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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know experientially, the international community at LSU brings immense value to our campus, enriching the student experience and making LSU a better community. International Services is honored to support over 2,200 international students, scholars, and families from over 100 countries. Via our annual report, we proudly share a picture of the global community that calls LSU home.

The annual report includes statistical information about LSU's non-immigrant visa population to illustrate our international student and scholar community's diversity and their contributions to the broader LSU mission. The international student and scholar population represented in this report includes non-immigrant visa holders who are undergraduate and graduate students (non-degree and degree-seeking), researchers, and visiting scholars.

We continue striving to improve the services and support we offer our student and scholar community. We invite you to share your thoughts on how we are doing. Please do not hesitate to contact me to share your input or learn more about the International Services office and the students and scholars we serve!



Sincerely,



ANNETTE BURRIS

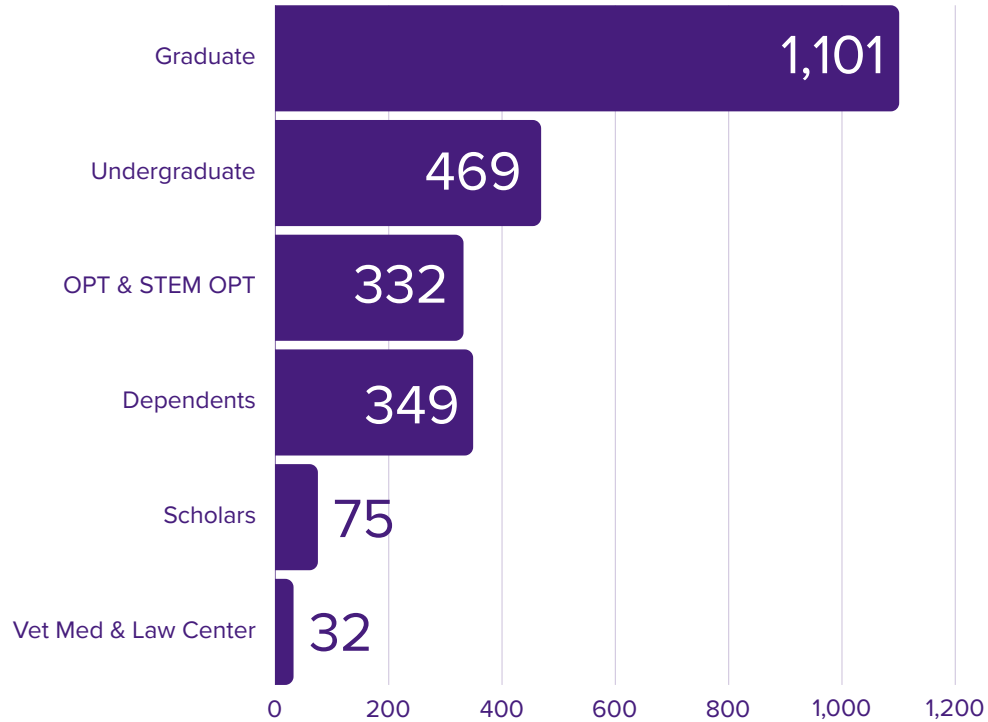
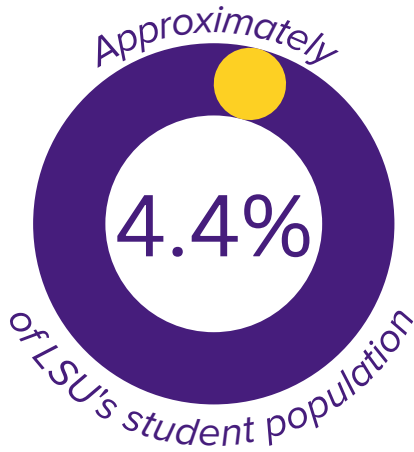
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LSU INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

2,358

LSU's population of international students, scholars, & families.

1,602
enrolled international students



WHAT WE DO

LSU International Services advises and supports the university's international community through immigration advisory services, advocacy, and cross-cultural programming. We are the primary office responsible for the university's compliance with U.S. federal immigration regulations.

FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT

410

new international students

235

new Graduates

158

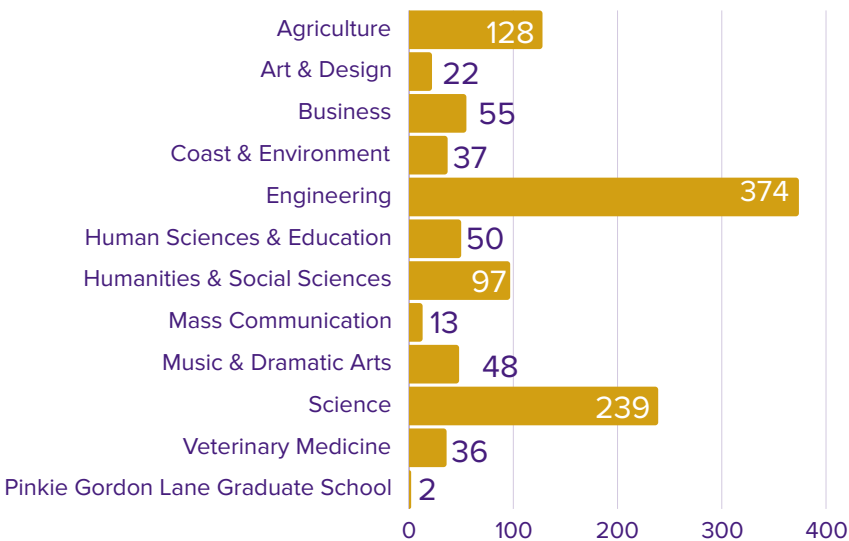
new Undergraduates

17

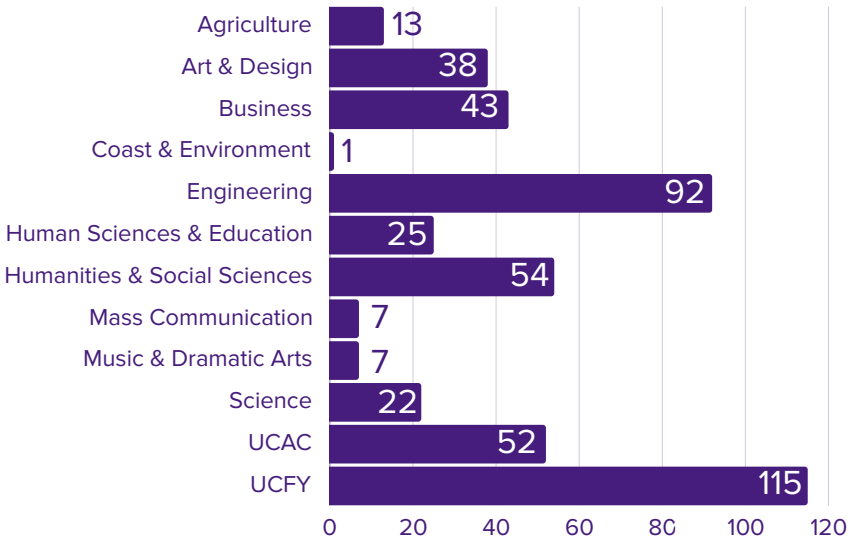
new Law Center & Vet Med

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

GRADUATE*



UNDERGRADUATE



*non-degree not included

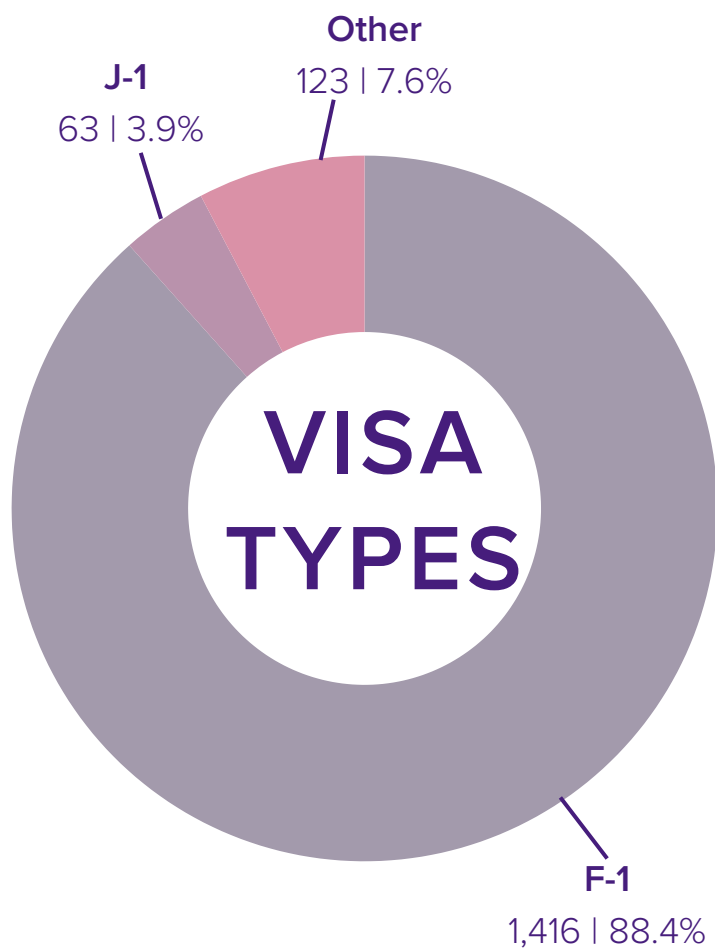
TOP PROGRAMS OF STUDY

GRADUATE

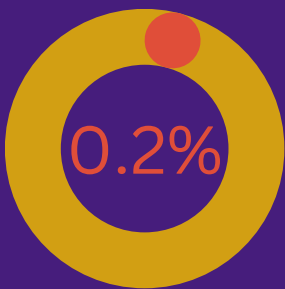
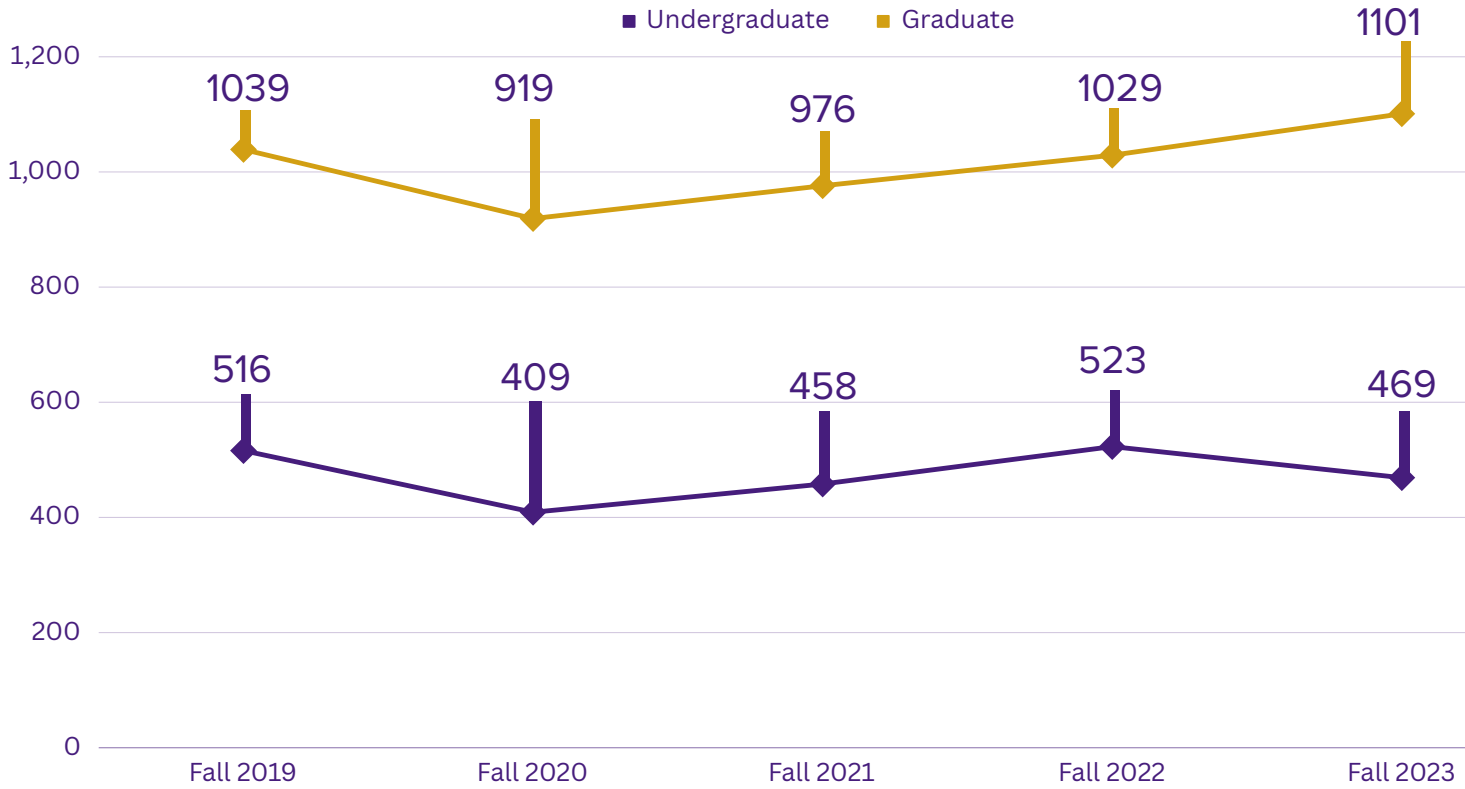
- 71 Chemistry
- 64 Biological Sciences
- 54 Civil Engineering
- 50 Mathematics
- 47 Computer Science

UNDERGRADUATE

- 39 Computer Science
- 29 Pre-Business Administration
- 27 Sports Administration
- 15 Psychology
- 14 Biological Sciences

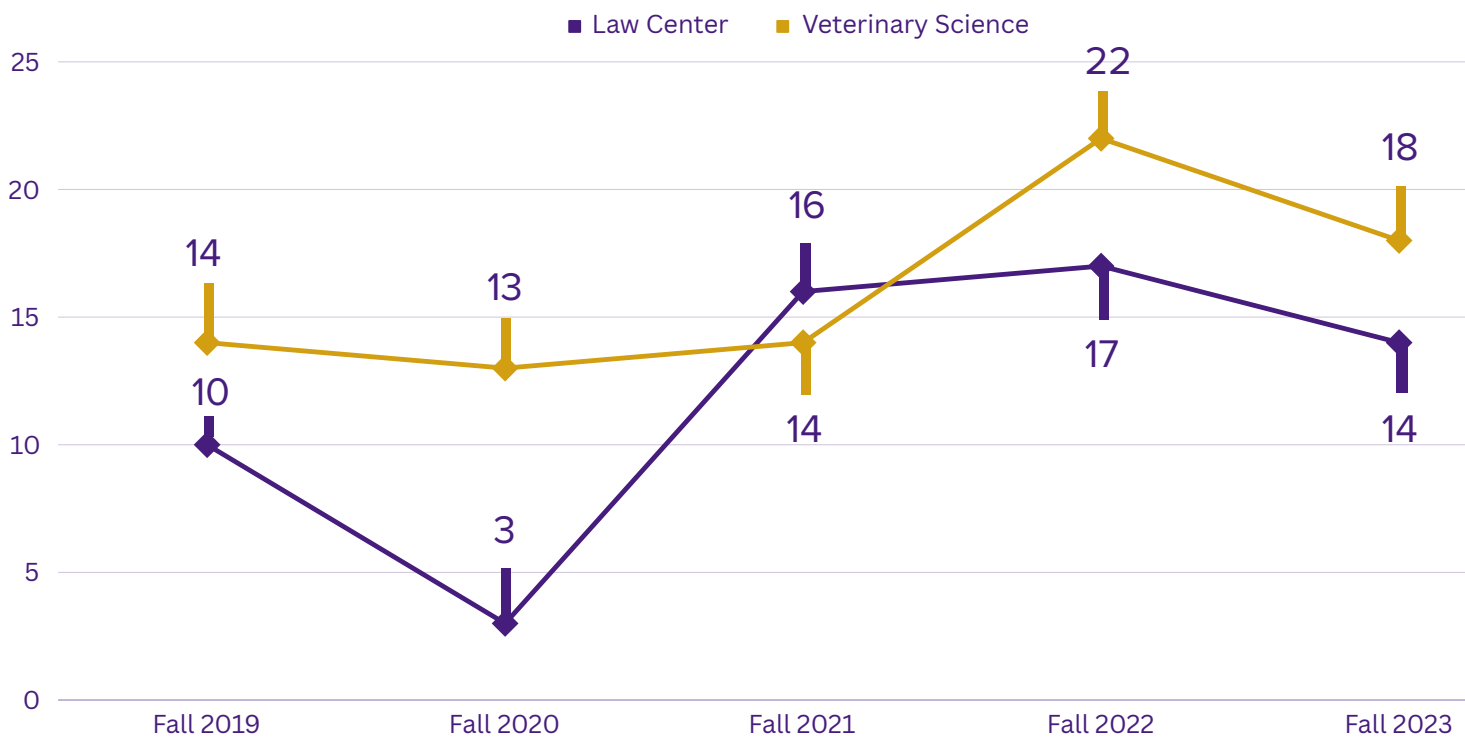
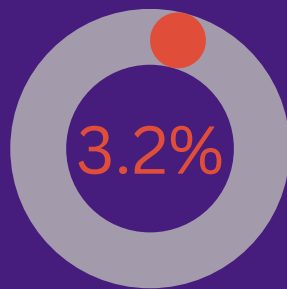


INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT A FIVE YEAR REVIEW



decrease in international undergrad enrollment over the last 5 years

decrease in international graduate enrollment over the last 5 years



COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP

ASIA

Afghanistan
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Cambodia
China
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Malaysia
Myanmar (Burma)
Nepal
Pakistan
Philippines
Russia
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
South Korea
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Thailand
Turkey
Vietnam

AMERICAS

Argentina
Bahamas
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Cayman Islands
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominica
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Trinidad & Tobago
Venezuela

EUROPE

Albania
Bosnia and
Herzegovina
Croatia
Czech Republic
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Serbia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Ukraine
United Kingdom

AFRICA

Angola
Benin
Burundi
Cameroon
Côte D'ivoire
Egypt
Ethiopia
The Gambia
Ghana
Kenya
Malawi
Morocco
Mozambique
Nigeria
Rwanda
South Africa
Sudan
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

OCEANIA

Australia
New Zealand
Tonga

107
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED



CITIZENSHIP ACROSS THE GLOBE

TOP COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



INDIA	175
CHINA	165
IRAN	116
NIGERIA	115
BANGLADESH	113
NEPAL	73
HONDURAS	68
GHANA	58
VIETNAM	51
CANADA	36

Student Group Spotlight: ISA

The International Student Association (ISA) at LSU significantly enriches the experiences of international students. It encourages cultural exchange and awareness through a variety of events such as Welcome Dinner parties in both the fall and spring semesters, the Festival of Nations, International Fusion, Thanksgiving Party, and picnics. These events highlight the diverse cultures of its members, fostering understanding and appreciation within the broader student body. ISA offers essential support and advocacy for international students, aiding them in overcoming the challenges of studying abroad by providing practical advice and representing their interests.

Recently, ISA President Md Tanvir Ahmed Sarkar has been instrumental in addressing fair wage issues for all Ph.D. level graduate assistants, advocating for affordable healthcare for graduate assistants, and resolving Tiger Trail Bus Route issues. In a groundbreaking initiative, the ISA President also advocated for the establishment of a graduate family orientation program for F-2 visa holders, which is slated to be held Spring 2024.

ISA also serves as a networking and community-building platform, enabling students to connect with peers, faculty, and professionals through social events, workshops, and meetings. It organizes seminars and workshops focused on educational and professional development, tailored to the career and academic aspirations of international students. Additionally, ISA acts as an intermediary between the international student community and the university administration, effectively communicating the students' needs and facilitating policy changes for their benefit. Overall, ISA's substantial contributions to cultural diversity, support systems, educational opportunities, and the well-being of international students are indispensable to the campus community at LSU.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

75

International
Scholars at LSU

24

Fields of
Specialization



27

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY CONTINENT

North America	2	Africa	3
South America	6	Asia	11
Central America	1	Europe	5

Scholar Spotlight: Felipe de Matos Rocha

From Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Filipe Rocha is here at LSU for a year as an Exchange Visitor, sponsored by CAPES, the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel, affiliated with the Brazilian Ministry of Education.

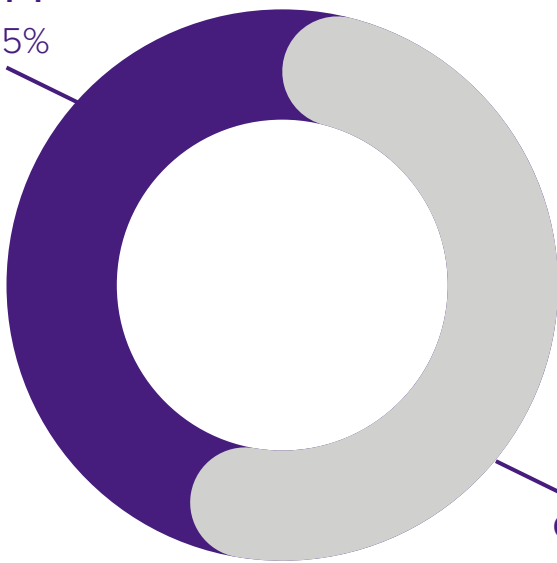


Working alongside his Brazilian advisors from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Professors Liduino Pitombeira and Pauxy Gentil Nunes, as well as his LSU supervisor, Professor Robert Peck, he is conducting research on the subject of his dissertation, which revolves around the formulation of a musical rhythmic prosodic system proposal. This proposal is intricately designed to offer analytical, compositional, and pedagogical insights. Bringing with him the rich heritage of his local culture, Filipe has also presented a workshop on Jongo at our Kids' Orchestra Makes Music with the LSU Tigers.

“Being here at LSU, developing part of my research under the supervision of Prof. Peck, is a dream come true after many years of dedication. In this journey, many people believed in me and invested their time. I am here on behalf of many! Yet, I dedicate this achievement to my wife, Miriã Valeriano, and my daughter, Beatriz Valeriano de Matos. Without them, I wouldn't have succeeded. Ready for more challenges! Geaux Music!”

OPT & STEM OPT

STEM OPT
151 | 45.5%



OPT
180 | 54.2%

332

STUDENTS ON OPT & STEM OPT

OPT

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is an employment benefit for eligible F-1 students to work anywhere in the U.S. at a job directly related to their field.

STEM OPT

STEM OPT is an employment benefit that allows a 24-month work extension to students who hold a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.

Student Spotlight: Lucrezia Tomassetti

Lucrezia Tomassetti is a second-year international student from Italy pursuing a BA in International Studies focusing on Global Diplomacy.

After graduating high school in Shreveport, LA, she realized how passionate she was about understanding the complexity of international relations and global issues in general. With that, the choice to attend LSU came naturally; she was drawn in by the university's warm and welcoming atmosphere and its commitment to academic excellence. The International Studies Major, an interdisciplinary program led by esteemed faculty with a comprehensive approach to diplomatic strategies, was a particular draw for her.

"I have lived in Louisiana for a few years, and I can confidently say that I would not want to be anything but a Tiger! In the future, I hope to leverage the knowledge and skills gained at LSU to have an impact on international diplomacy, bridging cultural divides and working towards a more interconnected and peaceful world at the United Nations Security Council. I am positive my time at LSU will help me immensely in achieving my goals. Geaux Tigers!"



ECONOMIC IMPACT

At LSU

**\$65.9
Million**

*Contributions from
international students*

609

Jobs supported

1,602

*International students
enrolled*

In Louisiana

**\$246.7
Million**

*Contributions from
international students*

2,251

Jobs supported

6,626

*International students
enrolled*

Across the United States

**\$40.1
Billion**

*Contributions from
international students*

368,333

Jobs supported

For every **3**
international
students, **1** job is
created in the
U.S.

OUR TEAM



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