

International Student & Scholar Statistics 2022-2023

Northwestern | BUFFETT INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS International Student and Scholar Services

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A Message from the Office of International Student & Scholar Services

As part of Northwestern's Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, the Office of International Student & Scholar Services (OISS) provides professional support and advising services to international students and scholars at Northwestern University regarding their immigration and academic status in the United States. The OISS is committed to providing quality advising services and supportive programming to students, scholars and their dependents. Northwestern welcomed 1,684 new international students in Fall 2022 and sponsors over 8,500 visitors from over 140 countries.

Nearly 1 million international students are studying at US colleges and universities. International students contribute to culturally diverse campuses, providing authentic opportunities for all students to learn from each other's perspectives and to become better prepared for careers in the global economy. Additionally, international students contributed \$34 billion to the US economy and supported over 335,000 jobs nationally during the 2021-2022 academic year. Closer to home, international students and their dependents contributed \$1.6 billion to the economy in Illinois. Northwestern international students and their dependents contributed nearly \$240 million to the local economy and supported over 3,000 jobs*. This reinforces the notion that international students not only bring a diverse perspective to the academic discussion, but also contribute significantly to the national, state and local economies.

Our goal is to help the international students, scholars and Northwestern faculty and staff navigate the many complexities associated with student and employment-based visa classifications within the Northwestern community. We are committed to providing accurate information and the highest quality of service, taking into account institutional policies and ever-changing federal regulations.

*According to a NAFSA (Association of International Educators) economic analysis for the 2021-22 academic year



Northwestern's International Community

4,808 enrolled students **1,379** scholars

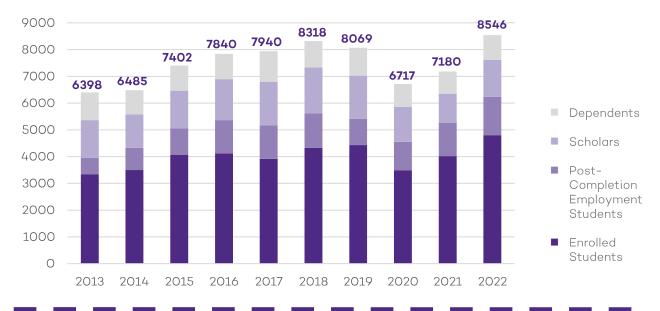
1,432 students on post-completion employment **927** dependents

The OISS maintains statistics only for the members of the Northwestern community who receive visa sponsorship through our office, including F-1 and J-1 students; J-1 scholars; H-1B, TN, O-1 and E-3 employees; B-1 visitors; and any of their dependents.

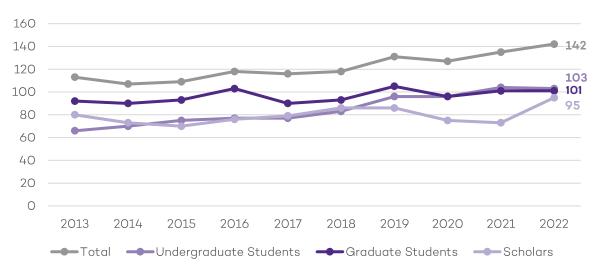
Many members of Northwestern's international community receive sponsorship through other entities, including students on F-2, J-2, L-1, L-2, H-1B or H-4 visas; J-1 students with third party sponsorship; undocumented students; employees with an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) including F-1 OPT students, J-2 dependents and asylees; and students or employees holding Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) status. These members of our community are not included in this report.

Northwestern's International Community

Northwestern's international community - including students, scholars and their families - is currently made up of **8,546 individuals** from **142 countries**.



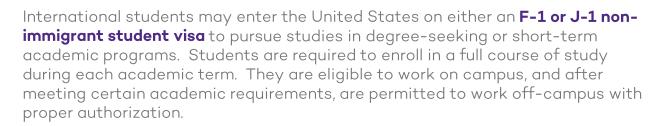
The diversity of our community has increased **26%** over the past decade. This can primarily be attributed to a **56% increase in the diversity of our undergraduate students**, who now represent **103 countries**. This year, Northwestern is hosting students and scholars from **Benin**, **Burkina Faso**, **Malawi**, **South Sudan** and **Zambia** for the first time.



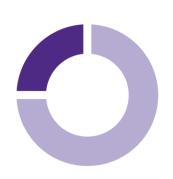
Enrolled Students

Enrolled students make up the largest part of Northwestern's international community.

Representing 122 countries from around the world and enrolling across all of the university's schools and colleges, enrolled international students enrich the academic experience by providing opportunities for all students to learn from each other's unique perspectives and to become better prepared for careers in the global economy. In addition, they make significant contributions to the local economy.



International students are an integral part of Northwestern's student body, accounting for **25%** of all full-time students.



25% of Northwestern's full-time students are international

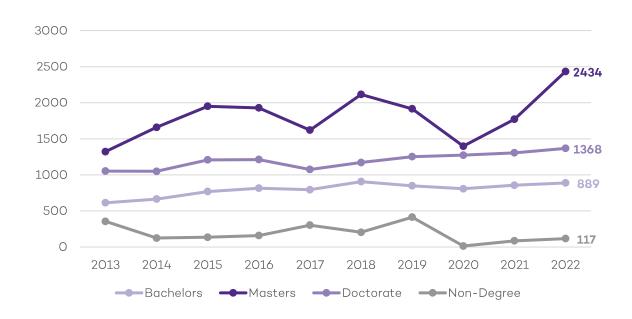


10%
of full-time
undergraduate
students are
international



36% of full-time graduate students are international

Enrolled Students



Degree Level



51% Master's28% Doctorate19% Bachelor's2% Non-degree

Visa Type



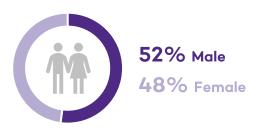
95% F-1 Visa 5% J-1 Visa

Primary Funding Source



63% Personal/Family32% Northwestern3% Private Sponsor2% Home Gov't/University

Gender



Fall 2022 New Enrollment



Top Countries for New Students

Undergraduate Students





9% South Korea





Graduate Students



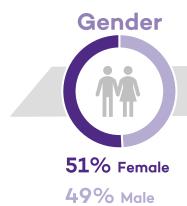


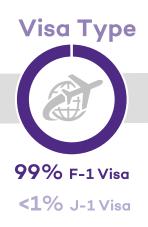
4% Taiwan





Bachelor's Students







24% Northwestern2% Private Sponsor1% Home Gov't/University

Top 5 Countries

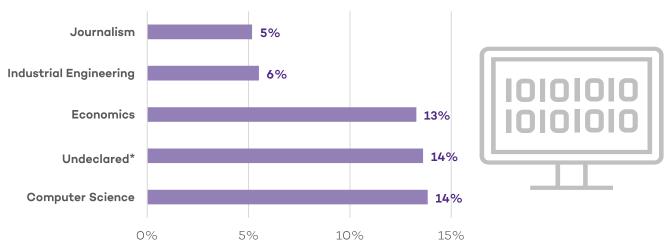






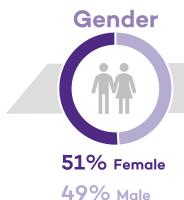






^{*}All students in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern's largest undergraduate college, are listed as undeclared. Students go through a process to determine and declare their major within their first 2 years.

Master's Students



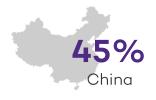




4% Private Sponsor

3% Northwestern
3% Home Gov't/University

Top 5 Countries

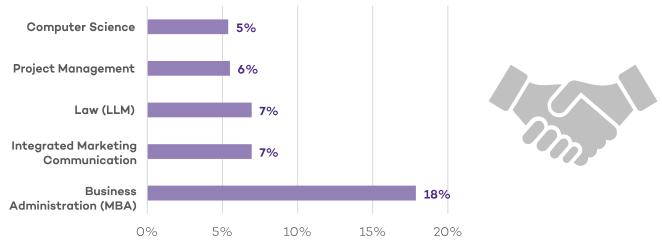




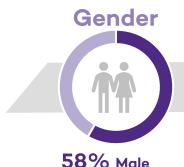








Doctoral Students



42% Female

Visa Type



92% F-1 Visa

8% J-1 Visa

Funding Source



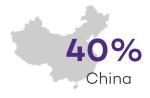
92% Northwestern

7% Personal/Family

2% Home Gov't/University

<1% Private Sponsor

Top 5 Countries

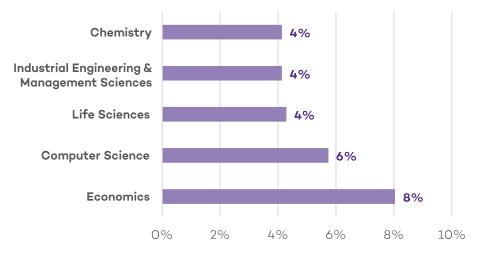




6% South Korea



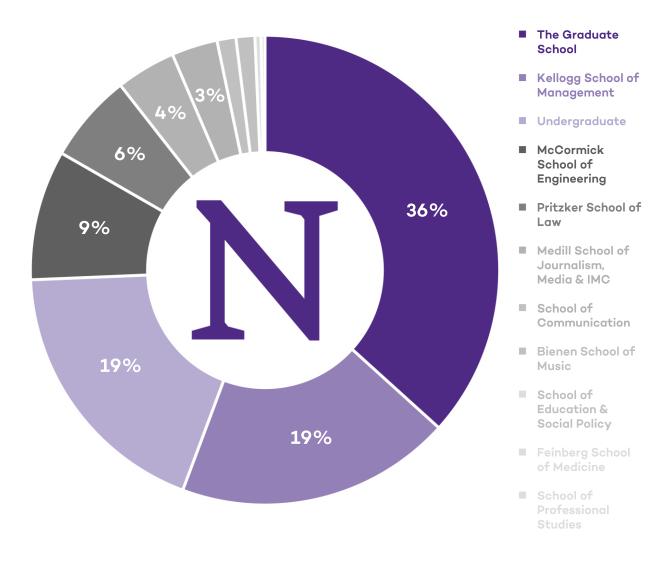
3% Türkiye



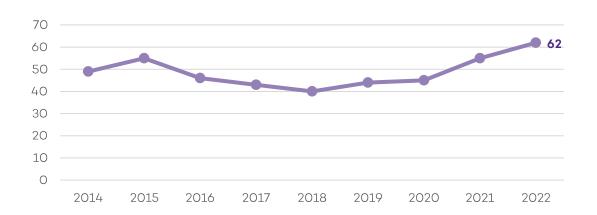


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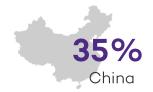
Northwestern's international students are engaged academically across the university's many schools and colleges. Enrollment data is based on college of admission.



Northwestern | BIENEN SCHOOL OF MUSIC



Top Countries

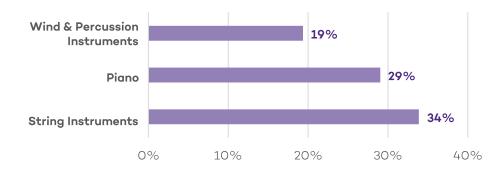


19% South Korea



Degree Level







Northwestern | FEINBERG

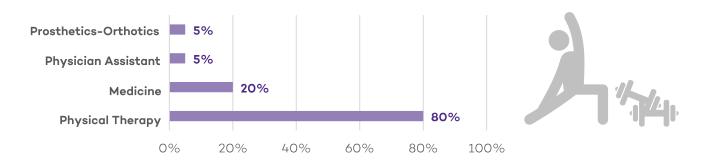


Top Countries

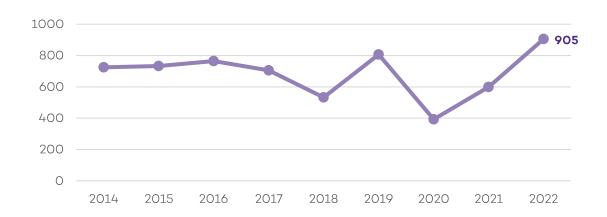


Degree Level





Northwestern Kellogg



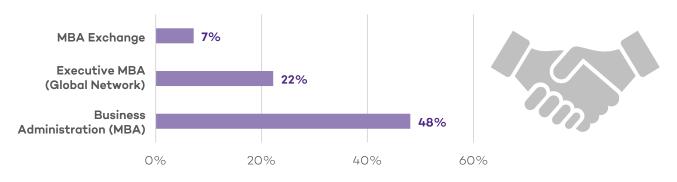
Top Countries



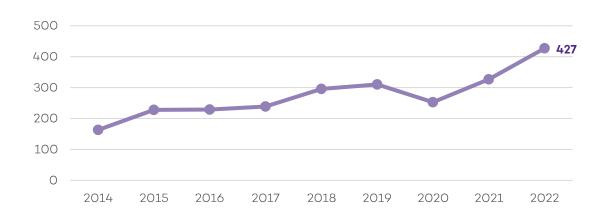


Degree Level

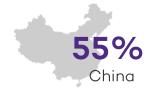




Northwestern ENGINEERING



Top Countries

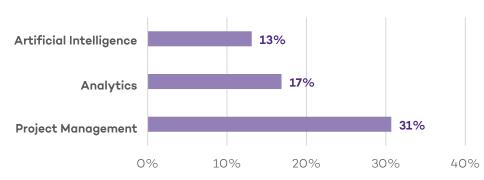






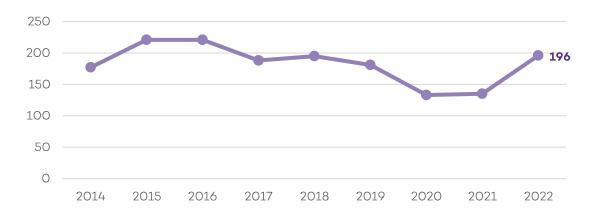
Degree Level







Northwestern | MEDILL SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, MEDIA, INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS



Top Countries

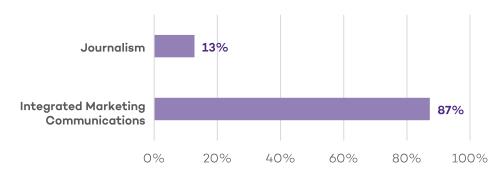






Degree Level 99% Master's

1% Non-degree

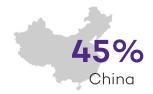




Northwestern | PRITZKER



Top Countries



10% South Korea

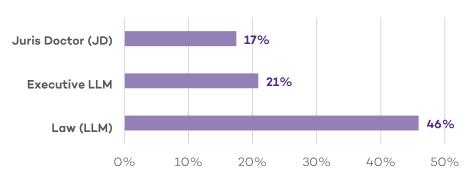


Degree Level



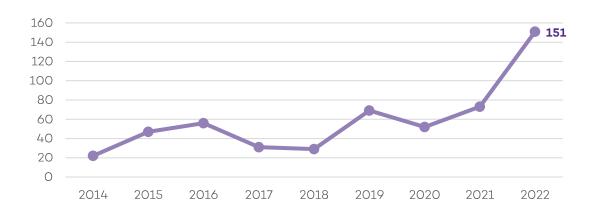
18% Doctorate

2% Non-degree





Northwestern COMMUNICATION



Top Countries

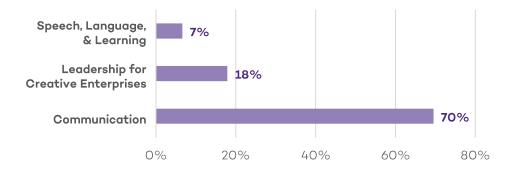






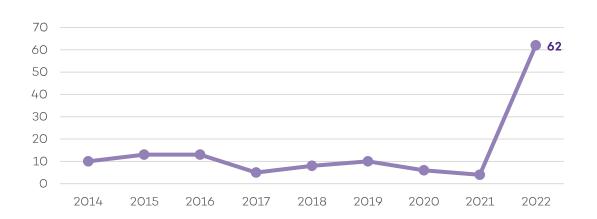
Degree Level







Northwestern | SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY

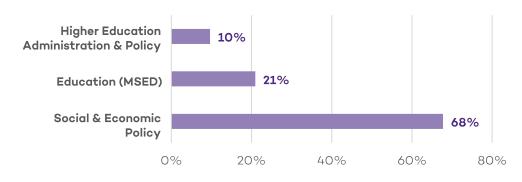


Top Countries



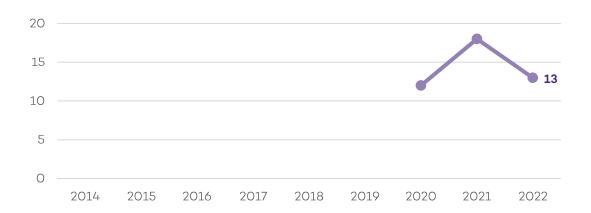
Degree Level







Northwestern PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



Top Countries

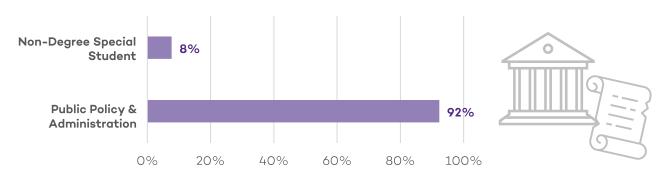




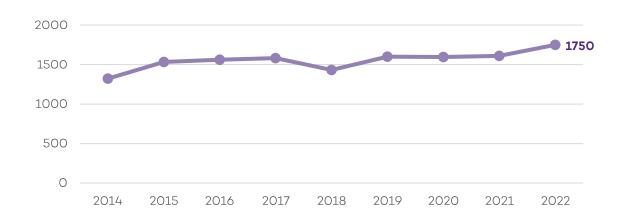


Degree Level

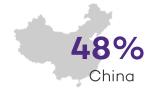




Northwestern | THE GRADUATE SCHOOL



Top Countries

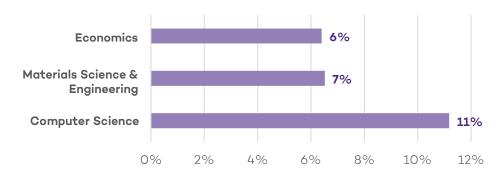




4% South Korea

Degree Level





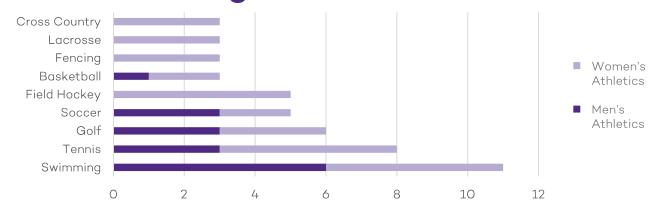


Student Athletes

As Chicago's Big Ten team,
Northwestern Athletics has NCAA
Division I programs in 11 women's sports
and 8 men's sports, which attract
talented student athletes from around
the world. Northwestern currently has
47 international student athletes,
representing 23 countries and
competing in 14 programs. Go 'Cats!



Athletic Programs



Top Countries







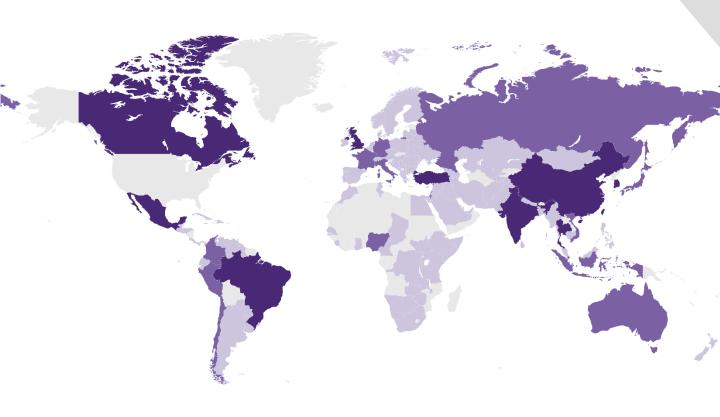






Top 10 Countries

■ Top 10 Countries



#1	China	1867	#6	Brazil	133
#2	India	583	#7	Thailand	92
#3	Canada	260	#8	Mexico	89
#4	South Korea	210	#9	Türkiye	82
#5	Taiwan	140	#10	United Kingdom	63

Top 25 Countries

Other Represented Countries

Student Country Listing

Northwestern continues to welcome a diverse international student body, with students from **122 countries**.

Country	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Non- Degree	Total
AFGHANISTAN			1		1
ALBANIA	1				1
ARGENTINA	3	9	11	5	28
ARMENIA	2	1			3
AUSTRALIA	9	10	8	6	33
AUSTRIA	2	2	1		5
AZERBAIJAN		2			2
BAHAMAS	1		1		2
BANGLADESH	1	2	13		16
BELARUS	1	2			3
BELGIUM	2	7	2	1	12
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	3	1			4
BOTSWANA	3				3
BRAZIL	40	60	33		133
BULGARIA			1		1
BURMA			1		1
BURUNDI	3				3
CAMBODIA	4		1		5
CAMEROON	2				2
CANADA	78	128	50	4	260
CHAD			1		1
CHILE	5	33	12	2	52
CHINA	194	1105	551	17	1867
COLOMBIA	3	25	16		44
CONGO-KINSHASA	1				1
COSTA RICA		3	1	1	5

Country	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Non- Degree	Total
CROATIA		2			2
CUBA			1		1
CYPRUS	1		1		2
CZECHIA			1		1
DENMARK			1	1	2
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2	5		1	8
ECUADOR	2	5	5		12
EGYPT	4		5		9
EL SALVADOR	2	1			3
ETHIOPIA	3		5	2	10
FINLAND	1	1			2
FRANCE	4	7	17	8	36
GEORGIA		1			1
GERMANY	4	29	13	8	54
GHANA	6	3	5		14
GREECE	6	2	12	1	21
GUATEMALA	3	2	1		6
GUYANA			1		1
HONDURAS	4		2		6
HONG KONG	20	24	9	2	55
HUNGARY	2	1	2		5
INDIA	67	382	116	18	583
INDONESIA	19	14	20	1	54
IRAN		6	18		24
IRAQ	1				1
IRELAND	2	3	3		8
ISRAEL	1	47	12	1	61
ITALY	8	13	28	7	56
JAMAICA		2	2		4
JAPAN	15	23	16	2	56
JORDAN	2				2
KAZAKHSTAN	2	5	4		11
KENYA	26	1	2		29

Country	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Non- Degree	Total
KUWAIT		1			1
LATVIA	1				1
LEBANON	1	3	5	1	10
LITHUANIA		1			1
MACEDONIA	2		1		3
MALAWI	1				1
MALAYSIA	6	5	2	1	14
MALTA	2				2
MEXICO	8	55	24	2	89
MOLDOVA	1				1
MONGOLIA	1				1
MONTENEGRO	2				2
MOROCCO	1	1	3	1	6
NAMIBIA	1		1		2
NEPAL	2	4	3	1	10
NETHERLANDS	3	7	5		15
NEW ZEALAND	4	1	2		7
NIGERIA	5	19	14		38
NORWAY	4	2	1		7
PAKISTAN	5	7	8	1	21
PANAMA	3	2			5
PARAGUAY	2		1		3
PERU	7	23	10	1	41
PHILIPPINES	7	12	3	1	23
POLAND	4	3	4		11
PORTUGAL	2		5		7
QATAR		1	1	1	3
ROMANIA		3	1	1	5
RUSSIA	7	4	19		30
RWANDA	8		1		9
SAUDI ARABIA	4	16	7		27
SENEGAL	1		1		2
SERBIA	1		4		5

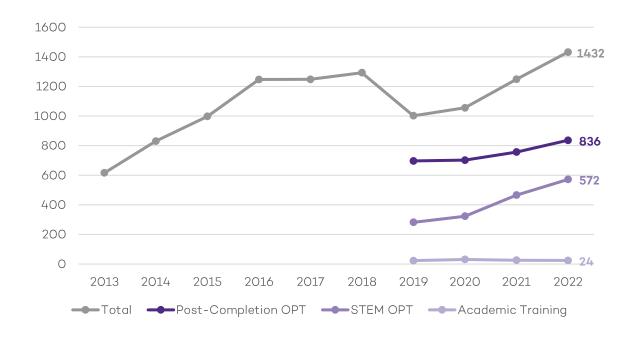
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SIERRA LEONE	1				1
SINGAPORE	11	13	13	4	41
SOMALIA	1				1
SOUTH AFRICA	2	6	2	1	11
SOUTH KOREA	55	77	77	1	210
SOUTH SUDAN	1				1
SPAIN	10	10	5	1	26
SRI LANKA	1	1	1		3
SWAZILAND	3				3
SWEDEN	4	1	2		7
SWITZERLAND	1	3	1	1	6
SYRIA	1		1		2
TAIWAN	23	77	38	2	140
TAJIKISTAN	2				2
TANZANIA	1				1
THAILAND	16	67	7	2	92
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	1		2		3
TUNISIA	3		2		5
TÜRKIYE	34	5	41	2	82
UGANDA	2	1	3		6
UKRAINE	7	2	3		12
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2				2
UNITED KINGDOM	21	20	19	3	63
URUGUAY	2		2		4
UZBEKISTAN			1		1
VENEZUELA			5		5
VIETNAM	15	6	9		30
WEST BANK	1	5			6
ZAMBIA				1	1
ZIMBABWE	7	1	2		10
Total Countries	101	74	88	39	122

Post-Completion Employment Students

Upon completion of their degrees, F-1 international students are eligible for 12 months of employment authorization, known as post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT). Students who have studied in fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are eligible for an additional 24-month STEM OPT extension. There are 1,408 Northwestern alumni currently working on OPT in 36 states throughout the United States.

J-1 international students are eligible for employment authorization, known as Academic Training, which can be used during and/or after their studies. The duration of their Academic Training can be up to 36 months, depending on their degree level and the duration of their studies. There are 24 Northwestern alumni currently working on Academic Training in 5 states throughout the United States.

In addition to continuing to provide immigration advisement to this population, OISS is responsible for regular employment reporting and verification during each student's period of post-completion employment. These services are provided for up to 36 months after graduation from Northwestern.

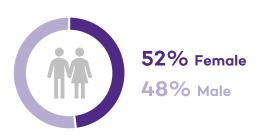


Post-Completion OPT Students

Degree Level



Gender



Top States where alumni work on Post-Completion OPT

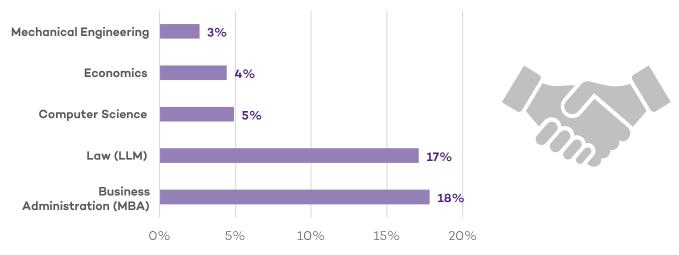






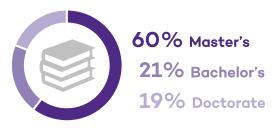




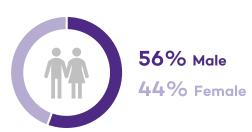


STEM OPT Students

Degree Level



Gender



Top States where alumni work on STEM OPT

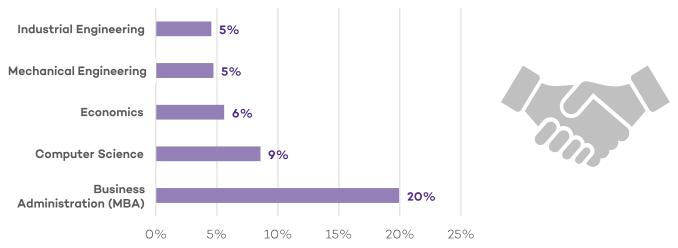










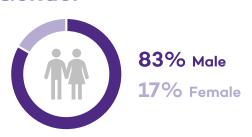


Academic Training Students

Degree Level



Gender



Top States where alumni work on Academic Training

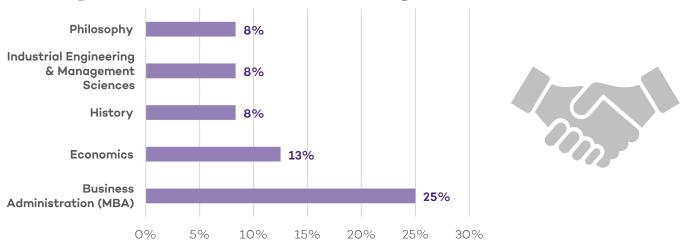






4%
Massachusetts

4% Rhode Island



Top 50 Employers

Post-completion employment students currently work for **over 540 employers** throughout the United States.

Employer	ОРТ	STEM OPT	Academic Training	Total
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	38	16	4	58
MCKINSEY & COMPANY	25	30	2	57
AMAZON	19	29	2	50
BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP	15	15	1	31
META	10	9		19
GOOGLE	7	8	1	16
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS	3	12		15
MICROSOFT	2	9		11
APPLE	6	4		10
BANK OF AMERICA	4	6		10
ERNST & YOUNG	4	6		10
BAIN & COMPANY	5	2		7
GOLDMAN SACHS	5	1	1	7
STANFORD UNIVERSITY	1	4	2	7
CAPITAL ONE	3	1	1	5
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	3	2		5
WALMART	3	2		5
ABBVIE	1	3		4
ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY	3	1		4
BLOOMBERG		3	1	4
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	2	2		4
CISCO SYSTEMS	2	1	1	4
DELOITTE	1	3		4
INTEL		4		4
LATHAM & WATKINS	4			4
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY		4		4

Employer	ОРТ	STEM OPT	Academic Training	Total
ROLAND BERGER	1	3		4
YALE UNIVERSITY	1	3		4
ADOBE	2	1		3
CITIGROUP	1	2		3
EVERCORE	1	2		3
FERMI RESEARCH ALLIANCE		3		3
GENENTECH	1	2		3
GREENBERG TRAURIG	3			3
HARVARD UNIVERSITY	1	1	1	3
JPMORGAN CHASE	1	2		3
MASTERCARD		3		3
GEP		3		3
SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY	3			3
SNOWFLAKE	2	1		3
TESLA	3			3
UBER TECHNOLOGIES	1	2		3
VISA	2	1		3
WAYMO	2	1		3
ACCENTURE	1	1		2
BARCLAYS CAPITAL		2		2
CREDIT SUISSE	1	1		2
DEUTSCHE BANK	1	1		2
DOORDASH		2		2
EXPEDIA		2		2
LURIE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL		2		2
MORGAN STANLEY	1	1		2
NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO	1	1		2
ORACLE		2		2
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	2			2
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	1	1		2

Scholars

Northwestern University is proud to host hundreds of international scholars each year.

Our scholars are a diverse group of employees and visitors who conduct a wide range of activities on campus. They bring unique expertise from 95 countries to contribute to the university in 21 different disciplines across 31 administrative and academic units campus-wide.

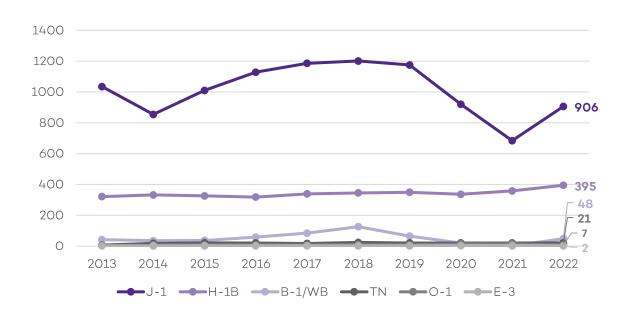


The majority (87%) of the scholar population is on campus to conduct research. These researchers are often appointed as visiting scholars, postdoctoral fellows, or research faculty/staff. Northwestern also hosts scholars to teach undergraduate and graduate students as lecturers, college fellows and teaching faculty. In addition, Northwestern has student interns who engage in internships across campus. Finally, a small group of our scholars are professional staff members who perform specialized services in areas such as Information Technology, Library Sciences and Psychology.

Scholars can come to campus in a variety of immigration statuses. Northwestern University sponsors the following:

- **J-1 Exchange Visitors** in the Research Scholar, Professor, Short-Term Scholar and Student Intern category. J-1 scholars come to campus for research, teaching and collaboration.
- H-1B employees are professionals hired to work in specialty skill areas.
- E-3 employees are Australian nationals hired to work in specialty skill areas.
- TN scholars are Canadian and Mexican nationals employed on campus.
- **O-1 scholars** are employees who have attained national or international acclaim for extraordinary achievements.
- **B-1/WB (visa waiver) visitors** are temporary visitors who come to Northwestern for one-time lectures, observation, or meetings.

Scholars



Primary Activity



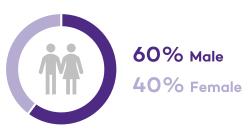
87% Research

8% Teaching

3% Short-Term Visit

2% Administration

Gender



Visa Type



66% J-1 Visa

29% H-1B Visa

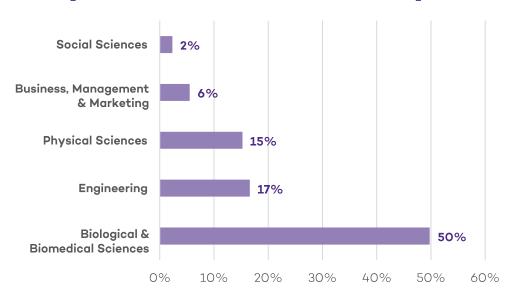
3% B-1 Visa or Visa Waiver 2% TN Visa

<1% 0-1 Visa

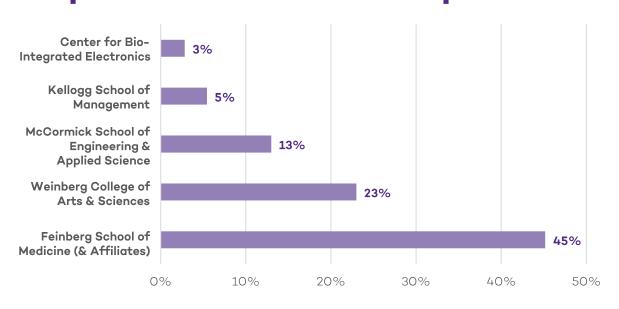
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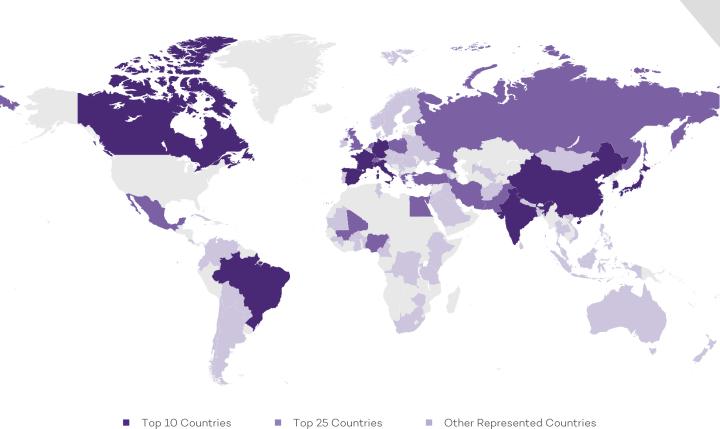
Top 5 Academic Disciplines



Top 5 Northwestern Departments



Top 10 Countries



#1	China	277	#6	Canada	54
#2	India	194	#7	Spain	47
#3	South Korea	104	#8	France	41
#4	Italy	68	#9	Japan	40
#5	Germany	55	#10	Brazil	37

Scholar Country Listing

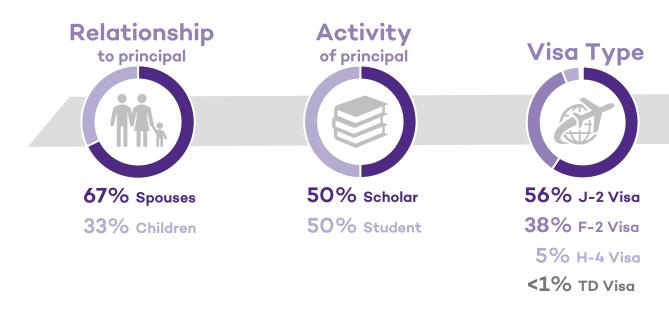
This year, Northwestern welcomed its most diverse group of international scholars, with **95 countries** represented.

Country	Total	Country	Total
AFGHANISTAN	1	DENMARK	5
ALBANIA	1	ECUADOR	3
ARGENTINA	6	EGYPT	15
ARMENIA	1	ETHIOPIA	3
AUSTRALIA	9	FINLAND	1
AUSTRIA	3	FRANCE	41
BAHAMAS	1	GEORGIA	1
BAHRAIN	1	GERMANY	55
BANGLADESH	2	GHANA	5
BELARUS	1	GREECE	10
BELGIUM	4	GUINEA	1
BENIN	1	HONG KONG	3
BOLIVIA	1	HUNGARY	2
BRAZIL	37	INDIA	194
BURKINA FASO	1	INDONESIA	2
CAMEROON	2	IRAN	23
CANADA	54	IRAQ	1
CHILE	8	IRELAND	4
CHINA	277	ISRAEL	23
COLOMBIA	9	ITALY	68
CONGO-KINSHASA	1	JAPAN	40
COSTA RICA	1	JORDAN	2
CROATIA	3	KENYA	1
CUBA	1	KOSOVO	1
CZECHIA	1	KUWAIT	1

Country	Total	Country	Total
LEBANON	7	SERBIA	3
LITHUANIA	1	SINGAPORE	2
MALAYSIA	3	SLOVAKIA	1
MALI	15	SLOVENIA	6
MALTA	1	SOUTH AFRICA	2
MAURITANIA	1	SOUTH KOREA	104
MEXICO	26	SPAIN	47
MONGOLIA	1	SRI LANKA	1
NEPAL	7	STATELESS	3
NETHERLANDS	12	SWEDEN	4
NEW ZEALAND	2	SWITZERLAND	10
NIGERIA	19	TAIWAN	13
NORWAY	2	TANZANIA	7
PAKISTAN	15	THAILAND	3
PARAGUAY	1	TUNISIA	4
PHILIPPINES	3	TÜRKIYE	27
POLAND	11	UKRAINE	3
PORTUGAL	5	UNITED KINGDOM	35
ROMANIA	3	UZBEKISTAN	1
RUSSIA	23	VENEZUELA	1
RWANDA	1	VIETNAM	6
SAINT LUCIA	1	ZIMBABWE	3
SAUDI ARABIA	1		

Dependents

Students and scholars (principals) may bring their spouse and children (under the age of 21) to the United States as dependents to live with them for the duration of their stay. **Northwestern currently sponsors 927 dependent spouses and children**, whom the OISS supports by connecting them to local community resources and hosting programs for families.



Top 5 Countries



Methodology

Statistics on Northwestern's international students and scholars were compiled using a combination of internal OISS records and the US Department of Homeland Security's Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). In order to achieve comprehensive, accurate and consistent measures of our community, members were identified and counted using the methodologies outlined below:

Enrolled Students are defined as international visitors enrolled in coursework who require immigration sponsorship through Northwestern. This includes both degreeseeking and non-degree-seeking students on F-1 and J-1 visas. These numbers include students who engaged in short-term programs in Summer 2022 as well as students who were enrolled in a program in the 2022-23 academic year.

Post-Completion Employment Students are defined as international visitors who have completed degree programs and hold employment authorization that requires immigration sponsorship from Northwestern. This includes J-1 students who completed their degree program prior to the 2022-23 academic year who were on active periods of Academic Training; and F-1 students who completed their degree program prior to the 2022-23 academic year, and whose Optional Practical Training (OPT) authorization status was either requested, pending, or approved during Fall 2022. Students on approved post-completion OPT who also had a requested or pending status for STEM OPT were counted as post-completion OPT students.

Scholars are defined as international visitors who are not enrolled in coursework and require immigration sponsorship through Northwestern. This includes faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, visiting scholars and other short-term visitors. These numbers include scholars who were active in a program from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. If a scholar changed immigration status during the year, only the most recent status was counted.

Dependents are defined as the spouses and children (under the age of 21) of the enrolled students, post-completion employment students and scholars defined above.

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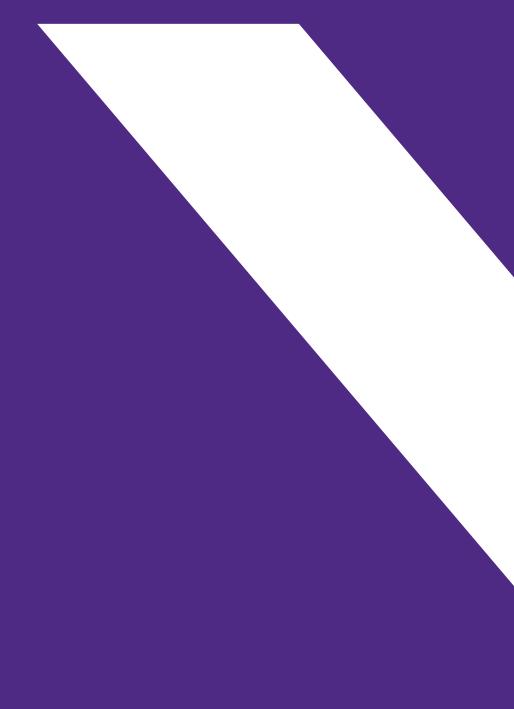
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