



# VCU Global Education Office

## YOU BELONG HERE

At Virginia Commonwealth University, you'll find a welcoming community that celebrates cultural diversity. The Global Education Office offers programs and services designed to help you succeed in the classroom, make friends on and off campus, learn about U.S. culture and accomplish your goals.

**Rankings:** VCU is ranked one of the top 100 public universities in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. Many of our graduate programs are ranked in the top 50 in the country, including the Schools of the Arts, Education, Nursing, Pharmacy and Social Work.

**Cost:** Current tuition and fees are located on the VCU website at: <http://www.enrollment.vcu.edu/accounting/tuition-and-fees>. Most international students will pay out-of-state tuition.

**Scholarships:** While there are few scholarships for undergraduate international students studying at VCU, those who have taken the SAT are eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships through VCU's Undergraduate Admissions office. You should investigate scholarships available in your home country that support studying in the U.S., as well. Graduate students should contact their department to ask about assistantships or scholarships that may be available.

## We're here to help!

Have questions about:

- ◆ Applying to VCU
- ◆ Tuition
- ◆ Housing options
- ◆ Immigration

Email International Student and Scholar Programs at: [issp@vcu.edu](mailto:issp@vcu.edu).

*"The GEO services and programs have been very valuable in helping international students like me adjust to a new country away from family and friends."*

**93%** of international students told us the activities we offer enrich their experience at VCU

## SERVICES

### Academic Advising

Our academic advising team will help you with registration and enrollment. We provide graduate school application and career counseling; comprehensive academic support; and offer educational counseling to those finishing the English Language Program.

### Immigration Advising

Immigration advisers are here to help you maintain your legal status in the U.S. Services include issuing and processing necessary documents and advising students and scholars on U.S. immigration regulations.

### Engagement Advising

Student engagement advisers offer programs to help you get fully involved on campus and in local communities. We help with practical concerns like transportation, housing, shopping, banking and health insurance and provide personal, legal, medical and cultural support and plan social events, activities and trips.

## CONNECT

### Conversation Partners

Meet with an American volunteer to practice your English speaking skills.

### Friendship Family and Cultural Exchange

Participate in activities throughout the year with an American family.

### Trips and activities

See the region, learn about U.S. culture and meet other students through monthly trips and activities.

# APPLYING TO VCU

## International Undergraduate Admission

Requirements for applying:

- ◆ Completed online application and fee payment
- ◆ TOEFL (79 or higher) or IELTS (6.0 or higher) score  
If you do not submit a TOEFL or IELTS score, you may be considered for conditional admission to VCU. Conditional admission requires that you complete the English Language Program before beginning academic coursework.
- ◆ High school and/or university transcripts that have been evaluated by a credentialing service (GCE, ECE, WES, etc.)

## International Graduate Admission

Requirements for applying:

- ◆ Completed online application and fee payment
- ◆ TOEFL (100 or higher) or IELTS (6.5 or higher) score
- ◆ University transcripts that have been evaluated by a credentialing service (GCE, ECE, WES, etc.)
- ◆ Graduate test scores (GRE, GMAT, MAT, etc.)
- ◆ Three reference letters
- ◆ Personal statement
- ◆ Professional resume

## LOCATION

VCU is located in the heart of Richmond, the capital of Virginia, only 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Washington, DC. A culturally diverse city set on the beautiful James River, Richmond consistently ranks among the best places to live and work in America.



## HOUSING

### On campus

VCU offers you the opportunity to live on-campus in residence hall housing that is safe, inclusive and well-maintained. The Global Education Office also offers new international students the unique opportunity to live in the West Grace North Residence Hall, which houses international and domestic students from a variety of majors who desire a multicultural living environment. Space is limited, so students interested in on-campus housing should contact us early to learn more about the application process.

### Off campus

For international students who wish to consider off-campus apartment housing, VCU's convenient location in downtown Richmond offers a wide variety of housing options in the neighborhoods right next to campus. Use the VCU Off Campus Housing Service to search for apartments, condos and room rentals near campus or contact International Student and Scholar Programs for additional support and guidance when selecting off-campus housing.

### About VCU

[www.vcu.edu/about](http://www.vcu.edu/about)

### Global Education Office

[global.vcu.edu](http://global.vcu.edu)

### English Language Program

[global.vcu.edu/elp](http://global.vcu.edu/elp)

### International Student and Scholar Programs

[global.vcu.edu/issp](http://global.vcu.edu/issp)

### International Admissions

[international.admissions.vcu.edu](http://international.admissions.vcu.edu)

### VCU Globe

[global.vcu.edu/vcuglobe](http://global.vcu.edu/vcuglobe)

