

DISCOVER, EXPLORE, BELONG

A Guide for International Students

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WHY ARCADIA?

At Arcadia, your world expands beyond our beautiful main campus in Glenside, Pennsylvania. As an international student, you'll find a welcoming community, unique global experiences, and career-focused opportunities for success.

- **Join a Global Community:** Connect with students from 15+ countries in a welcoming, diverse environment.
- **Customize Your Education:** Tailor your studies with flexible programs and hands-on learning.
- **Gain Real-World Experience:** Take advantage of CPT, OPT, on-campus jobs, and internships – 80% of Arcadia students do.
- **Explore Major U.S. Cities:** Live 30 minutes from Philadelphia, with easy access to New York City and Washington D.C.
- **Expand Your World:** Build a global mindset through Arcadia's #1-ranked study abroad programs and international experiences in every major.
- **Learn with Support:** Benefit from a small 11:1 student-to-faculty ratio and professors who are leaders in their fields.
- **Launch Your Career:** Join 95% of grads who secure jobs, internships, or grad school within nine months.





YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

A Campus That Connects You to the World

Arcadia's campus in Glenside, Pennsylvania, offers the perfect blend of **small-campus community** and **big-city opportunity**.

- Less than 30 minutes from Philadelphia, one of the most historic cities in the U.S. and a top destination for internships, arts, and culture.
- Two hours from New York City and three hours from Washington, D.C., offering vast networking opportunities within global industries and leading companies.
- Surrounded by welcoming small towns with shopping, dining, and outdoor activities.
- Easy access to public transportation, making it simple to explore the U.S.





A DIVERSE & WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Find Your Place, Celebrate Your Culture

At Arcadia, you'll be part of a vibrant, inclusive community that values diversity and global perspectives.

- **3,400+ students** from **15+ countries**.
- **40%** of students identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color.
- **Ranked as a top performer in social mobility**— helping students rise to higher income and career success regardless of background.
- **30+ student clubs and organizations**, including cultural groups and international student organizations.
- Annual events celebrating global cultures, such as International Education Week.



The best part of being an international student at Arcadia is definitely how welcoming every single person is. Everyone has welcomed me with open arms and a big smile.

— Elle Ward, Class of 2024, Northern Ireland / UK
Business Administration Major



A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION, PERSONALIZED FOR YOU

Small Classes, Big Impact

At Arcadia, you're more than just a student—you're part of a community where faculty and staff know your name.

- **75+ fields of study**, including STEM-designated programs in Actuarial Science, Applied Statistics, Biology & Biochemistry, Mathematics, and more.
- **#1 in the U.S. for study abroad participation**, where international experiences are built into your education.
- **Hands-on research and internships** starting as early as your first year.
- **11:1 student-to-faculty ratio** for personalized learning and mentorship.



The small-class teaching enables me to feel that teachers truly interact with students, and their concern is not only about academics, but also about your life and personal development.

— XingYu “Selina” You,
Class of 2025, China,
Mathematics Major





NATIONALLY RANKED ADVISING

Support at Every Step

From visa guidance to academic advising, Arcadia provides comprehensive support for international students.

- Dedicated International Student Advisors to help with academics, immigration, and adjusting to life in the U.S.
- Free tutoring and academic support
- Career development resources, including job search support and resume-building workshops.
- Cultural adaptation programs and mentorship opportunities to help you succeed.

“The professors at Arcadia helped my growth and learning by being themselves. They allowed me to ask questions while taking into account the cultural and background differences I have from other students.

— Dang Quang Nguyen,
Class of 2024, Vietnam

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES THAT SET YOU APART

Gain the Skills Employers Are Looking For

Arcadia's hands-on approach means you'll graduate career-ready with experiences that make a difference.



Internships & Career Development

Opportunities in Philadelphia, New York, Washington, D.C., and beyond—plus on-campus jobs and CPT/OPT opportunities for international students.



Global Learning & Study Abroad

At Arcadia, global learning is everywhere—from #1-ranked study abroad to international experiences in every major—helping you build the global mindset employers value.



Community Engagement & Leadership

From service projects to student leadership roles, you'll have opportunities to make an impact both locally and globally.





FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION

Scholarships & Financial Support for International Students

Arcadia is committed to making a world-class education accessible through scholarships and financial support.

- **Global Scholarships**—Automatically awarded to all international students upon admission.
- **Need-Based Grants**—Additional funding based on financial need to help cover tuition and fees.
- **On-Campus Employment**—Work opportunities to gain experience and earn income.
- **Curricular Practical Training (CPT)**—Off-campus work opportunities in your field of study.

Our financial aid team offers one-on-one guidance to help you explore funding options.



Have questions? Email finaid@arcadia.edu to connect with your financial aid counselor.



WHAT COMES NEXT? SUCCESS AFTER ARCADIA

Career & Graduate School Outcomes

With internships, hands-on learning, and career coaching, Arcadia prepares you for what's next—whether that's a top graduate school or a career at a leading company.

- Graduate Destinations:
 - Columbia University
 - New York University
 - Boston University
 - Duke University
 - University of Michigan
 - University of Connecticut
 - Emory University
- Career Paths:
 - Data Analyst
 - Biomedical Researcher
 - Software Engineer
 - Financial Consultant
 - Marketing Coordinator
 - International Business Analyst
 - Public Health Specialist

Through internships, CPT, and OPT, international students can gain valuable U.S. work experience and stay in the country after graduation on their current visa.

95%

of Arcadia graduates secure jobs, internships, or graduate school placements within 9 months.





YOUR PATH TO ARCADIA

A Simple & Supportive Admissions Process

We make applying to Arcadia easy.
International students need to submit:

- Academic transcripts
- English proficiency scores (TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo, ITEP)
- Additional documents (if required by program)

Whether you're a first-year or transfer student, we'll work with you to maximize your credits and create a smooth transition to Arcadia.



READY TO APPLY?

Your future starts here.



Have questions?
Contact our
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