

Supporting Immigrants in Higher Education in Virginia

Resources and Recommendations from the Webinar

This document includes resources from The Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), NAFSA, George Mason University, and Online Virginia.

Resources from the [Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration](#)

Higher Ed Immigration Portal State Data

<https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/state/virginia/>

- This page integrates student data, economic contributions, state policies, effective practices, and other resources to learn about and better support the state's undocumented, other immigrants, and international students in higher education.

Higher Ed Immigration Portal to the States

<https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/states/>

- The Portal to the States is a map that combines immigrant and international student data with cogent policy analysis, effective practices, and up-to-date research to provide a comprehensive view of higher education and immigration in all 50 U.S. states and D.C. Includes information on:
 - Tuition and Financial Aid Equity for Undocumented Students
 - Professional and Occupational Licensure
 - Driver Licenses
 - Admissions and Funding Opportunities
 - Top States by Immigrant and International Students

New Report: Congress and States Must Expand Job Licensing to Dreamers and Immigrants

<https://www.presidentsalliance.org/press/new-report-congress-and-states-must-expand-job-licensing-to-dreamers-and-immigrants/>

Refugee student Response Campaign

<https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/response-campaign/>

Resources for displaced Afghan students and families

<https://www.presidentsalliance.org/directory-of-afghanistan-advocacy-and-resources/>

Resources for displaced Ukrainians

<https://www.presidentsalliance.org/ukrainian-students-scholars-policy-campus-resources/>

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Resources from [Northern Virginia Community College](#)

NOVA's labor market page

<https://www.nvcc.edu/osi/labor-market/index.html>

- NOVA's Labor Market Intelligence (LMI) team conducts research on economic conditions and the labor market in Northern Virginia in support of the College's mission to ensure the region has a globally competitive workforce. This includes producing downloadable dashboards, reports, and publications on in-demand occupations and industry sectors, hiring trends, and other economic indicators. This website provides faculty, students, employers, economic development organizations, other education institutions, community-based organizations, and workforce development boards in the NOVA region with access to these regularly produced data products. Custom research and labor market presentations are also available for businesses and community partners.

Virginia's Fast Forward Program

<https://www.nvcc.edu/workforce/assistance/#panel1>

- FastForward is a short-term workforce credential program to train Virginians for top, in-demand jobs across the Commonwealth. This program buys down the costs of high demand credentials to make them more affordable for Virginia residents looking to up-skill.

NOVA's Guaranteed Interview Program

<https://www.nvcc.edu/bec/guaranteed-interviews.html>

- Employers may participate in Guaranteed Interviews with students from select programs giving them direct access to a talent pipeline at NOVA for current or future openings. Employers will also provide students with valuable experience developing professional interview skills. The Guaranteed Interview program allows employers to

conduct initial screening interviews with students who have successfully completed specific applied degree and non-credit programs at the College throughout the year. Employers commit to providing interview dates and times of their choice based on program completion schedules. Students then sign up for interview timeslots on a first come, first served basis. The NOVA team manages student scheduling and a resume packet is provided to the employer prior to the interview date.

Resources from [NAFSA](#)

NAFSA Report: LOSING TALENT 2020 An Economic and Foreign Policy Risk America Can't Ignore

<https://www.nafsa.org/sites/default/files/media/document/nafsa-losing-talent.pdf>

- International students create jobs, drive research, enrich our classrooms, strengthen national security, and become America's greatest foreign policy assets. Yet new international student enrollment is down dramatically across the United States.

Book: *Social Justice and International Education: Research, Practice, and Perspectives*

- This book highlights the innovative work of educators, scholars, and practitioners promoting social justice, confronting inequality, and fostering social responsibility in a global context.
 - Purchase the book at [Social Justice and International Education \(nafsa.org\)](#)
 - Watch the book release at [Social Justice and International Education: Book Launch | NAFSA](#)

Resources from [George Mason University](#)

GMU Support for Ukrainian students

<https://www.gmu.edu/news/2022-03/mason-offers-support-ukrainian-students>

GMU Afghan Scholars Program

<https://www.gmu.edu/news/2022-02/new-program-welcomes-afghan-scholars-mason>

GMU International Programs and Services

<https://oips.gmu.edu>

GMU Office of Fellowships

<https://honorscollege.gmu.edu/academics/fellowships>

Other Virginia Resources

Online Education in Virginia

<https://onlinevirginia.net>

- The Online Virginia Network was created to make it easier than ever for Virginians to complete their degrees online at one of several prestigious state universities.