

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

IOWA

FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$306.3 million** to the Iowa economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

Higher Learning

Iowa is ranked **#20** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

Iowa universities with the most foreign students

1. Iowa State University
2. University of Iowa
3. University of Northern Iowa
4. Drake University
5. Kirkwood Community College

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

1. China
2. India
3. South Korea
4. Malaysia
5. Saudi Arabia

702 citizen diplomats in Iowa volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

2,179 citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Iowa.

501 Iowans and foreign visitors participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Notable ECA Alumni

Mo Yan

Nobel Prize in Literature, 2012
(International Writing Program at the University of Iowa, 2004)

Jane Smiley

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 1992
(Fulbright Student, 1976)

Timothy Barrett

MacArthur Foundation Fellow, 2009
(Fulbright Student, 1975)

Rita Dove

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1987
(Fulbright/Hays Fellow, 1974)

Chet Culver

41st Governor of Iowa, 2007–2011
(American Council of Young Political Leaders, 1994)



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