
International Leadership Scholar Program Policies

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian liberal arts university located in southern California just 42 kilometers from Los Angeles. Founded in 1899, the university has a rich history that has involved many international students and scholars. Azusa Pacific University is pleased that you are considering our International Leadership Scholar program.

This program exists to provide scholars from other countries the opportunity to study at Azusa Pacific University, thus benefiting both themselves and the University community. The International Leadership program is administered under the following guidelines:

1. Two Scholar options are available:

Option 1: "Audit/Research Only" This option provides individuals with the opportunity to do research and attend classes on an audit basis. "Auditing" means the scholar attends classes for personal, professional and intellectual growth. Classes taken do not lead to a degree and do not receive academic credit. This is the option most applicants are encouraged to pursue. Audit/Research status is granted for a period of one month up to a maximum of 12 months.

Option 2: "Academic Credit" This option allows students to take classes and receive academic credit that can lead to a graduate degree. Applicants for this option must fulfill all requirements for entry to the university as a degree-seeking student in addition to the Int'l Leadership Scholar program requirements. This option is more limited in its availability. Credit status is granted for a period not to exceed two years.

2. International Leadership Scholars may not change from one option to another once they have entered the U.S.
3. International Leadership Scholar status may be used for individuals who are studying at the master's or doctorate level.
4. No more than five Scholars will be studying or doing research at Azusa Pacific University concurrently. In keeping with the international emphasis at Azusa Pacific University, a balance will be sought with regard to countries and majors from which Scholars are selected. In addition a balance will be sought with regard to credit and audit/research status.
5. International Leadership Scholar applicants must have been involved in some type of professional activity in his /her own country for at least five years beyond the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree.
6. To apply for International Leadership Scholar status, the applicant must submit the International Leadership Scholar application and all other required materials that are indicated at the end of this application form.
7. International Leadership Scholar (**ILS**) status cannot be granted solely for the purpose of learning English. Each applicant must show proof of English ability sufficient to allow for study and/or research at a graduate academic level.
8. Upon acceptance, the office of International Student Services (**ISS**) will issue the selected Scholar an immigration document (DS 2019 or I-20) needed to apply for a visa (J-1 or F-1) to come to the U.S. The Scholar can apply for a visa at the U.S. Consulate/Embassy. The recipient may not be in the US on an H-1 or obtain one and remain eligible for the scholarship.

9. ILS are expected to return to their home country or another non-North American country after completing their education at APU. If a Scholar decides not to return home, he/she will be required to refund to APU all money and scholarships which had been granted.
10. Upon arrival at Azusa Pacific University, the Scholar must arrange a meeting with the Director of ISS to discuss their research/study/activity plan. A research plan, however, must be approved prior to the issuance of the US immigration document. The nature of this plan will vary from Scholar to Scholar but will be designed to provide meaningful involvement in the life of the campus. In addition, the Scholar will be assigned an academic advisor.
11. After the research/study plan has been approved, the Scholar may enroll in classes at Azusa Pacific University related to their field of research/study. The university will cover APU tuition charges and health fee. If an academic based scholar receives below a 'B' in any course, APU will not pay for any course(s) that are needed to make up for a lowered GPA. The scholar will need to have a GPA of 3.0 to receive a graduate degree.
12. The ILS is responsible for all travel costs to and from the United States, and for all living expenses, including housing, food, books, clothing, etc. while at Azusa Pacific University. In addition, the Scholar is responsible for any items needed to pursue their research/coursework. If a Scholar brings their spouse and/or children, they are fully responsible for all of their expenses.
13. Azusa Pacific University will sponsor the academic student Scholar for a maximum of 2 academic years. Only one of the 5 positions will be available at one time for a maximum of 3 academic years.
14. Being selected as an International Leadership Scholar is a privilege. Therefore, all Scholars are expected to:
 - abide by all university rules and policies as well as all U.S. laws and regulations
 - meet at least once each semester with the Director of International Student Services
 - meet often and regularly with their academic advisor
 - make steady satisfactory progress in their program. If the ILS falls below the required GPA for their program, any extra courses taken to make up for the low GPA will NOT be covered by APU.
15. On occasion, the University may have special events where they need the special skill or service of an ILS. Cooperation in these matters would be appreciated. This service will be requested by the Director of ISS.

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian liberal arts university committed to serving God and others. All faculty and staff are Christians and believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, authoritative Word of God. Prayer may take place in class and at university events. Teachers and other students may speak openly about Jesus Christ, the Bible, and a Christian lifestyle.

While APU is a distinctively Christian university, we admit students from other religious traditions. Every student, however, is expected to uphold the school's policies and be open to learning about the Christian faith.

I understand the policies of the International Leadership Scholar program at Azusa Pacific University and agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to uphold any of these policies may result in immediate loss of International Leadership Scholarship status. I certify that all information contained in any part of my application to the International Leadership Scholar program is truthful.

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Date

Attention: Your signature above indicates your understanding and agreement to all the policies listed in this International Leadership Scholar application.

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

International Leadership Scholar Application

Date of Application _____ / _____ / _____
month day year

Personal Data:

Last (Family) Name _____ First (Given) Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Birth date _____ / _____ / _____ Country of Citizenship _____ Birthplace _____
month day year city country

When would you like to start your program in the U.S.? _____

Male Female Single Married

Will your spouse/children be coming with you? _____ If so, what are their names and dates of birth:

Spouse _____ Birth date _____ City of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Child _____ Birth date _____ City of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Child _____ Birth date _____ City of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Education:

<u>University Name</u>	<u>Degree Received</u>	<u>Date</u>
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How long have you studied English? _____

What other languages do you speak? _____

Have you ever traveled, lived, or studied in any other country? _____ Which country/countries?

Employment:

What type(s) of employment have you had since your university graduation?

<u>Company</u>	<u>Job Title/Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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Please write the name and address of your current place of employment _____

What is your current job title/ position? _____

Future Plans: (Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary to answer questions completely.)

How did you learn about Azusa Pacific University?

What field or subject(s) do you wish to study/research at Azusa Pacific University? _____

If you wish to do research, state your specific topic _____

Why do you need to study the above-mentioned field of subject? _____

What are your future goals after completing your studies?

How will this Scholarship opportunity affect your future goals? _____

Do you understand that you are expected to return home after completing your studies and that if you do not return you will be required to pay back to Azusa Pacific all money and scholarships which had been granted to you? _____

Have you applied to be a Scholar at another school? _____ If yes, which school? _____

Have you ever been a Scholar at another school in the U.S.? _____

Have you ever studied in the U.S.? _____ If yes, when and for how long? _____

ESSAY: On a separate piece of paper please write an essay that answers the following questions:

1) What do you believe you can contribute to Azusa Pacific University? 2) What are your goals for studying at Azusa Pacific University? 3) What are your current religious beliefs?

Additional Requirements:

Which option are you applying for? Audit/Research only Academic Credit

AUDIT/ RESEARCH ONLY APPLICANTS:

- Proof of English proficiency (i.e. iBT, IELTS) Please find required scores pertaining to the graduate program
- Official transcripts of university degree(s)
- Official financial support letters that guarantee to pay for all your living costs while in the United States as well as transportation to and from the United States.
- Two recent photos.
- Resume and Two letters of recommendation

ACADEMIC CREDIT APPLICANTS:

- Complete and submit all the requirements stated in the university's "International Graduate Application".
- Resume
- If you need an "International Graduate Application" sent to you, please place an "x" in this box:

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PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS TO:

Mary Grams

Director of International Student Services/Center

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