

# Challenges and Opportunities for Graduate Study and Research in the USA

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# Overview

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- Benefits for international students and scholars
- Challenges for international students and scholars
- Strategies and resources to assist

# Benefits

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- Great education
- Improved language skills
- Enhanced cultural understanding

# Challenges

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- Language barrier
- Cultural differences
- Isolation
- Political climate

# Strategies and Resources to Address Challenges

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- Intensive English Program
- Open lines of communication
  - Active student organizations
  - International advisory committee
- Programs to provide exceptional experiences and bring students together, and build a sense of community.

# Intensive English Program

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**AUBURN UNIVERSITY** English as a Second Language  
Office of International Programs

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**International Programs**

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- Auburn Facts
- Travel Requests (RAT-50)
- Staff Directory
- International Campuses
- International Travel Map
- Agreements
- Linkages

## Service to the World



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### Learning English

**The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program** at Auburn University provides English language instruction to international students, faculty, and visiting scholars. The program offers courses in oral and written communication for international undergraduate and graduate students, classroom communication skills for international teaching assistants, and ESL tutoring to all members of the Auburn University international community.

It also offers a year-round Intensive English Program and special programs for students from other schools and organizations abroad. The ESL Program is housed in the Office of the Provost.

### Intensive English Program

- » IEP Home Page
- » Mission Statement
- » IEP Courses
- » Schedule/Calendar

### Other Programs & Resources

- » Global Bridge Program
- » International Teaching Assistants Program
- » ESL Courses
- » Health Insurance
- » International Student English Center

### Site Translations

- » Chinese: PDF or MS Word
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# International Student and Scholar Organizations

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<http://www.csoauburn.com/forum.php>

# International Advisory Committee

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- Representatives from each international student organization and student services office
- Meets monthly
- Seeks to identify specific concerns and develop solutions



# Programs for Student and Visiting Scholars

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Atlanta Airport Shuttle  
“Friday shopping” Shuttle Bus



**Len Vining**

International Graduate Experience (UNIV 7000)  
International Graduate Colloquium

Auburn Family Friends  
International Wives Group  
InterConnect  
House-to-House

Visiting Scholars and Post Docs

# Atlanta Airport Shuttle

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# International Graduate Experience (UNIV 7000)

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## Orientation to Auburn University and life in the United States

- Auburn University: navigating your first few weeks
- Auburn culture & traditions... “rules of football”
- American history, values and traditions

## International Student Colloquium

- Meets monthly
- Programs on various topics of interest

# Auburn Family Friends

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American host families are matched with international students and scholars (On-line application : <http://graduate.auburn.edu/current-students/cross-cultural-programs/>)

# International Wives Club

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# Interconnect



# House -To-House

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**Hors d'oeuvres**



**Desserts**

# Visiting Scholars and Postdoctoral Fellows

(VP Research, Graduate School, OIE)

An Online Community for Visiting Scholars and  
Postdoctoral Fellows

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Each year over 900 students and 300 scholars from over 80 nations participate in the Auburn experience. This online resource is dedicated to helping visiting scholars connect and share their experiences as they move through their residency at Auburn and beyond.

Postdoctoral Scholars Association (PSA) at Auburn University is dedicated in providing resources, information and representation for postdoctoral scholars. PSA aims to connect all the postdocs at AU through the website and social activities. PSA currently has over 40 members.

## Goal

Auburn Advocates: welcome, integrate, equip, recognize

- Welcome breakfast once per semester
- Progressive Dinners in American homes
- Off-campus outings to see American life
- Scholar/doc website...community
- Opportunities for professional development
- Certificate of Appreciation



# Summary

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- Study in the US can be very beneficial for international students and scholars
- However, there are challenges that must be addressed.
- Some resources at Auburn University that provide support and assistance have been described.

# Questions, Thoughts, New Ideas?

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