



EducationUSA Canada Spotlights

University of Kentucky

in Lexington, Kentucky

The University of Kentucky (UK) is the flagship university of the state of Kentucky. As a leading [public research university](#), UK is on an exciting path—one that's conducting groundbreaking research in areas such as energy, the environment, and cancer. Yet, UK remains one of the most affordable major universities in the United States.

[Nationally and internationally ranked](#) in a number of programs, UK is one of only eight universities in the U.S. offering the full range of academic programs on one campus—Agriculture, Architecture, Business, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. This allows students to have a true multidisciplinary college experience.



Research is at the heart of UK's teachings, addressing key challenges in areas like health and quality of life. With [over 200 academic programs](#) in different colleges, UK is a hub of world-class academics, offering undergraduates [many opportunities](#) to become involved with research no matter their field of study. At UK, students learn and work alongside world-renown professors who are seeking to address some of the world's most pressing issues.





The strong academic preparation paired with research and hands-on experience allows international students to develop the skills and knowledge they need to tackle today's highly competitive global workforce.

Proud of its diverse and close-knit community, UK is home to more than 1,400 international students from over 100 different countries, and has been ranked as one of the 15 Diversity Champion Colleges and Universities in the nation, according to [INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine](#).

The university offers various [scholarships for international students](#) including:

The International Student Ambassador Scholarship is a competitive and renewable scholarship ranging from USD 3,000 to 50% of tuition. It requires a separate application including a letter of recommendation and a one-page essay describing how you could serve as a student ambassador to the university, as well as any experiences you have in leadership and volunteerism.

The William C. Parker Diversity scholarship is competitive. The criteria includes a score of 2.50 unweighted GPA a short essay addressing how you would contribute to campus diversity. The award amounts vary based on the applicant pool.



The Bluegrass Spirit academic scholarship is provided to first-year undergraduate students who have secured at least 25 ACT or 1200 SAT scores and a 3.00 unweighted GPA. Students will receive an amount starting at USD 8,000, with additional funding up to USD 12,500 available for meritorious students with higher GPAs and ACT/SAT scores.

For more information about UK, click [here](#). You can also [email UK](#) directly with any questions at international@uky.edu or Ask a Wildcat! [Chat](#) with a current international student for any questions about academics, student life, or what it's like at University of Kentucky!

