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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

Bergen Community College offers affordable tuition, dedicated faculty, and outstanding services for students

Bergen Community College is located in suburban Paramus, New Jersey; a short bus ride from New York City! BCC is proud to have over 675 international students representing 61 countries from around the globe!

- Bergen Community College is a two year institution offering Associates degrees in areas ranging from Health Professions, to General Engineering Technology to Business to World Languages and Cultures. English instruction is also available.
- The tuition at BCC is very affordable; about \$3500 USD per semester (15 credits) (about \$7,000 per year + the cost of off campus housing).
- Bergen Community College programs prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, or for immediate entry into a career.
- The College offers many advantages that may not be found elsewhere; small classes, affordable tuition, dedicated faculty, outstanding services for students, flexible class times and a diverse population.

More information can be found at <http://admissions.bergen.edu/admissions/internationalstudents>

Undergraduate: Investing in Your Education - Financial Aid at Bryant University, Rhode Island

At Bryant, international students are embraced by a community of students, faculty, and staff who are here to help you achieve success - as you define it. Bryant offers a **comprehensive education** that integrates business and the liberal arts to give you a strong academic foundation (<http://admission.bryant.edu/admissions/international/academics.asp>).

Bryant University is committed to providing the highest quality education at a reasonable cost. The Office of Financial Aid offers a number of programs to help students finance their education. Options include scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment.

Academic Scholarships

There are a number of academic scholarships that are awarded to Bryant students each year. Scholarships are awarded based on high school transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, class rank, and extracurricular involvement and do not require repayment. It is not necessary to apply for financial aid to be considered for academic scholarships at Bryant. All new students are considered as part of the admission application process. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years, provided full-time enrollment is maintained and previously determined grade point averages continue to be achieved. Scholarships range from \$8,000 - \$25,000 per year.

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Undergraduate: Students at Concordia College are inspired to change – and be changed by – the world

Concordia is a vibrant learning community of more than 2,800 students, where student engagement goes well beyond the classroom. Here, students frequently join faculty in side-by-side research. Our students benefit from an academically challenging, yet welcoming and supportive learning environment.

Financial assistance

Concordia College *prizes* the contributions international students make to enhance education at Concordia, and we are pleased to provide partial financial assistance to help make it more possible to enroll. We offer International Student Scholarships based on academic ability and family need that can go as high as **\$14,000 per year** for students joining in 2009. In addition, Concordia offers performance scholarships to students based solely on talent in Music, Theatre Performance and Production, Visual Arts, and Speech and Debate

www.concordiacollege.edu/Offices/Finaid/Types/Scholarships/concordia1.php

More information and steps to apply:

www.concordiacollege.edu/Admissions/internationalstudents1.php

II. News you can use

International Women's Day - What percentage of women and men in Generation Y hold university qualifications?

The number of women holding university qualifications has overtaken men for the first time, according to figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The ABS found that 28 percent of Generation X and Y women (i.e. aged between 20 and 39) held a bachelor degree or higher in 2006, 7 percent more than men in the same age bracket. Each generation holds more academic qualifications than the last, making Generations X and Y the most highly educated on record.

As see in: www.internationalwomensday.com

International Women's Day - March 8, 2009

"On the occasion of International Women's Day 2009, I am proud to honor women around the world who are blazing trails and surmounting obstacles in pursuit of equality and opportunity. Although you may not know their names or recognize their faces, these women advocates are hard at work in every country and on every continent, seeking to fulfill their right to participate fully in the political, economic and cultural lives of their societies. Often working against great odds and at great personal sacrifice, they are a key to global progress in this new century and deserve our admiration and support."

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
Washington, DC

New loan program helps international students

Harvard, JPMorgan Chase to offer private education loans

Harvard University has signed an agreement with JPMorgan Chase that will provide graduate and professional students from abroad with access to private education loans. (International students are not eligible for federal student loans.)

The agreement follows more than six months of work by University officials to secure support for international students in its graduate and professional programs after other major lenders withdrew from the market. International undergraduate students at Harvard College are separately covered under the College's financial aid program.

"We have a significant international student population, and we pride ourselves on the contributions these students make to a diverse campus. We are pleased to be able to say, once again, that a Harvard graduate education remains accessible to all talented students, regardless of where they live."

- Dan Shore, Chief Financial Officer, Harvard University.

Under the agreement, JPMorgan Chase will provide financing to graduate and professional students from abroad who register at Harvard. A customized underwriting process will make it as simple as possible for student loan applicants. Under this program, international students may qualify for loans up to the total cost of their attendance at the University, but the specific amount available to individual students will be determined, as part of an overall financial assessment, by the Harvard Schools or programs they will attend.

Full text at: www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/2009/03.05/99-studentloan.html

New program and employment trend: The College of Microscopy

Concordia University Chicago is enrolling students for fall 2009 in a new applied microscopy program in partnership with the internationally renowned College of Microscopy, the education division of The McCrone Group.

Applied microscopy encompasses use of light microscopy, electron microscopy, infrared and Raman spectroscopy, sample preparation and small-particle handling to solve problems and analyze or build materials on a nearly sub-atomic scale. Technological advances across all sectors have increased the need for applied microscopy for virtually all industries that rely on small particle identification and analysis: environmental and ecological sciences, materials engineering, forensic science, homeland security, public health and safety, art and archaeology, chemical and contamination identification, nanotechnology, manufacturing and many others.

The College of Microscopy program is among the first dedicated bachelor of science microscopy programs in the nation, and the first to combine the resources of a comprehensive liberal arts university and an international leader in microscopy.

www.cuchicago.edu/news_and_events/news_item.asp?id=667

Concordia University Chicago - www.cuchicago.edu