

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

MISSOURI

FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$417.9 million** to the Missouri economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

1,054 citizen diplomats in Missouri volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

3,695 citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Missouri.

549 Missourians and foreign visitors participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Higher Learning

Missouri is ranked **#13** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

Missouri universities with the most foreign students

1. University of Missouri–Columbia
2. Washington University–St. Louis
3. University of Missouri–Kansas City
4. St. Louis University–Main Campus
5. Lindenwood University

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

1. China
2. India
3. South Korea
4. Saudi Arabia
5. Japan/Nepal (tied)

Notable ECA Alumni

Jane Smiley

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

Virgil Thompson

Pulitzer Prize for Music, 1949;
National Medal of Arts, 1988
(*Fulbright Scholar*, 1960)

Roy Blunt

U.S. Senator from Missouri, 2011–Present
(*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1982;
1987; 1988; 1989)

Douglass Cecil North

Nobel Prize in Economics, 1993
(*Fulbright Scholar*, 1990)

Kit Bond

U.S. Senator from Missouri, 1987–2011; 9th Governor of Missouri, 1981–85
(*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1979)

Vicky Hartzler

Nobel Prize in Economics, 1993
(*Fulbright Scholar*, 1990)



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