

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

CALIFORNIA

FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$3.215 billion** to the California economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

4,639 citizen diplomats and host families in California volunteered to welcome international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

31,122 citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in California.

3,130 Californians and foreign visitors participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Higher Learning

California is ranked **#1** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

California universities with the most foreign students

1. University of Southern California
2. UCLA
3. University of California–Berkeley
4. Stanford University
5. Academy of Art University

Leading places of origin for foreign students in California during 2011–12

1. China
2. South Korea
3. India
4. Taiwan
5. Japan

Notable ECA Alumni

Juan Vargas

U.S. Representative for California’s 51st District, (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1994)

Kevin McCarthy

U.S. Representative for California’s 23rd District, 2007–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1995)

Gaddi Holguin Vasquez

Director of the Peace Corps, 2002–06 (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1994; 1999)

Ed Royce

U.S. Representative for California’s 40th Congressional District, 2003–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1984)

John B. Gurdon

Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, (2012 *Fulbright Visiting Scholar at California Institute of Technology*, 1961)

George Arthur Akerlof

Nobel Prize in Economics, 2001 (*Fulbright Scholar Program*, 1967)

Jim Costa

U.S. Representative for California’s 16th Congressional District, 2005–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1982; 1987)

Carol Padden

MacArthur “Genius” Grant for Sign Language Linguistics, 2010 (*Fulbright Scholar*, 2000)



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