Utilizing U.S. Government Resources for International Student Recruitment

GA Association of International Educators Thursday, February 1, 2018



International Students in the U.S., GA and AL

United States	Georgia	Alabama
China (32.5%)	China (30.2%)	China (33.4%)
India (17.3%)	India (17%)	India (12.2%)
South Korea (5.4%)	South Korea (9.8%)	Kuwait (9.0%)
Saudi Arabia (4.9%)	Saudi Arabia (2.1%)	Saudi Arabia (8.9%)
Canada (2.5%)	Nigeria (2%)	Nepal (2%)
Total – 1,078,822	Total - 21,510	Total - 9,549

Source: Open Doors 2017



U.S. Commercial Service (division of the U.S. **Department of Commerce)**

https://2016.export.gov/industry/education/



EducationUSA (part of the U.S. Department of State) educationusa.state.gov

U.S. Commercial Service – Connecting U.S. Education to the World



- > Division of the U.S. Department of Commerce with offices in 100 U.S. cities and 85 countries
- > Mission: to promote the exports of U.S. goods and services and to protect U.S. business interests abroad
- > Education Clients: U.S. technical and community colleges, fouryear colleges and universities, IEPs/ESL programs, graduate schools and boarding schools



Services for U.S. Educational Institutions

- > Market Research
- Overseas Contacts
- > Student Recruitment Events
- **Education Consortia**



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EDUCATIONUSA: WHO ARE WE?

Promote U.S. higher education by connecting international students to American institutions.

Support U.S. higher education community internationalization through international student recruitment and retention plans. *We promote all accredited U.S. institutions equally.*

Engage with foreign institutions and governments regarding their student mobility to the U.S.

We help students and institutions find their own "best fit."





EDUCATIONUSA: WHERE ARE WE?

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Regional
Educational
Advising
Coordinators

525+

Advisers

427

Advising Centers

180

Countries/ Terrritories



CONTACT EDUCATIONUSA

Expert In-Country Support

Online Engagement

Special Programs: EducationUSA Academy, Opportunity Funds, EducationUSA Leadership Institute, host advisers on your campus

Conferences:

EducationUSA Forum in Washington, D.C. July 30 – August 1, 2018

2018 Regional EducationUSA Forums
Kathmandu, Jan. 31 - Feb. 3 | Sub-Saharan Africa,
September 2018; Location TBD



For more information: educationusa.state.gov





Market Intelligence

Examples of Market Report Types:

- Located in our Country Commercial Guides market and sector overviews and best prospects https://www.export.gov/Market-Intelligence
- Education & Training Services Resource Guide produced annually
- Education Top Markets Report produced annually





Education and Training Resource Guide 2017



Education & Training

- ▶ Education & Training Home Page
- ▶ Education and Training Resource Guide 2017
- ▶ NAFSA 2017 USA Pavilion
- ▶ Ghana and Nigeria Education Fairs -- Sept. 2017 U.S.-International Student Day
- -- Nov. 2017 ▶ Costa Rica Community College
- Fair -- April 2017
- Education Team Newsletter
- Virtual Education Events Education Team Webinars
- ▶ Local USDOC Offices

Related Topics

- U.S. International Education Consortia
- Education Sector Associations



Education and Training Services Resource Guide 2017

Education service exports ranked seventh among service exports in 2015. International students studying in the United States contributed over USD 35.7 billion to the U.S. economy in tuition and living expenses during the 2015 calendar

The total number of foreign students increased 7.1 percent in 2015-16, with an international student population of over 1 million students. About 75 percent of students studying in the United States use outside sources to fund their international study and supported over 400,000 U.S. jobs, making Education and Training Services a valuable U.S.

The Institute of International Education's Open Doors® 2016 reports that active recruitment, links with international universities, academic programs targeted to international students, and dual degree programs are all factors that increase the enrollment of international students, with active recruitment being reported as the most effective strategy.

Education & Training Resource Guide -2017

This 2017 U.S. Commercial Service Education and Training Services Resource Guide includes comparable and individual market assessments of countries listed as best prospects for U.S. training and educational services. The country assessments are based on observations and market research reports created by the U.S. Commercial Service.

Download the full guide, or use the country list below to find information on the healthcare market(s) that your company is targeting.

Download the full guide.

Education and Training Services Resource Guide Download the Guide

Education & Training Resource Guide: Analysis By Market

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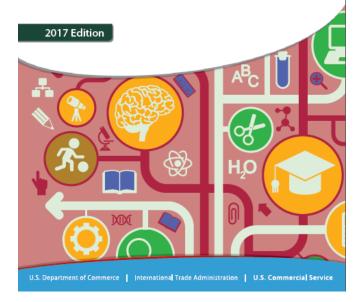
Germany Ghana Hong Kong India Indonesia Japan Kazakhstan Kenya Korea

Kuwait Malaysia Mexico Nigeria New Zealand Panama Peru Philippines Portugal Oatar Romania

Russia Saudi Arabia Serbia Singapore Snain Taiwan Thailand Turkey United Arab Emirates United Kingdom Vietnam

Education and Training Services Resource Guide

A Reference for U.S. Educational Institutions





Webinar Examples

- Refining Your International Recruitment Strategies
- **Brazil Education Market**
- **Best Practices and Opportunities for West African Student** Recruitment
- **Education Market in Turkey**
- Calculating ROI for International Marketing and Recruitment
- Portugal and France: Education Sector and Recruitment **Opportunities**
- International Program Best Practices and Travel Risk Management
- **Best Practices and Opportunities for Student Recruitment in** Kazakhstan and Ukraine
- **State Consortia Webinar Series**



International Student **Recruitment Methods**

Staying in your Armchair (ex. advertising)

Getting out of your Armchair to the Computer (ex. virtual events)

Venturing out in your own State or to other States (ex. events that bring recruiters or university reps to the U.S.)

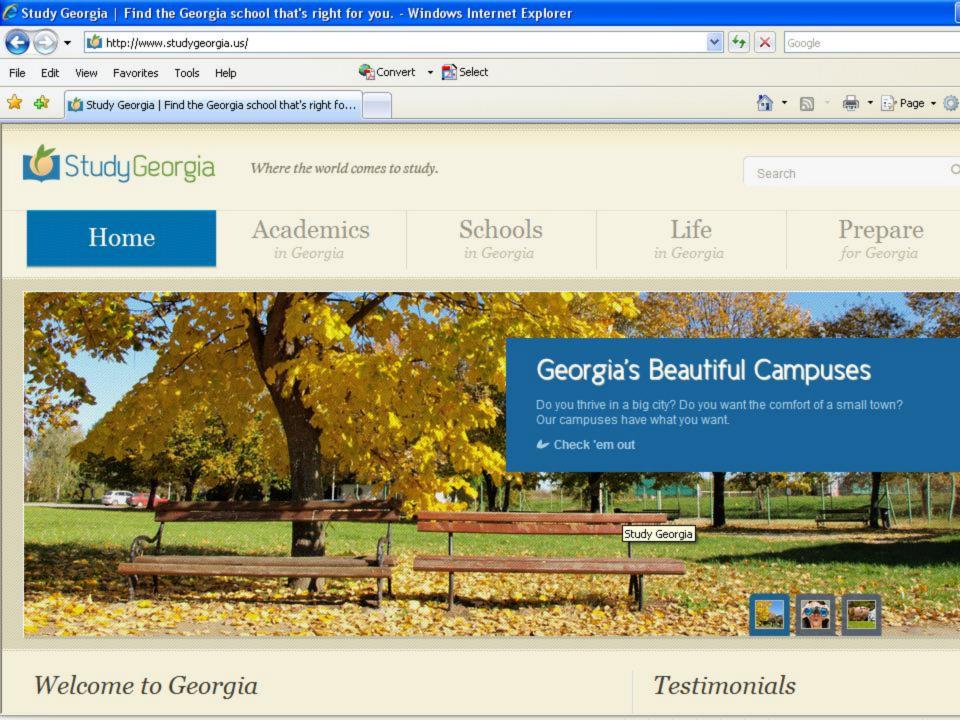
Getting on a very large Plane (probably Delta) to other Countries (ex. EdUSA fairs)

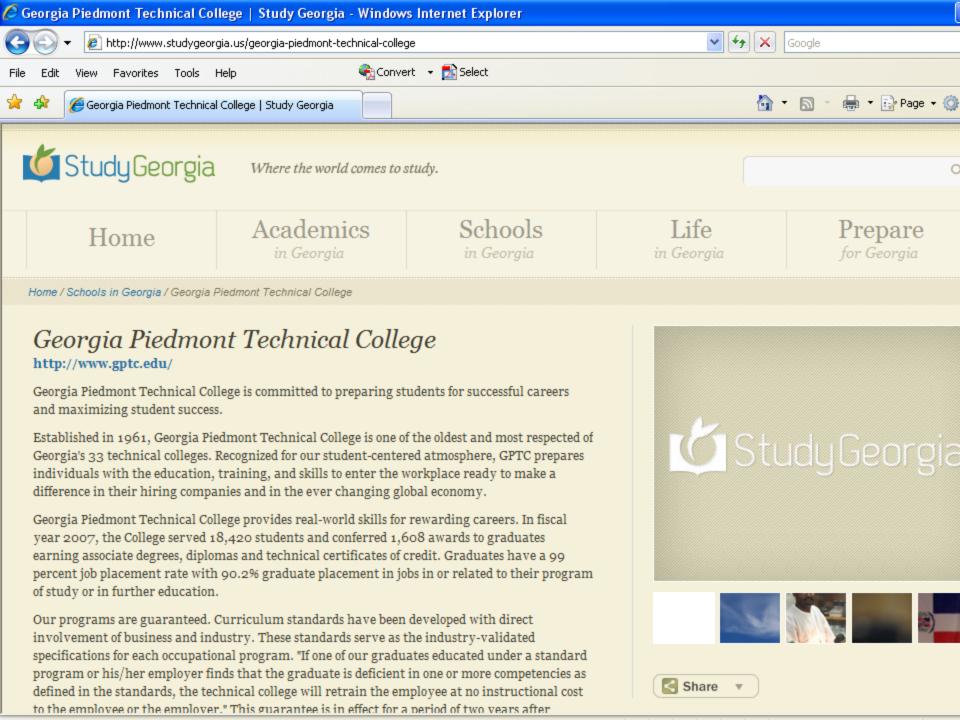


Recruiting: From Your Armchair

- 1. Advertising
- 2. Sending Promotional Materials Be Strategic!
- 3. Being a Non-active Member of your State Study Consortia it's more advertising!
- 4. Signing Agents without ever meeting them









Recruiting: At Your Computer

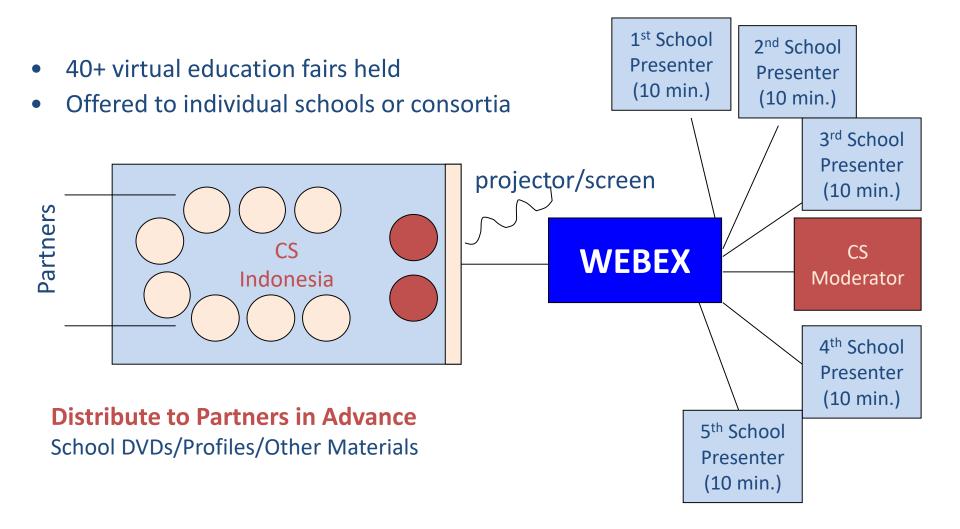
- 1. Virtual Student Fairs
- 2. Virtual Agent Events
- 3. Alumni! Alumni!
- 4. Writing a highlight that gets sent to EdUSA advisers in their monthly newsletter --

https://educationusa.state.gov/us-higher-educationprofessionals/online-services/submit-content





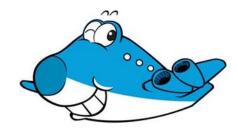
Virtual Education Fairs





Recruiting: In the U.S.

- 1. Establishing relationships/agreements with two-year colleges, boarding schools
- 2. NAFSA annual conference meet with foreign universities, EdUSA advisors and Commercial Service reps
- 3. Other Events with Overseas Reps Exs. EdUSA forum in DC, International ACAC conference
- 4. Agent Workshops Ex. ICEF Miami





Recruiting: In Other Countries

- 1. Student Recruitment Fairs there are so many! U.S. Journal of Academics maintains a great comprehensive list -http://www.usjournal.com/fairs/
- 2. Education Missions
- 3. Agent Workshops
- **Individual Meetings just for your School**





Collaboration with EducationUSA

- Presentations
- Webinars
- Recruitment Fairs
- Education Missions
- Working with Study Consortia





Examples of Upcoming Recruitment Events

- Costa Rica Community College Fair April 2018
- Education Mission to Czech Republic, Poland, and Austria **April 2018**

More info on both of the above events can be found at... https://2016.export.gov/industry/education/

- EdUSA's Colombia STEM Tour March 2018 https://educationusa.state.gov/events/colombia-stem-tour-2018
- EdUSA's Southeastern Europe Tour April 2018 https://educationusa.state.gov/events/2018-southeasterneurope-tour



Working with Agents

- Yes, I know this is a controversial topic. And yet, I'm still happy to discuss it!
- Can you compensate them and how?
- Have a recruitment strategy!
- Please make sure they didn't hang out their "open for business sign" yesterday. In other words, vet them, vet them!!
- How to find the legit ones
- Definitely have some sort of agreement in place and probably not an exclusive one
- Visit them if at all possible or consider bringing them to your campus
- Don't forget they exist and check-in!



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