

International Student Financial Resources Survey

Brief description of project:

Survey to determine the level of knowledge international students at the U Utah have about financial resources, as well as the knowledge they desire.

Who was asked to complete survey: International students at the University of Utah.

Response Rate: 8.2% (163 of 2000)

Administration Type: Campus Labs mailing

Summary of Key Findings:

Knowledge & Interest: The results show that international students' current knowledge of financial resources is limited with no or low knowledge in areas such as loans (86%), U.S. scholarships (74%), and University of Utah scholarships (69%). However, student's interest level to learn more is encouraging. Four out of six financial resources had 60% or greater of students indicating a high level interest to learn more. These areas include University of Utah scholarships, assistantships, scholarships from U.S. sources, and on-campus employment.

How Students Find Resources: International students learn about available financial resources mainly through individual research with 52.63%. Friends and other international students each was indicated by 30% of students, International Center by 19.74%, and 'other' by 15.79%.

Received Funding Sources: About 50% of international students received some type of assistance from a funding source. The top source was from assistantships with 50% of students indicated received, although only 27% of students indicated they applied. Twenty-six percent received on-campus employment and 25% received scholarships from the University of Utah.

Funding Sources: International students indicated University of Utah, family, and employment respectively, as their top three primary funding sources with a combined total amount of 82.24%. Also, the top three secondary funding sources include family, personal, and employment with a combined total amount of 56.58%.

Actions Taken:

Creation of updated web resources on International Center website for international student financial aid

Creation of 'Banking and Managing Your Finances' workshop delivered at Fall 2011 International Welcome Week

Addition of 'Banking and Managing Your Finances' information to International Center website

Which department and/or program goals does this survey align with?

“Evaluate and Improve International Center Services”

Which Student Affairs goals does this project align with?

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