (ACE) supports an Internationalization Forum of Chief Academic Officers, while a program at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) encourages the integration of international perspectives into the general education curriculum for undergraduates/graduates.

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8. Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU)

HACU’s mission is to promote the development of member colleges and universities; to improve access to and the quality of post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students; and to meet the needs of business, industry and government through the development and sharing of resources, information and expertise. HACU
has many member universities in the United States and throughout Latin America. HACU also hosts an annual conference and an international conference every two years. The focus of the 2011 conference is the promotion and expansion of partnerships and strategic alliances for collaboration between HACU member institutions and public- and private-sector organizations and on the greater promotion of Hispanic participation in scholarships, fellowships, internships, and other such programs.

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9. Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC)

HRSDC’s mission is threefold: to build a stronger and more competitive Canada, to support Canadians in making choices that help them live productive and rewarding lives, and to improve Canadians’ quality of life. The International Academic Mobility (IAM) Initiative supports Canadian post-secondary institutions in offering international learning opportunities for students. The goal is achieved through IAM’s support for student mobility and academic co-operation projects between Canadian post-secondary institutions and institutions in foreign partnering countries. HRSDC currently has a Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education, which creates institutional partnerships among post-secondary schools in North America. Other projects in the Americas include: the Canada-Latin American and the Caribbean Research Exchange Grants (LACREG); Canada-Mexico Higher Education Opportunities; and Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Uganda, and Zambia: Joint Evaluation of External Support to Basic Education.

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10. Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

The IDB supports the process of economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean and is the main source of multilateral financing in the region. The IDB Group provides solutions to development challenges by partnering with
governments, companies, and civil society organizations; thus reaching clients who range from central governments to city authorities and businesses. The IDB Group issues loans, grants, guarantees, and investments to fund development programs. The bank’s various types of grants include: the Multilateral Investment Fund that supports small-scale, targeted interventions that pilot new approaches and act as a catalyst for larger reforms (MIF is a major source for technical assistance grants for private sector development in Latin America and the Caribbean); the Social Entrepreneurship Program that provides loans and grants to private organizations and public local development institutions at the state, provincial or municipal levels; and Trust funds which are generally established by a country or group of countries and entrusted to the IDB to administer, and finance grants. The IDB has completed many higher educational development projects some of which include: strengthening of the ANAES (Higher Education Evaluation), Diversity in University in Brazil, Project Digital in Brazil, Support for Ensuring Quality of Higher Education Institutions in Ecuador (to support Consejo Nacional de Evaluación y Acreditación to develop external evaluation processes in universities and other higher education institutions), and Latin America New Options Higher Education (to raise the profile and attractiveness of the community college model in the LAC region).

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11. Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC)

LANIC’s mission is to facilitate access to Internet-based information to, from, and about Latin America (approximately 12,000 web links, an average of 5.4 million hits per month). LANIC is affiliated with the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS) at the University of Austin Texas. The network’s target audience includes people living in Latin America, as well as those around the world who have an interest in this region. While many of LANIC’s resources are designed to facilitate research and academic endeavors; its website has also become an important gateway to Latin America for primary and secondary school teachers and students, private and public sector professionals, and most anyone seeking information about the region.

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12. **Packard Foundation**

The Packard Foundation accepts grant proposals for charitable, educational, and/or scientific purposes. It has a strong commitment to the development and effectiveness of private philanthropy. The foundation continually strives to improve its own practices and effectiveness, and it shares in the responsibility to help improve the grant-making sector as a whole. Thus, the foundation makes a limited number of grants each year to support and improve the philanthropic infrastructure and to build and disseminate knowledge about effective philanthropy. The Packard Foundation provides grants for general support and may even provide grants for membership to organizations like those listed above.

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13. **World Bank**

The World Bank has worked to advance learning in developing countries since 1963. It helps support various educational projects and initiatives: Education for All, Fast-Track Initiative, Science, Technology, and Innovation, and Education for the Knowledge Economy (EKE). The World Bank offers a limited number of grants to assist development projects; the grants are designed to encourage innovation, co-operation between organizations, and to increase local stakeholders' participation in projects. The World Bank has numerous resources and partnerships that assist in the financing of grants that promote development. The World Bank also works to develop partnerships that assist in developing and financing projects that promote its goals. There are many opportunities to work or partner with the World Bank. Three current projects that target higher education in Latin America include: Argentina: Lifelong Learning and Training Project; Chile: Tertiary Education Finance for Results Project; and Colombia: Higher Education - Improving Access. These projects tend to focus on the regional development of tertiary institutions in their countries.

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14. World Education

World Education strives to improve the lives of the impoverished through education, economic, and social development programs. This is done through the promotion of good health, literacy, numeracy, business and civic participation skills, and access to credit. World Education partners with other organizations to complete their development projects. World Education is not a funding organization, but instead, provides training and technical assistance in many sectors. All World Education projects are designed to strengthen the capacity of local partner institutions, catalyze community and national development, and contribute to individual growth.

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15. W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities as it strengthens and creates conditions that encourage vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals, and contribute to the larger community and society. The foundation has featured numerous initiatives in Latin America and is committed to providing grants to a wide range of public, private, and collaborating organizations that share this commitment. The foundation supports those whose work does one or more of the following: implements practical solutions, discovers new approaches, and holds promise for wider application.

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B. Educational Institutions/Organizations in the Latin American & Caribbean Region

1. Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

The aim of the ACS is to promote cooperation and concerted action among all countries of the Caribbean, comprised of 25 Member States and three Associate Members. The objectives of the ACS are: to strengthen the regional cooperation and integration process with a view to create an enhanced economic space in the region, to preserve the environmental integrity of the Caribbean Sea, and to promote the sustainable development of the Greater Caribbean. Many of ACS’ projects focus on trade and economic development, particularly sustainable tourism. One project in particular, provided scholarships from the Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in an effort to educate the population in the maritime transport sector. Many of the other educational programs are related to language training. Projects are usually funded by the ACS Special Fund and an external organization such as UNESCO or the IDB.

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2. Association of Caribbean Education Administrators (ACHEA)

The mission of ACHEA is to promote the highest professional and ethical standards in addition to the continued development of the management capacity among those who have administrative and managerial responsibilities in higher education in the Caribbean by enhancing the skills of individual members through training and development programs and opportunities for effective networking. ACHEA’s objectives are: to develop and maintain a code of conduct and guidance for members regarding their professional work; to organize discussions, conferences, seminars and workshops on various issues in higher education administration; to publish newsletters and other publications; to establish and promote networking opportunities and mentoring support for the administrations in higher educational institutions in the Caribbean; to foster links and exchanges with similar organizations of higher education overseas; and to seek funding and engage in fund-raising activities to enable the Association to carry out its activities.
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3. Association of Caribbean Tertiary Institutions (ACTI)

ACTI is an association of member institutions (universities, colleges, etc) with the specific objectives of: facilitating cooperation and collaboration between institutions in a wide range of academic and administrative areas; to facilitate more effective utilization of scarce resources in seeking to enhance access, mobility and quality in tertiary education; and to facilitate the development and delivery of particular programs and services. Although its focus is primarily regional, ACTI has the potential to establish a large consortium of universities in the Caribbean. It could expand in order to provide greater opportunities for its members, as well as higher education in the region. ACTI’s website does not provide many details about current projects, however, the association holds conferences regarding the strengthening of higher education, with a particular focus on the integration of technology.

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4. Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL)

The major objectives of ACURIL are: to facilitate development and the use of libraries, archives, and information services as well as the identification, collection and preservation of information resources in support of the whole range of intellectual and educational endeavors throughout the Caribbean area; to strengthen the archival, library and information professions; to unite information workers in them; and to promote cooperative activities in pursuit of these objectives. The only source of funding received by the association is its membership dues (based on the size/income/operating budget of the institution requesting membership). From its inception, the association has depended on governments and other agencies in host countries to help defray conference expenses. International funding agencies have also given generously for this purpose, and for the publication of the proceedings. ACURIL
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5. Asociación Mexicana para la Educación Internacional (AMPEI)

AMPEI is a non-profit association whose mission is to contribute to the strengthening of academic quality in Mexican educational institutions through international cooperation. AMPEI receives funds from different organizations (and annual membership fees) that support the institutions of higher education at an international level. AMPEI carries out various activities related to: the training of professionals of academic exchange through workshops; the promotion of academic exchange and collaboration of institutions of superior education in the state and international realm; the diffusion of permanent information in the activities of the association, investigation, and analysis of the processes of management of academic interchange; the improvement of the professionalism of its members; and the recommendations of practices that favor the development of educational programs and projects of investigation in which those who participate are academics, students, and university officials from Mexico and other countries. Benefits of membership include: establishing contacts at other universities in order to exchange opinions and develop opportunities for the advancement of tools and practices in international education.

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6. Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP)

CAAM-HP is the legally constituted body established in 2003 under the aegis of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) empowered to determine and prescribe standards as well as accredit programs of medical, dental, veterinary, and other health education on behalf of the contracting parties in CARICOM. The accreditation process adopted by the CAAM-HP has two general aims: to certify that a medical education
program meets prescribed standards; and to promote institutional self-evaluation and improvement. CAAM-HP aims to ensure the international recognition of the programs of education in medicine and other health programs and to maintain the confidence of the peoples of the region in the quality of medical and other health professional training offered in the region.

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7. Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE)

CANQATE is a sub-network of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE). It is a new initiative in the field of Quality Assurance pertinent to tertiary education in the Caribbean. The principal purpose of the worldwide network is to “enable members to share information about the maintenance, evaluation, accreditation, and improvement of higher education and to disseminate good practices in the field of Quality Assurance.” At the regional level, CANQATE will set up a framework for communication and for academic, professional, and collegial support in quality assurance. CANQATE’s main activities consist of three annual conferences, but as of yet there are no reported projects to carry out its objectives. One of CANQATE’s main goals is to network regionally and internationally with similar organizations.

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8. Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

CARICOM is an organization of 15 Caribbean nations and dependencies. CARICOM's main purposes are to promote economic integration and cooperation among its members, to ensure that the benefits of integration are equitably shared, and to coordinate foreign policy. Its major activities involve coordinating economic policies and development planning; devising and instituting special projects for lesser-developed
countries within its jurisdiction; operating as a regional single market for many of its members (CARICOM Single Market); and handling regional trade disputes. CARICOM’s projects include: Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Programme (CREDP), CARICOM Agribusiness Development Program, UWI-CARICOM (strategic alliance for institutional cooperation between the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, and CARICOM), Information and Communication Technology for Development, Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change (MACC), and CARICOM Legislative Drafting Facility (CLDF). The organization holds many meetings in regards to education.

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9. Consejo Universitario Iberoamericano (CUIB)

CUIB is a non-governmental organization that is made up of a network of Inter-American universities. It is comprised of representative national organizations of universities and other institutions of higher education to integrate the Latin American community. Its main objectives are: promoting the creation and consolidation of a Latin American Higher Education Space and Investigation; prompting cooperation between Latin American universities and other regions; defending the fundamental principles of university institutions and their autonomy; constituting a forum for debate, information and exchange of experiences that facilitate the coordination and organization of joint initiatives; promoting active participation of the university in the processes of regional integration; promoting the mobility of professors and students; and strengthening doctorate programs. CUIB has agreements with the European University Association (EUA) and the Organization of Latin American States (OEI). The central objective of the agreement with the EUA is to combine their efforts to contribute to the construction of a common space of higher education and investigation. Similarly, OEI and CUIB work to promote the creation and cooperation of Latin American space for higher education, investigation, technology, and culture.

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10. Espacio Común de Educación Superior America Latina, Caribe y Unión Europea (ALCUE)

ALCUE is part of the OUI (Inter American Organization for Higher Education). The ALCUE Common Area of Higher Education is an initiative that was originally established by countries in the European Union, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Its fundamental aim is to create a Higher Education platform for interaction and bilateral/multilateral cooperation. The objectives of ALCUE are: to promote reciprocal knowledge of national systems of higher education; to disseminate information related to academic institutions and national systems of higher education; to hold debates and thematic discussions; to share experiences related to the improvement of higher education, especially those related to the accreditation and the evaluation of higher education institutes, courses, and programs; to promote and facilitate the exchange of students, professors, researchers, technical staff, and management personnel from higher education systems in the corresponding countries, to enhance the process of reciprocal knowledge and develop interaction among higher education Institutions, etc.

ALCUE’S TUNING PROJECT on Latin America seeks to fine-tune the educational structures that exist in Latin America; its aim is to identify and improve co-operation between higher education institutions so as to develop excellence, effectiveness, and transparency (http://tuning.unideusto.org/tuningeu/). The project focuses on four main areas of development: developing skills with degree titles; teaching (learning and assessment); academic credits (close examination of how a student’s skills relate to his/her work); and improving program quality. Since 2005, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Jamaica, and Nicaragua have become members of the Committee. There are also technical meetings with experts on the ALCUE Portal, student mobility, and evaluation and accreditation.

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11. Ibero-American Association of Distance Higher Education (AIESAD)

“Asociación Iberoamericana de la Educación Superior a Distancia” (AIESAD) promotes research and the application of new methodologies and techniques in distance higher education, as well as facilitates its use to its members. The main projects are the Open Course Ware (a portal for e-courses with creative license), and Net ACTIVE (virtual mobility).

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12. Latin American and Caribbean Collaborative ICT Research Federation Virtual Institute (LACCIR)

The primary goals of the LACCIR Federation are to encourage collaborative academic research in ICT and to enable economic and social development. The Virtual Institute was created in 2007 as a response to Microsoft Research's request for proposals to provide Latin American and Caribbean universities with a sustainable virtual collaborative environment that promotes cross-country research and educational solutions. Other goals are: to advance the ICT research agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), and to increase research opportunities for faculty and graduate students in order to increase the skills and visibility of the LAC research community. There are only eight University members. **LACCIR also accepts project proposals that meet the requirements of education:** healthcare, agribusiness, micro-economies, productive chains, energy, the environment, e-government, **ICT resources for the disabled**, wireless connectivity and XML standards. In the last set of proposals in 2008, LACCIR distributed a grant of US $250,000 among the winners. It was donated by Microsoft Research and the Inter-American Development Bank in an effort to address social and economic challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean by advancing ICT Research.

The LACCIR also has a Short Stay Program (SSP) that supports the completion of Post Graduate (PhD or research-oriented MSc.) dissertations in Computer Science development in Latin American and Caribbean regions by partially financing useful research stays at research centers within the region. In particular, SSP provides funds to cover student travel expenses when visiting a research center in a different country than that of his or her university.

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13. Latin American Laboratory for Assessment of the Quality of Education (LLECE)

Based in Chile, the Latin American Laboratory for Assessment of the Quality of Education (LLECE) is the network of quality assessment systems for education in Latin America. It is coordinated by UNESCO’s Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean with headquarters in Santiago, Chile. Its objectives are to: produce information about student learning achievements and analyze associated factors that explain this progress; support and advise the measurement and assessment units of the different countries; serve as a forum for reflection, debate, and exchange in new approaches and a focus on education evaluation.

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14. Universidades Iberoamericanas (UNIVERSIA)

UNIVERSIA is a network created in 2000 that consists of 1,100 universities in 15 countries (Andorra, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Spain, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Venezuela). It lists specific websites for each country as well as another global site that offers information and content from across the network. UNIVERSIA’s network represents 10.1 million students, 8 million users, and 850,000 university teaching staff (75% of the total number of students and staff in these countries). It is run with the support of Grupo Santander.

The UNIVERSIA network includes university resources to create synergies which facilitate a common forum of knowledge exchange, cooperation and innovation that helps to promote new opportunities in order to contribute to the sustainable development of the university community. The goal of UNIVERSIA is to promote change and innovation in products and services linked to the Academic Community, helping universities to develop shared projects and create new opportunities.

Universia has become the main education portal for Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries. Some of its activities include the promotion of opportunities for the exchange of experience such as encuentro de rectores and the dissemination of information about employment and scholarship opportunities, among others.

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C. Educational Organizations/Institutions in Other countries

1. Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) (*European Union*)

The ACA is an independent European organization dedicated to the management, analysis, and improvement of education and training co-operation within Europe and between Europe and other parts of the world. Its main focus is on higher education, but it also covers other education sectors as well as training. They have two types of projects; the first is “ACA-driven” and is a project that ACA has designed and financed itself. The second constitutes services that ACA provides to third parties.

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2. Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)

The AUF is a university association that is a vector for French-speaking institutions. As a partner of establishments for higher education and research who have chosen French as their language of instruction, the AUF proposes several cooperation programs designed in to support research and education in French. Each year, the AUF distributes more than 2,000 grants through its mobility program. For the most part, the budget stems from the government of France, and to a lesser extent, from those of Quebec, Canada; Belgium’s French Community; Switzerland; and Cameroon. The AUF aims at contributing to the construction and consolidation of a scientific area rooted in French-speaking communities by fostering scientific cooperation, training the development players of the future, and supporting research and excellence. There are six programs at the AUF, under the initiative entitled “Supporting and Strengthening Academic Excellence, Partnerships and Relations with Enterprise”. The agency engages in distance learning (primarily for students located in Africa), provides numerous grants to students, faculty and researchers in order to facilitate international mobility, and promotes scientific collaboration projects, etc.

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3. **Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)**

AECID creates programs and projects that promote cooperation and technical assistance for institutions of different countries, helping with loans, budgeting and microcredit. AECID contributes to multilateral funds and to international organizations that assist in development and humanitarian assistance. AECID, along with the Ministry of External Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, offers scholarships to foreigners (open to all countries) and Spaniards for studies in and outside of Spain (for information on these scholarships visit: [http://www.becasmae.es/](http://www.becasmae.es/)). AECID also works on projects with many NGOs and organizations that share the same development goals.

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4. **Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)**

APAIE is an international non-profit organization whose goal is to activate and reinforce the internationalization of higher education in the Asia-Pacific region and around the world, and to engage the professional challenges of individuals in international education. APAIE is a constituent-led organization composed of individual members. It has a steadfast membership of more than 1,000 international education professionals. The Association seeks to bring together international educators active in Asian-Pacific higher education and other relevant organizations in order to promote communication, networking, and professional development; to facilitate the exchange and mobility of students, staff, scholars, and the advancement of academic collaboration inter-regionally; to provide a channel for benchmarking the advancement of members and their institutions; and to recommend good practices and policies for cooperation with various institutions and agencies. APAIE’s main focus is on creating a regional connection with higher educational institutions. Although its focus is within the Asian-Pacific region, APAIE may be willing to form a partnership to help build and strengthen regional collaboration in the Americas. The organization does have members from within the United States and are always looking to bridge their academic endeavors and work for the common cause of higher education. There is an agreement
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5. **Asociación Universitaria Iberoamericana de Postgrado (AUIP) (España)**

AUIP is an international, non-governmental organization under the auspices of UNESCO that is dedicated to the promotion of graduate and doctoral studies in Latin America. Currently, is the AUIP is comprised of more than 130 institutions of higher education in Spain, Portugal, Latin America, and the Caribbean. AUIP’s list of activities includes: distributing information and disclosure on postgraduate studies that are offered; collaborating on processes of external and internal evaluation; promoting the accreditation and curriculum harmonization of academic offerings; facilitating the mobility and exchange of professors and students; encouraging academic work and research at academic centers of excellence in diverse fields of studies; promoting academic events and the sciences; and organizing international travel courses in topics of interest for professors and directors of graduate and doctorate programs. AUIP offers numerous scholarships for students to work on their graduate studies.

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6. **Australian Education International (AEI) (Australia)**

AEI works with sector representatives, other government agencies, and states/territories in pursuit of a joint approach to international education (it is a branch of the Australian government). AEI has a wide array of activities in which it participates, but one of the main focuses of the organization is student mobility. AEI provides scholarships for international students to study in Australia, and scholarships for Australians to study abroad in designated countries (none of which are in Latin America).
7. Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA): Erasmus Mundus

EACEA is a public body created by the European Commission under the supervision of three directorates of the Commission: Education and Culture (DG EAC), Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), and the EuropeAid Cooperation Office (DG AIDCO). Seven key Community programs have been partially or fully delegated to the EACEA: Lifelong Learning, Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Culture, Youth in Action, Europe for Citizens and Media, as well as several international cooperation agreements in the field of higher education. Erasmus Mundus (2009-2013) is a co-operation and mobility program in the field of higher education that started in 2004 and has been extended until 2013. EACEA’s Erasmus Mundus’ aims at enhancing the quality of European higher education and promoting dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with third countries. In addition, the program contributes to the development of human resources and international capacity for cooperation between institutions of higher education in developing countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

The proposal has a partnership requirement:

- **Five European universities** having subscribed to an Erasmus Charter from at least three European Union countries
- **At least two universities from each country in the corresponding geographical lot, one of which must be public.** In addition, partnerships are encouraged to include partners or associate **universities located in the least developed regions of the respective country of origin** (according to the UNDP HDI ranking).

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8. **European Commission/EuropeAid: America-Latina Formación Academica (ALFA)**

EuropeAid's main mission is to implement the Commission’s external aid instruments, both those funded by the Union’s budget and the European Development Fund. EuropeAid is responsible for all the steps of an aid delivery project. After identifying needs, it carries out feasibility studies and prepares all the necessary financial decisions and controls. It then moves on to drawing up the required tendering, monitoring, and evaluation procedures. One of EuropeAid’s regional cooperation programs is ALFA, which focuses on the Latin American region. The program co-finances projects aimed at improving the capacity of individuals and institutions (universities and other relevant organizations) to promote academic exchanges between the two regions.

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For partner information and registration:

9. **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) (Germany)**

The DAAD is the German national agency for the support of international academic cooperation. The service offers programs and funding for students, faculty, researchers, and others in higher education by providing financial support to over 55,000 individuals per year. The DAAD also represents the German higher education system abroad, promotes Germany as an academic and research destination, and helps build ties between institutions around the world. The DAAD has an office located in New York that serves to bridge U.S., Canadian, and German universities and higher education professionals and students by providing information and assistance. However, the DAAD also serves students who are not from the U.S., Canada, or Germany as long as they are studying at a University inside the United States or Canada.

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10. International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA)

IEA became a legal entity in 1967, but its origins date back to 1958 when a group of scholars, educational psychologists, sociologists, and psycho-metricians met at the UNESCO Institute for Education in Hamburg to discuss problems in school and student evaluations. Since 1958, IEA has conducted more than 23 research studies of cross-national achievement. The founders of IEA viewed the world as a natural educational laboratory, where different school systems experiment in different ways to obtain optimal results in the education of their youth. Through its comparative research and assessment projects, IEA aims to:

- Provide international benchmarks that may assist policy-makers in identifying the comparative strength and weaknesses of their educational systems.
- Provide high-quality data that will increase policy-makers’ understanding of key school- and non-school-based factors that influence teaching and learning.
- Provide high-quality data which will serve as a resource for identifying areas of concern and action and for preparing and evaluating educational reforms.
- Develop and improve educational systems’ capacity to engage in national strategies for educational monitoring and improvement.
- Contribute to the development of the world-wide community of researchers in educational evaluation.

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11. International Association of Universities (IAU)

IAU is the UNESCO-based worldwide association of higher education institutions. It brings together institutions and organizations from some 150 countries for reflection and action on common concerns and collaborates with various international, regional, and national bodies active in higher education. Its services are available on a priority basis to Members but also to organizations, institutions, and authorities concerned with higher education, as well as to individual policy and decision-makers, specialists,
administrators, teachers, researchers, and students. The association aims at giving expression to the obligation of universities and other higher education institutions as social institutions to promote, through teaching, research and services, the principles of freedom and justice, of human dignity and solidarity. The association contributes to the development of material and moral assistance for the strengthening of higher education through international cooperation. North America currently holds six percent of the memberships and Latin America holds eight percent, while the majority is held by Europe with 41 percent. There are different memberships with varying annual dues.

IAU deals with many aspects of higher education. Related to our focus is that of the internationalization of education, which is new to their organization.

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12. International Association for University Presidents (IAUP)

The International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) is an association of university chief executives from higher education institutions around the world. Membership is limited to those individuals who serve as presidents, rectors or vice-chancellors at regionally accredited colleges or universities. The primary purpose of IAUP is to strengthen the international mission and quality of education at member institutions in an increasingly interdependent world and to promote global awareness and competence as well as peace and international understanding through education. The efforts of the IAUP are supported through cooperation with international organizations, such as the United Nations, UNESCO, the World Bank and other international organizations such as the European Commission and the International Association of Universities (IAU). At regional levels, the IAUP cooperates with NGOs in Africa, Europe, Latin America, North America and with Arab, Asian, and Pacific countries. Most of IAUP’s activities and functions include regional conferences, triennial conferences, publications, working groups, and projects.

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13. International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)

ICDE is headquartered in Norway. The council aims to promote intercultural
cooperation and understanding through flexible and online learning throughout the world. ICDE and the OAS have signed a cooperation agreement in which ICDE is the OAS’ special advisor in the education and ICT fields as well as a partner in identifying and implementing important cultural and distance education initiatives and projects on the continent. The agreement intends to promote, coordinate, manage, and facilitate the planning and execution of development projects, programs, and activities within the framework of the Strategic Plan for Partnership of its Inter-American Council for Integral Development (“CIDI”).

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INQAAHE is a world-wide association of some 200 organizations that are based in Ireland and serve five continents. INQAAHE and its member institutions are committed to quality assurance (QA) in higher education. INQAAHE is developing a Good Practice database, a QA clearinghouse, and a professional qualification within QA.
The main purpose of the Network is to collect and disseminate information on the current and developing theory and practice in the assessment, improvement, and maintenance of quality in higher education. By means of information-sharing, it assists members in determining standards for institutions operating across national borders and enables members to be alert to dubious accrediting practices and organizations.

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15. Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC)

NUFFIC’s motto is “Linking Knowledge Worldwide.” It is a non-profit organization aimed at making education accessible world-wide, particularly in areas where educational infrastructure is under-resourced. NUFFIC acts as an intermediary between the education community of the Netherlands and the international community. Main areas of activity are: strengthening educational and research infrastructure in developing and transition countries; the internationalization of higher education; international credential evaluation; and promoting foreign participation in the Dutch higher educational system (they currently have offices in Brazil and Mexico promoting Dutch education).

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The OECD’s Higher Education Programme has established a permanent forum in which education professionals can exchange experiences and benefit from shared reflection, thought and analysis in order to address the issues that concern them. The Programme’s work has a global reach and includes monitoring and analysing policy making; gathering data; and sharing new ideas, as well as reflecting on past experience. These activities assist members to contribute to the development of higher education internationally, nationally and locally. The Programme’s strategic position within the OECD provides members with a recognised international network, drawing together higher education professionals, leaders, policy makers, managers and researchers.

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University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific Rim (UMAP)

UMAP seeks to achieve greater international integration in various countries and in the Asia-Pacific region via increased cooperation between institutes of higher education and especially through mobility programs for students and university personnel. The University Members of UMAP are currently working on standard agreements for the recognition of academic studies carried out by students who participate in mobility programs. For this, a UMAP Credit Transfer Pilot project is being used. The objective of the UMAP credit transfer is to increase student mobility while ensuring the value of the work carried out by students. It essentially aims to achieve enhanced international understanding through increasing mobility of university students and staff.

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Additional Organizations

The following universities promote the internationalization and academic mobility of higher education.

Archemides Foundation (Estonia)
www.archimedes.ee

The International Higher Education Consulting Blog (IHEC)
This blog offers news and commentary relevant to both international education and public diplomacy. The IHEC also posts thought-provoking pieces, encouraging readers to engage in professional dialogue around education.
http://ihec-djc.blogspot.com/

Exchanges Support Program (SMPF) (Lithuania)
http://www.smpf.lt/index.php

Slovak Academic Information Agency, Service Center for the Third Sector (SAIA-SCTS)
http://www.saia.sk/