

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

NORTH CAROLINA

FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$338.4 million** to the North Carolina economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

Higher Learning

North Carolina is ranked **#17** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

North Carolina universities with the most foreign students

1. North Carolina State University
2. Duke University and Medical Center
3. University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill
4. University of North Carolina–Charlotte
5. University of North Carolina–Greensboro

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

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

1,594 citizen diplomats in North Carolina volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

7,201 citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in North Carolina.

576 North Carolinians and foreign visitors participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Notable ECA Alumni

Charles Wright

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1998
(*Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program*, 1963)

Robert Frederic Schenkkan, Jr.

Pulitzer Prize for Drama, 1992
(*Fulbright Scholar*, 1969)

Roy A. Cooper

49th North Carolina Attorney General, 2001–Present
(*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1988; 1990)

Comer Vann Woodward

Pulitzer Prize for History, 1982
(*Fulbright Scholar*, 1954)

David Britton Funderburk

Ambassador of the United States to Romania, 1981–85; U.S. Representative from North Carolina, 1995–97
(*Fulbright Student*, 1971)



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