



EdUSA101

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U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION

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What is LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION?

- Focus heavily on student participation
- Creativity and critical thinking
- Value student-teacher interaction
- Liberal Arts Colleges:
 - Wellesley College, MA
 - Smith College, NY
 - Wesleyan University



UNDERGRADUATE Programs

Differences between USA and other English Speaking Countries



Jobs

Only campus
jobs

Work Visas

Sponsor +
State Quota

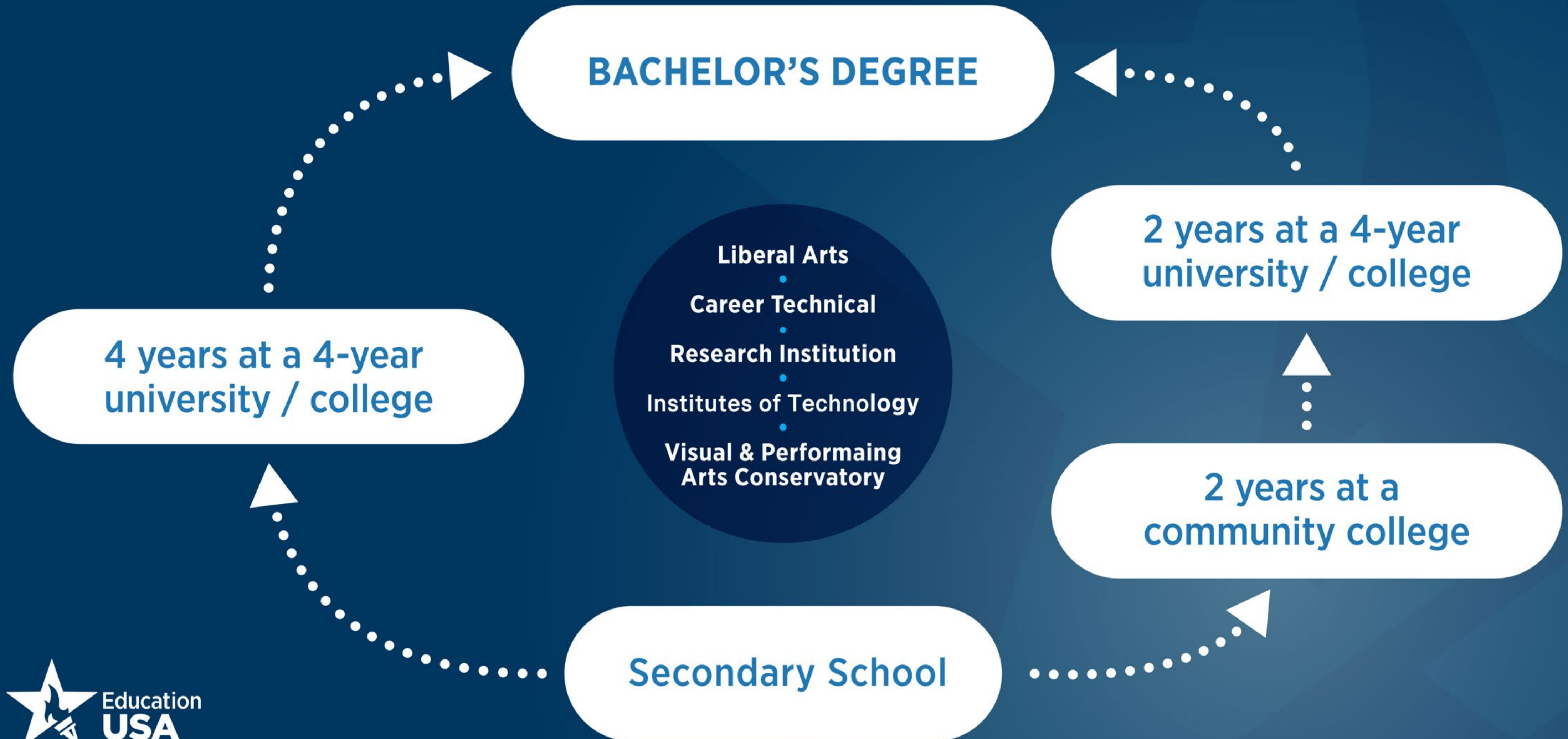
OPT

(Optional Practical Training)

for International Students
who are studying in the USA
under the F1 visa
allowing work rights



Paths to a U.S. BACHELOR'S DEGREE



A background image showing a group of students, primarily of Asian descent, looking down at books or papers. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle containing text.

Early College for AGE 16

WASHINGTON STATE

Some Community Colleges in
California, Florida, New York, Colorado, etc.



VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL Education

Popular fields for international students included nursing and health care, agriculture, design, hospitality, automotive repair...

E.g. Lake Washington Institute of Technology, other community colleges, etc.





The IMPORTANCE of Fit

Types of COLLEGES AND COSTS



	COMMUNITY COLLEGE (2 years)	PUBLIC UNIVERSITY (4 years)	PRIVATE UNIVERSITY (4 years)
Tuition and Fees	3,730	26,820	36,880
Room and Board	8,990	11,510	12,990
Books and Supplies	1,460	1,240	1,240
Transportation	1,840	1,230	1,060
Other Expenses	2,400	2,170	1,810
TOTAL	18,420	42,970	53,980



U.S. CITIZENS Special



- Apply for Federal Student Aid through FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Tuition will be reduced after residency requirements are satisfied

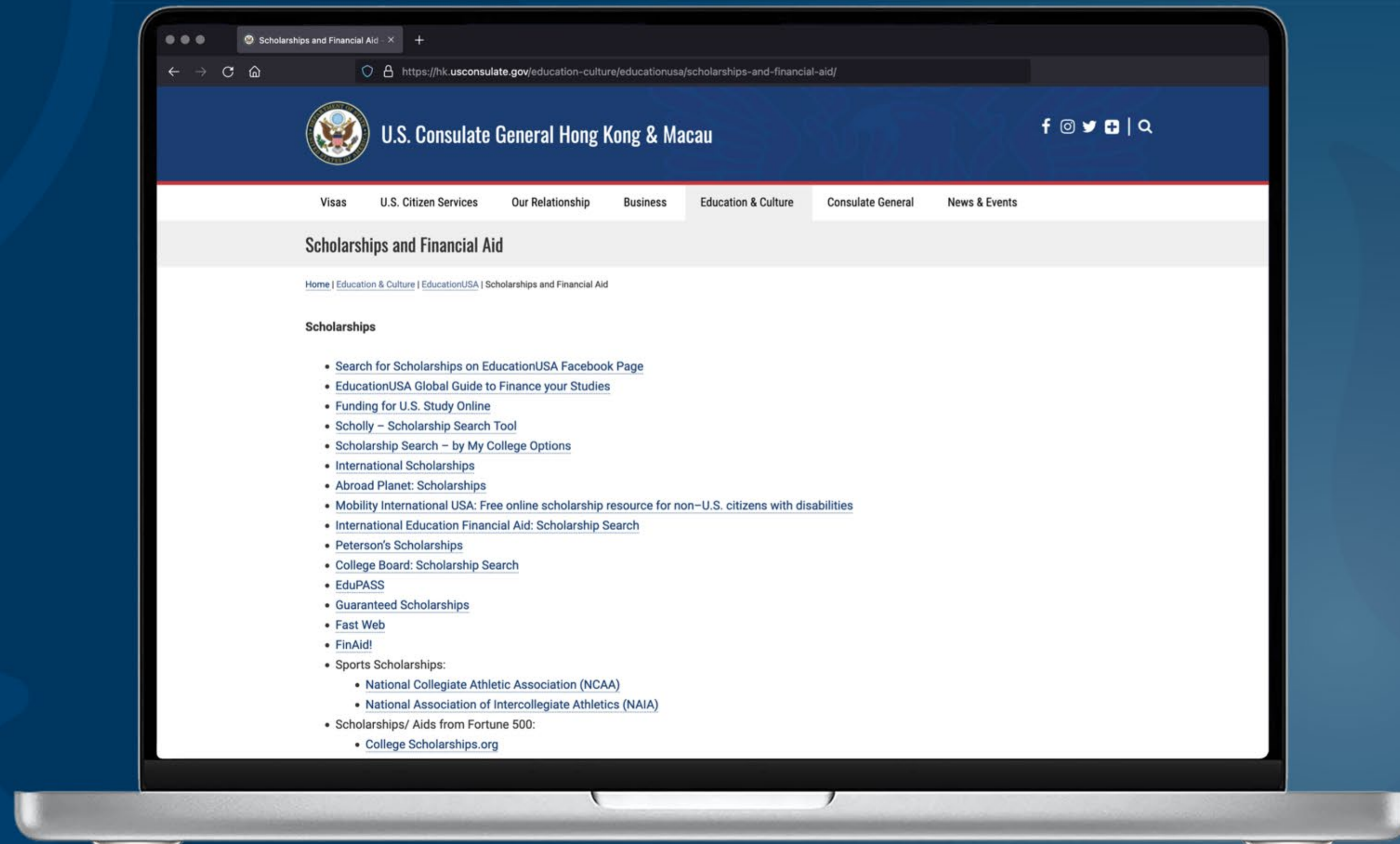


SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AIDS

- Scholly
- IEFA.org
- InternationalScholarships.com
- <https://www.fundingusstudy.org/>
- <https://www.internationalstudentloan.com/>
- <https://educationusa.state.gov>
- #youarewelcomehere
- Contact the institution individually

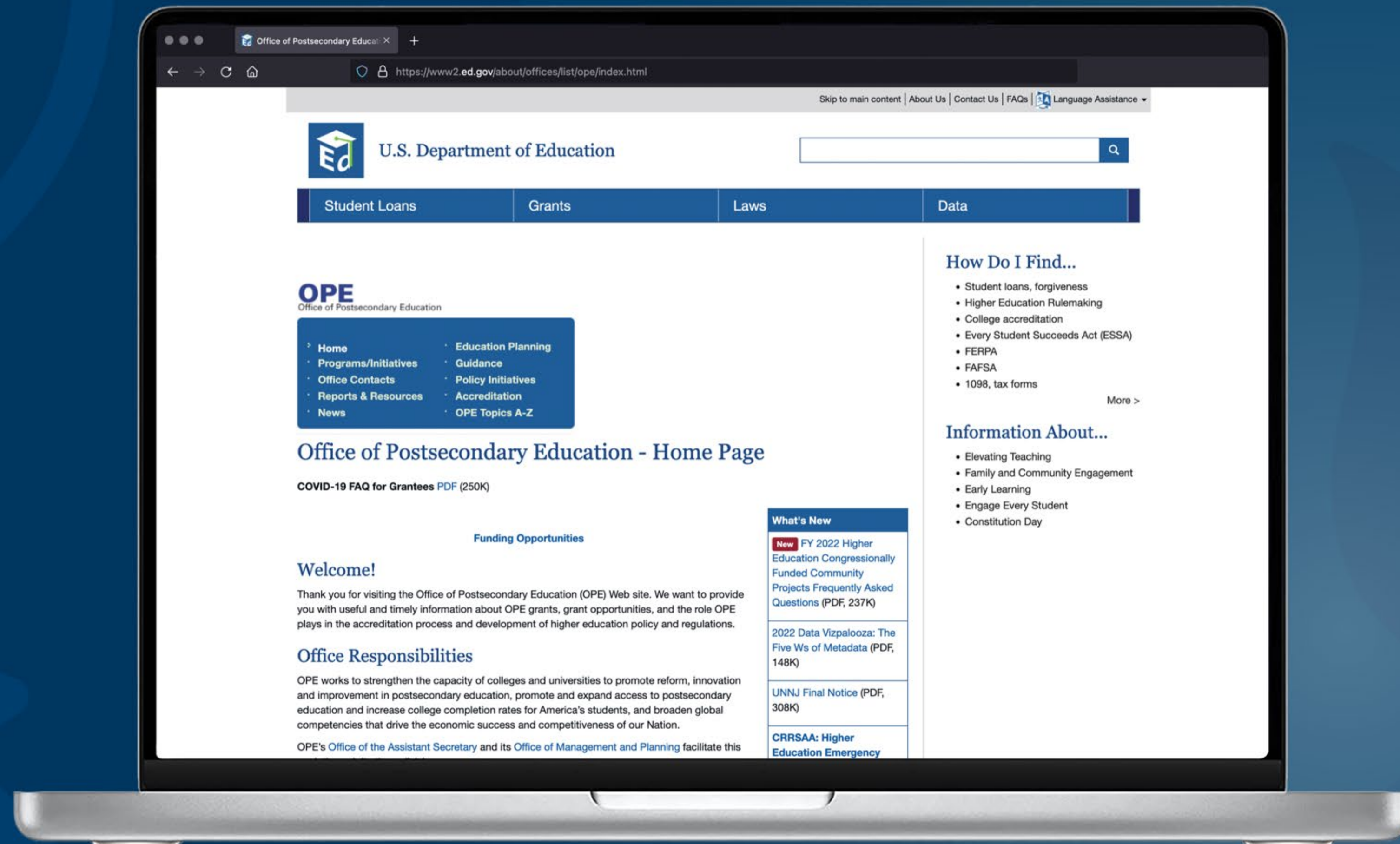


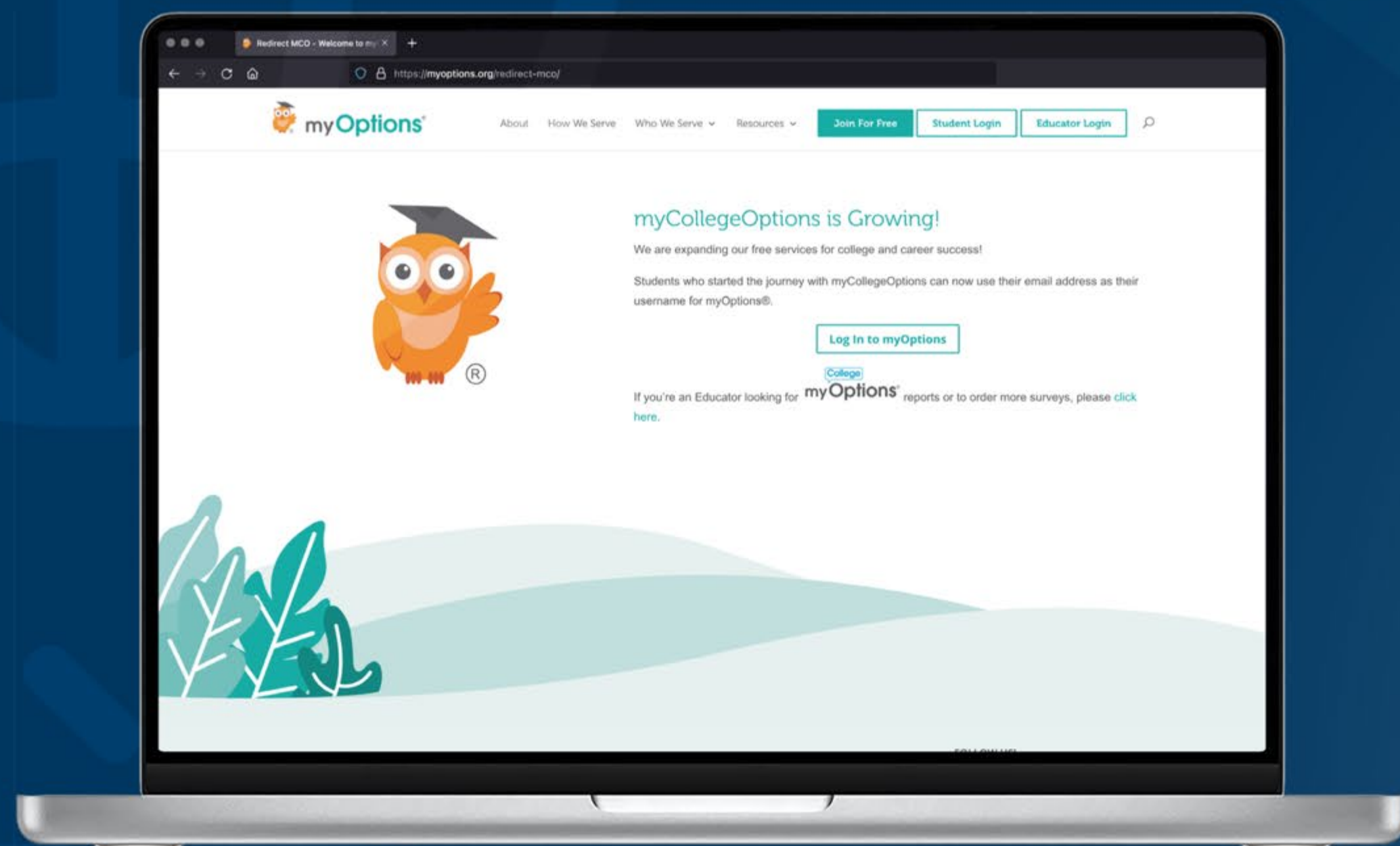
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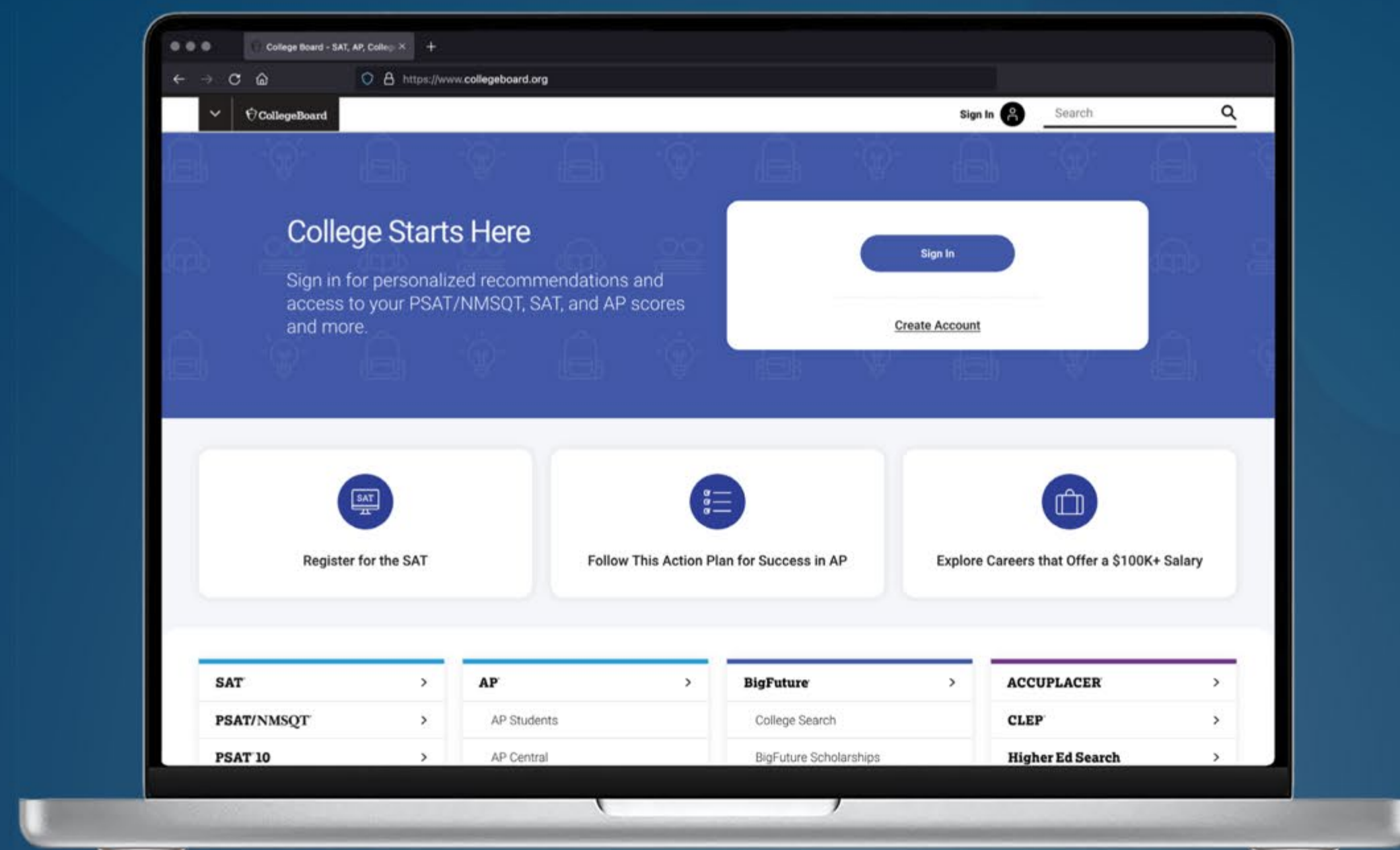
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<https://ope.ed.gov>

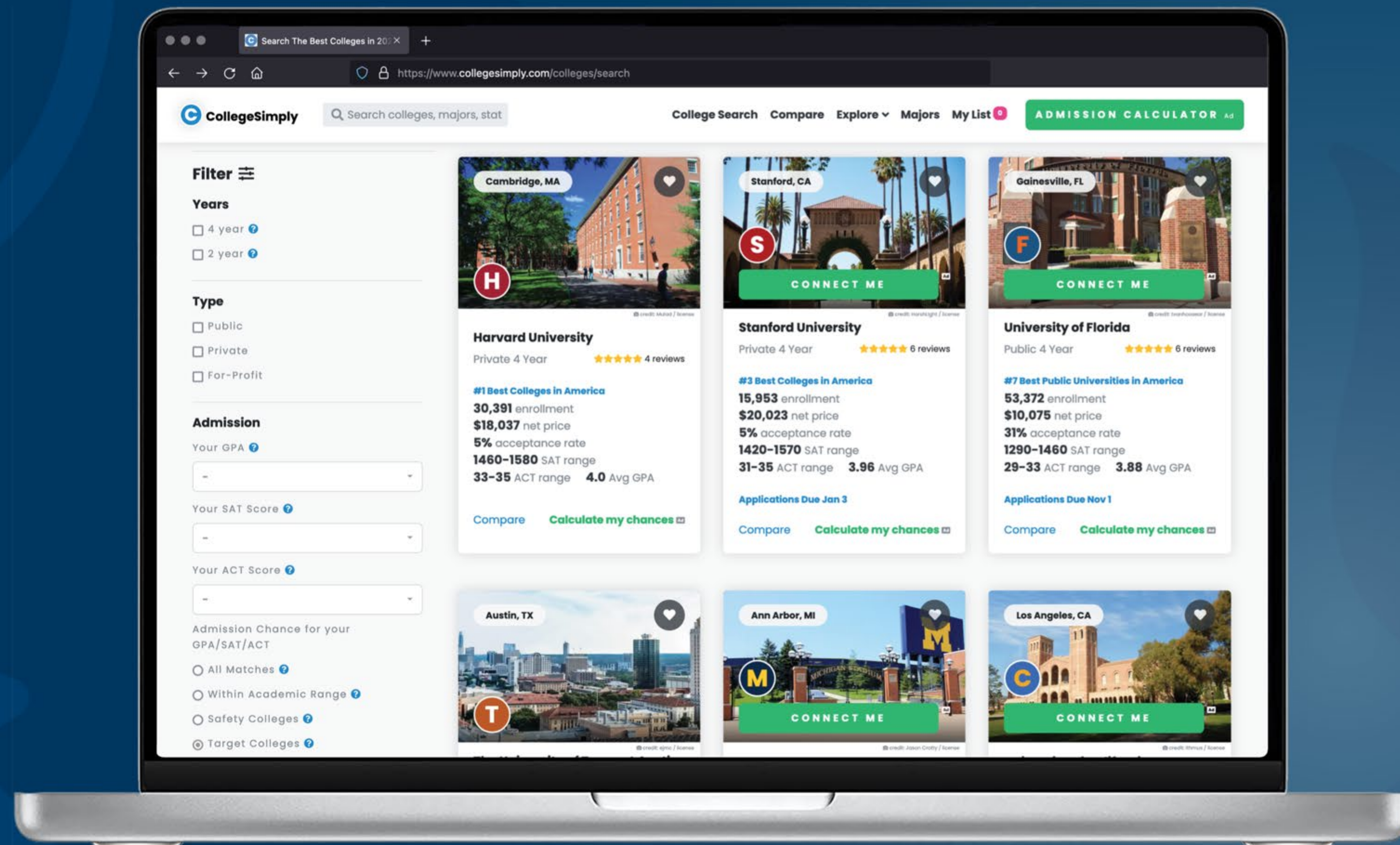


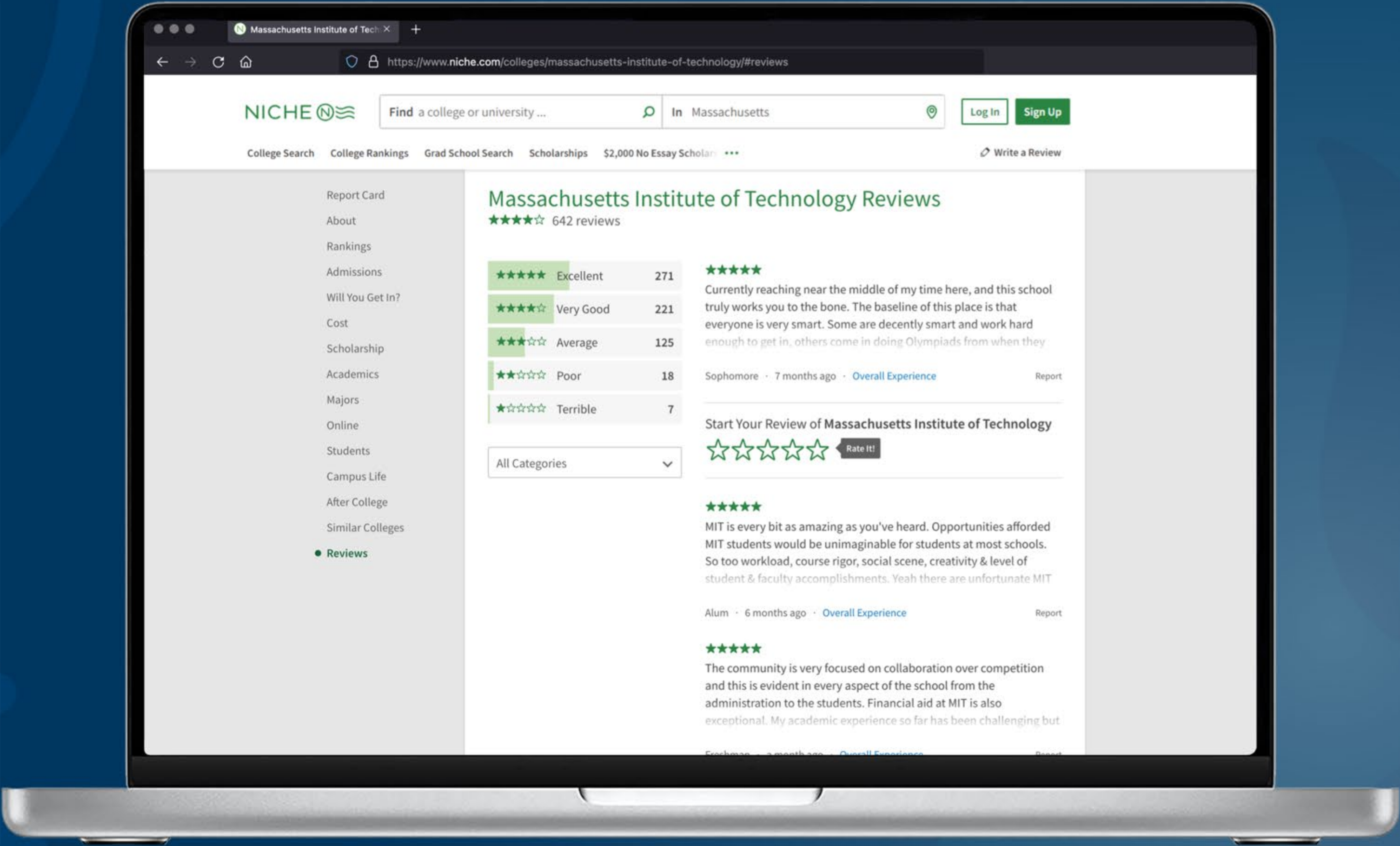


www.mycollegeoptions.org



www.collegeboard.org





ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



- SAT/ACT
- TOEFL/IELTS
- Personal statement
- Reference letter X2
- Contact Admission Officers



The average
SAT score for
Top 75 colleges is
1280-1400

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Getting into the
Ivy League requires a
1480

The average
ACT score for
Top 75 colleges is
28-32

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Getting into the
Ivy League requires a
33



STANDARDIZED TESTS for U.S. College Admissions



SAT

ACT

Reading
Math
Writing and Language

English
Math
Reading
Science

Thinking Test

Speed Test

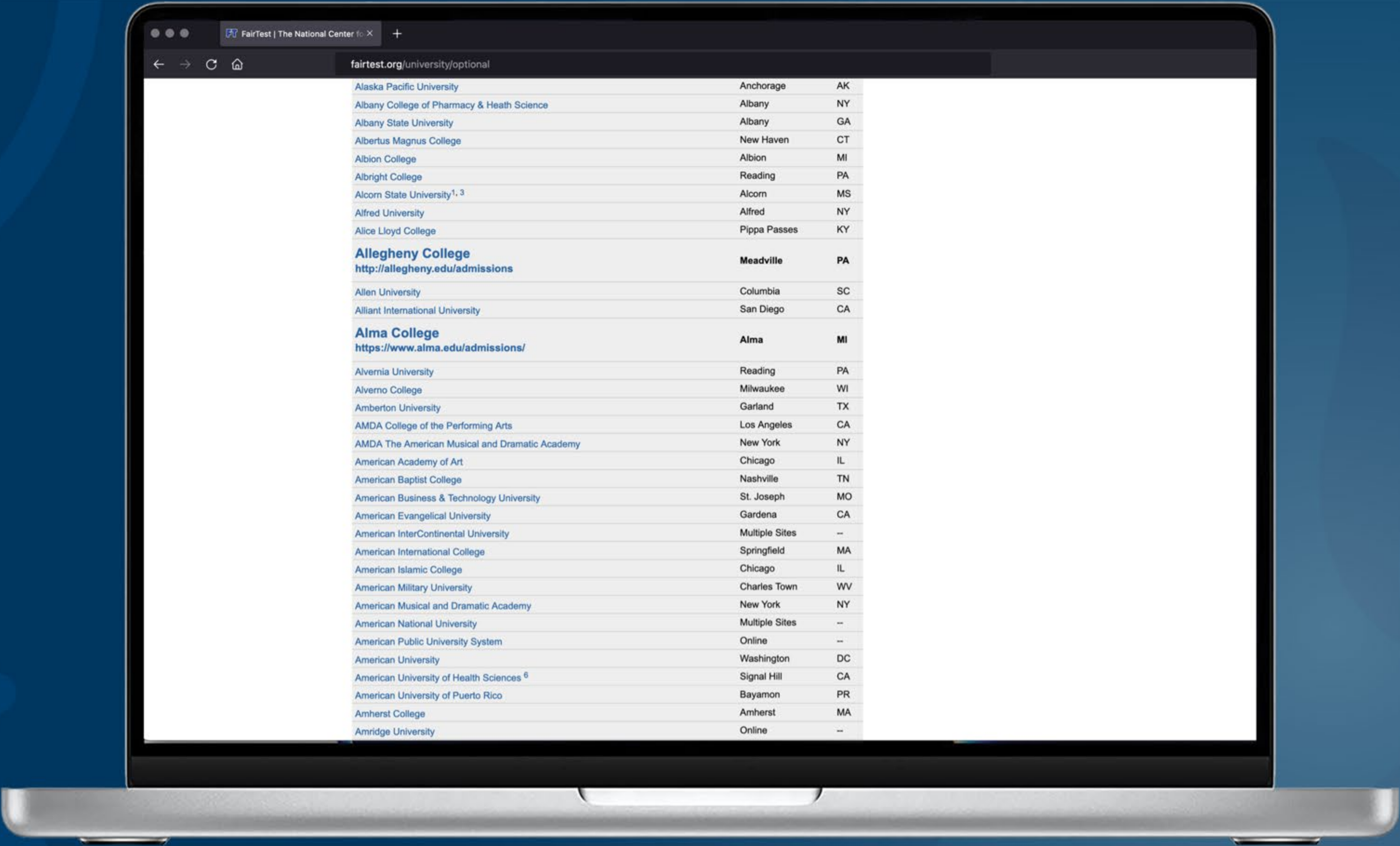
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SAT/ACT Optional Schools

<http://fairtest.org/university/optional>



The laptop screen shows the FairTest website at fairtest.org/university/optional. The page displays a list of schools that offer SAT/ACT testing as optional. The list is organized into two columns. Some schools are highlighted in blue, indicating they are currently accepting applications. The browser's address bar shows the URL, and the page title is 'FairTest | The National Center for Fair Test Preparation'.

Alaska Pacific University	Anchorage	AK
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Science	Albany	NY
Albany State University	Albany	GA
Albertus Magnus College	New Haven	CT
Albion College	Albion	MI
Albright College	Reading	PA
Alcorn State University ^{1, 3}	Alcorn	MS
Alfred University	Alfred	NY
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	KY
Allegheny College http://allegheny.edu/admissions	Meadville	PA
Allen University	Columbia	SC
Alliant International University	San Diego	CA
Alma College https://www.alma.edu/admissions/	Alma	MI
Alvernia University	Reading	PA
Alverno College	Milwaukee	WI
Amberlon University	Garland	TX
AMDA College of the Performing Arts	Los Angeles	CA
AMDA The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	New York	NY
American Academy of Art	Chicago	IL
American Baptist College	Nashville	TN
American Business & Technology University	St. Joseph	MO
American Evangelical University	Gardena	CA
American InterContinental University	Multiple Sites	--
American International College	Springfield	MA
American Islamic College	Chicago	IL
American Military University	Charles Town	WV
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	New York	NY
American National University	Multiple Sites	--
American Public University System	Online	--
American University	Washington	DC
American University of Health Sciences ⁶	Signal Hill	CA
American University of Puerto Rico	Bayamon	PR
Amherst College	Amherst	MA
Amridge University	Online	--

STANDARDIZED TESTS for U.S. College Admissions

IELTS™



TOEFL® iBT

TOEFL iBT Test Structure

TOEFL Total Score: **0-120**
U.S. Colleges require **100 or above**



IELTS Test Structure



LISTENING

(30 minutes, plus 10 minutes extra to transfer your answer to your answer sheet)

- Four recorded monologues and conversations

READING

(60 minutes)

- Three long reading passages with tasks
- Texts range from descriptive and factual to the discursive and analytical
- Includes non-verbal material such as diagrams, graphs or illustrations
- Texts are authentic (e.g. taken from books, journals and newspapers)

WRITING

(60 minutes)

- Writing task of at least 150 words where the candidate must summarise, describe or explain a table, graph, chart or diagram
- Short essay task of at least 250 words

SPEAKING

(11-14 minutes)

- Face-to-face interview
- Includes short questions, speaking at length about a familiar topic and a structured discussion

Choosing SCHOOLS



How many?

Coalition App /
Common App

Individual
Schools



A group of graduates in black gowns and caps are jumping and celebrating on a grassy hill. Several red graduation caps are flying through the air against a clear blue sky. The scene is captured in a low-angle shot, emphasizing the height of the graduates and the caps.

**What is the purpose of
the admission's essay(s)?**

Do all universities require it?

Covid SPECIAL.....

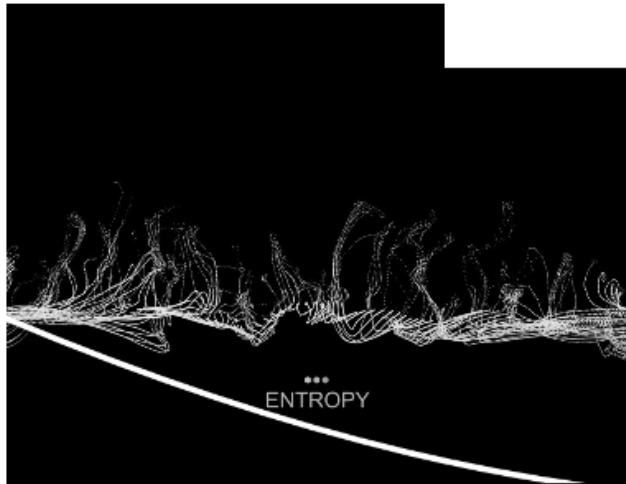


- SAT/ACT optional?
- Recommendation + Essay + Extra Curricular Activities become more important!
- Extras: write an app? help tutoring siblings? contribute to community? attend MOOCs? learn to cook for family? share as an Youtuber?



Check out: <http://bit.ly/FreeWRC> for Writing Resources

ESSAYS THAT WORKED



Ordering the Disorderly

Ellie's essay skillfully uses the topic of entropy as an extended metaphor. Through it, we see reflections about who they are and who they aspire to be.

➔ [READ ELLIE'S ESSAY](#)



Pack Light, But Be Prepared

In Pablo's essay, the act of packing for a pilgrimage becomes a metaphor for the way humans accumulate experiences in their life's journey and what we can learn from them. As we join Pablo through the diverse phases of their life, we gain insights into their character and values.

➔ [READ PABLO'S ESSAY](#)



Tikkun Olam

Julieta illustrates how the concept of Tikkun Olam, "a desire to help repair the world," has shaped their passions and drives them to pursue experiences at Hopkins.

➔ [READ JULIETA'S ESSAY](#)

<https://apply.jhu.edu/college-planning-guide/essays-that-worked/>

- I hate the letter S
- The Costco Essay



Application **TIMELINE**



**ONE YEAR BEFORE
(DURING SUMMER)**

- SAT/ACT prep and test

**SEPTEMBER IN FINAL
HIGH SCHOOL YEAR**

- Choose schools, prepare applications, seek recommendations

OCTOBER

- Second/last attempt of SAT/ACT

NOVEMBER to JANUARY

- Application deadline for universities

FEBRUARY / MARCH

- Results out for universities

MAY / JUNE

- Application for community colleges (rolling admissions)

**SEPTEMBER FOR FIRST YEAR OF
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

- School starts



Recent Hong Kong VISA STATISTICS



- 97 percent of student visa applications approved

PURPOSE	F	J	M
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University or college• High School• Private elementary school• Seminary• Conservatory• Another academic institution, including a language training program	<p>The Exchange Visitor (J) non-immigrant visa category is for individuals approved to participate in work-and study-based exchange visitor programs.</p>	<p>Vocational or other recognized nonacademic institution, other than a language training program e.g., flight school, culinary training, gemology, etc.</p>

VISA PROCEDURES



- **Collect the appropriate form**
from the school - I-20 (F or M visas) or DS-2019 (J visa)
- **Pay** Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fees www.fmjfee.com
- Register at www.ustraveldocs.com/hk and **complete the DS-160 Application**
- Schedule your **interview appointment online**
- Come in for your **interview!**
(Please bring a valid passport, new photo, bank statement, SEVIS receipt, and I-20. Please leave your bags at home!)



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