

BARBADIANS...

... let's study in the United States!

Did you know

that the Organization of American States, through the Rowe Fund program, offers financial aid in the form of interest-free loans of up to \$15,000 dollars to help citizens of Latin American and Caribbean countries fund their studies in U.S. universities?

According to statistics presented by the Institute of International Education (2017), Open Doors report, there are **319** international students from



The region as % of the world's total
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Barbados enrolled in colleges or universities in the United States: 66.5% are registered in undergraduate programs, 22.9% in graduate programs, and the remaining 10.6% are either conducting non-degree studies or completing an optional practical training (OPT) allowed by U.S. laws.

During the academic year 2016-2017, the total number of international students (F-1 and J-1 visa holders) enrolled in colleges or universities in the United States reached 1,078,822; of which 7.4%

Primary source of funding: (% of total):

Personal and family	60.3
U.S. College or university	15.0
Foreign government of university	5.7
Current employment	16.5
Other	2.5

of the world's total (or 79,655) are citizens of Latin American and Caribbean countries, a reduction of 6.2% when compared to the previous period. Brazil, México, Venezuela, and Colombia combined represent 4.3% of the world's total and are in the top 25 places of origin of international stu-

dents. The same countries represent 58.3% of all Latin American and Caribbean students in the United States. Open Doors also reports that about 66.9% of all international students receive the majority of their funds from sources outside of the United States, including personal and family

sources as well as assistance from their home country governments or universities. Through the Rowe Fund's supplementary financial aid, the OAS contributes to the economic and social advancement of developing countries in the region.

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