



# Websites for the Cyber-Savvy Student

Useful Websites for Information about Higher Education in  
the United States

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The Internet is one of the best places to find current information about study in the US, whether it's information about specific universities, standardised testing, financial aid, or any other number of topics.

If you have access to the Web, use it! If you don't currently have access, you are most welcome to use the computer at Fulbright New Zealand. Or investigate other ways to get on line - through your university, your local public library, or a friend.

Following is a list of web sites to get you started. From these sites, you can in turn link to hundreds of other relevant sites. Happy surfing!

### General information on tertiary study in the US

[http://www.yahoo.com/Regional/Countries/United\\_States/Colleges\\_and\\_Universities](http://www.yahoo.com/Regional/Countries/United_States/Colleges_and_Universities)

### Links to all US college and university home pages.

<http://www.collegesource.com>

This site gives you an option to search geographically, by major, etc, and there are links directly to the universities websites from your search-generated list

<http://www.educationusa.state.gov>

US Department of State educational resources for students, parents, education professionals and advisors

<http://www.petersons.com>

Home page for Peterson's, one of the largest publishers of education-related material, including the *Peterson's Guides to Graduate Programs* and the *Peterson's Guide to Four-Year Colleges*.

Information about all levels of study in the US, careers and jobs, summer programmes, distance learning, financing your education, executive education and much more. Don't miss this site!

<http://www.petersons.com/educationusa>

This section of the Peterson's website has been created in conjunction with the Department of State and is very useful.

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/eduhome.htm>

Home page for the Colleges and Careers Center run by *US News and World Report*. Contains information on college and graduate programme rankings, test preparation, career options, funding, best value schools, etc.

<http://www.review.com>

Home page for the Princeton Review, publisher of study guides for standardised admissions tests. Includes information on test schedules, business and law schools, other graduate programmes, undergraduate study, career advice, and information for international students.

**<http://www.kaplan.com>**

Home page of Kaplan, one of the largest test preparation companies in the US. Information about all levels of education, nursing, financial aid, information for international students, etc.

**<http://www.collegeboard.com>**

Home page for the College Board, the company that administers the SAT exam. Provides college and scholarship search facility, online registration for the SAT, test dates and a financial aid calculator. Aimed at undergraduates.

**<http://www.ets.org>**

Links to sites with information about the GRE, GMAT and TOEFL tests. Also has information about financial aid and about different colleges and universities.

**<http://www.ulinks.com>**

University Links page. Information on and links to college and university home pages, including a search facility.

**<http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/cc>**

Links to information about community colleges (two year post-secondary institutions that offer certificate programmes and Associate of Arts degrees) and related organisations. Searchable collection of links to over 555 community colleges.

**<http://www.newsdirectory.com/college>**

This college locator provides links to all kinds of colleges. It makes it easy to search for universities by city and state.

**<http://www.collegecatalogs.com>**

Home page of the Career Guidance Foundation. Contains printable electronic versions of thousands of college and university catalogues (calendars). This is the place to go for detailed information about particular schools: faculty listings, courses offered, administrative rules and regulations, etc.

**<http://www.collegenet.com>**

College search, scholarship search, academic resources, online application forms and much more. Aimed at undergraduates.

**<http://www.edupass.org>**

Site targeted directly at international students wishing to pursue higher education in the States. Offers comprehensive information about financial aid, scholarships, visas, and more. Highly recommended.

**<http://www.internationalstudent.com>**

Provides information on the many aspects involved in moving to and studying in the United States.

**<http://www.embark.com>**

This site offers a powerful college search tool, useful links, and advice and guidance from an expert college panel.

**<http://www.collegeview.com>**

A free online search service with profiles of over 3,500 colleges and universities, virtual tours, electronic applications, financial aid information and career planning tools.

**<http://www.studyusa.com>**

The home page for *Study in the USA*, an education guide for international students. Provides access to information about colleges and universities in the US, including request forms for contacting admissions offices. Also has information about obtaining a visa and applying for admission.

## VISAS

<http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov>

### International Credentials Evaluation

<http://www.naces.org/>

National Association of Credential Evaluation Services

### College and university rankings

<http://www.review.com/college/rank>

Student rankings of colleges grouped by academics, administration, quality of life, politics, demographics, social life, extracurriculars, parties, and schools by type.

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/eduhome.htm>

Take these rankings with a grain of salt as many college and university officials have criticised them for turning college comparisons into a popularity contest.

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/rankings.htm>

A comprehensive site about college rankings – including references to articles about their validity.

<http://www.zdnet.com/yil/content/college>

Rankings of the 100 most “wired” colleges.

### Information on athletic scholarships

<http://www.ncaa.org>

The home page for the NCAA. Information for athletes looking into athletic scholarships at US colleges and universities.

<http://espnet.sportszone.com>

ESPN home page. Useful for athletes trying to find out which schools are doing well in each sport.

<http://www.hevanet.com/imbh>

Scholar Athletic Matching Service home page. Fee-based organisation helps match student athletes with appropriate colleges and universities.

## **Information on art schools**

**<http://artswire.org>**

Website on the arts in general. Has a search engine where you can search for information relating to art education in the U.S.

**<http://aicad.org>**

Home page for the Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design. Links to home pages of 34 colleges of art and design.

**<http://www.dancer.com>**

Links to universities with dance programmes and dance schools in the U.S.

## **General information on graduate study in the US**

**<http://www.gradschools.com>**

On-line directory listing graduate programmes by subject.

**<http://www.asgs.org>**

Home page of the Association for Support of Graduate Students. Find out what issues are important to graduate students in the US. Information about writing theses and dissertations.

## **Business schools**

**<http://www.bschool.com>**

An alphabetical listing of more than 300 Business School websites from all over the world with a focus on the US.

**<http://www.collegejournal.com>**

Website supported by the Wall Street Journal. America's premiere financial newspaper offers extensive information about business schools in the US.

## **Law schools**

**<http://www.lsac.org>**

The Law School Admission Council website. Provides comprehensive information on the LSAT, law school rankings, and law school forums. Also allows you to register on-line for the LSAT.

**<http://www.lawschool.com>**

Information and amusement for law students.

**<http://www.hg.org/index.html>**

Hieros Gamos. General information on law school with many interesting links. Includes and email directory.

**<http://www.ilrg.com/rankings>**

Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Brennan's own rankings of American law schools.

## **Standardised testing**

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**[http://dir.yahoo.com/Education/Standards\\_and\\_Testing](http://dir.yahoo.com/Education/Standards_and_Testing)**

Links to web sites about every possible kind of standardised test, including GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, SAT, etc.

**<http://www.gre.org>**

Part of the ETS (Educational Testing Service) set of web pages. Information about the exam, how to order preparation materials, sample test questions, financial aid, and more.

**<http://www.gmat.org>**

**[www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)**

The MBA Explorer web site. Part of the ETS (Educational Testing Service) set of web pages. Find out everything you ever wanted to know about the GMAT exam, order preparation materials, find out about different MBA programmes, the truth about MBA admissions requirements, financial aid, and much more.

**<http://www.lsat-center.com>**

Provides information and study materials for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

**<http://www.lsac.org>**

Law School Admission Council website that allows you to register for the LSAT on-line.

**<http://www.toefl.org>**

Part of the ETS (Educational Testing Service) set of web pages. Contains information about the TOEFL exam, test dates, how to register, practice questions, etc.

**<http://www.ecfm.org>**

Home page for the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Includes exam dates and deadlines, frequently asked questions, and information about international fellowships in medical education.

**<http://www.usmle.org>**

USMLE home page. Information about the USMLE exam, frequently asked questions and links to other pertinent sites.

**<http://www.cgfns.org>**

CGFNS home page. Information about the CGFNS exam as well as information for nurses interested in working in the US.

### **Financial aid**

**<http://www.finaid.org>**

Excellent site about financial aid, including a special section for international students. Bear in mind that 99% of the site has been written for an American audience so some of the information won't be relevant to international students.

**<http://www.grantsnet.org>**

Website listing grants for graduate study in the US.

**<http://www.nas.edu>**

The home page for the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council. The site contains information on careers and research opportunities in the fields of science, medicine, agriculture, engineering, maths, etc. There is also information about graduate fellowships and postdoctoral opportunities.

**<http://www.nsf.gov>**

Home page of the National Science Foundation. Information about various science fields, as well as information about funding opportunities.

**<http://www.neh.fed.us>**

Home page for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Information about funding opportunities.

**<http://www.ap.att.com>**

Home page for the AT&T Leadership Awards. Information about applying for one of thirty scholarships awarded annually in the amount of US\$4,000. First year undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in an accredited US college or university are eligible. Deadline for application is in early September.

**<http://www.cs.yale.edu/HTML/YALE/CS/HyPlans/tap/fellowships.html>**

Links to sites about various fellowships, scholarships, grants, etc.

**<http://www.ed.gov>**

Home page for the US Department of Education. Information about the education system in the US and about financial aid.

**<http://www.studentloan.com>**

Low-interest student loans through Citibank. Requires a US citizen or permanent resident to co-sign the loan.

**<http://www.iefc.com>**

International Education Finance Corporation website. Provides information about low-interest loans for international student in the US. Requires a US citizen or permanent resident to co-sign the loan.

**<http://www.iefc.org>**

International Education Financial Aid website. Information about loans and scholarships for international students.

**[www.fafsa.org.ed](http://www.fafsa.org.ed)**

### **Miscellaneous information on study in the US**

**<http://www.collegeclub.com>**

General site for college students and college bound students.

**<http://www.qucis.queensu.ca/FAQs/email/college.html>**

Email addresses for colleges and universities in the US.

**<http://www.student.com/feature/ppd>**

Links to the personal home pages of students at various US campuses. Personal home pages can be a great way to find out about a school, particularly because the authors usually put their email addresses in the site so you can contact them directly with specific questions.

**[http://www.yahoo.com/News\\_and\\_Media/Newspapers/College\\_and\\_University](http://www.yahoo.com/News_and_Media/Newspapers/College_and_University)**

Links to online college and university newspapers. This can be a great way to find out what is happening on certain campuses: what are the issues? what do students think about? what's important to them? Campus newspapers provide insights into schools that you will never get from a catalogue.

**<http://www.utexas.edu/world/lecture/>**

World Lecture Hall site. This site contains links to pages created by faculty worldwide who are using the Web to deliver class materials. This could be a good place to find out exactly what is being taught in various classes at different universities.

**<http://www.ciee.org/>**

Council for International Educational Exchange home page. Information about worldwide educational exchange opportunities.

**<http://www.aipt.org/>**

Home page of the Association for International Practical Training, a non-profit organisation that promotes international understanding between the US and other countries through on-the-job practical training exchanges for students and professionals.

**<http://www.cdsintl.org/>**

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