Overview of Sponsored Student Services

We provide specialized services for sponsored students & their sponsors which include:

- Single Point of Contact
- Facilitate Sponsor Visits to Campus
- Third Party Billing
- Designated Advisor in the Intl Office
- Special programming throughout the year
- Individual Grade Reports
- Crisis management
- Admissions assistance
Sponsored Students At a Glance

*University of Texas at Austin Fall 2015:*

- **284** Total Sponsored Students
- **90** Total Active Sponsors
- **63** Sponsored Students from Latin America
- **13** Sponsorships from Latin America
Overview of Financial Services

Taxes
  • Tax Filing Assistance
  • Tax Appointments

Financial Aid
  • Scholarships
    ➢ Emergency Financial Aid
  • Emergency Loans and Tuition Loans

Other
  • CENCOEX Letters
Nonresident Alien for Tax Purposes
  • Different tax rules than US citizens

GLACIER Tax Prep
  • Sister software of GLACIER

Tax Appointments
  • Staffed by volunteers to assist with basic questions for NRATP

Tax Sessions
  • Computer labs reserved for students to complete GTP with an advisor present
Institutional Loans

Emergency Loan
• up to $500
• due back within 30 days
• 4% interest rate

Tuition Loan
• up to $4,000
• due back within 90 days
• only for tuition
• 4% interest rate
• remainder of 1st installment due at the time of signing
What is 3rd Party Billing, and how does it work?

- International Office places payment; student only “confirms attendance”
- Sponsor receives official invoice from the university and can pay the university directly

Benefits of 3rd Party Billing:

- Eliminates hassle for students
  - Students do not have to wait for wire transfers; no risk of courses being dropped for non-payment
- Simplifies process for sponsor
Field of Dreams Theory

“If you build it, ‘they’ will come…”

Examples:

• University reputation resulting in high volume of applicants → Result: no recruitment
• BSMP Summer Interns → drawn to research internships at UT
Primary Sponsors in Latin America

IIE/LASPAU →
Both are agencies that administer scholarships (ex: Fulbright, Science Without Borders, BSMP)

CONACYT →
Public agency of Mexico’s federal government

CONICYT →
Funding through Chilean government; also has partnership with Fulbright
“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”

— George Bernard Shaw
Financial Assistance

Students from Latin America are eligible for the following:

- General ISSS Financial Aid Award
- Tuition Assistance for Mexican Students (TAMS)
- Good Neighbor Scholarship (GNS)
- Jerry D. Wilcox Community Engagement Scholarship
- Ethel Loving de Diaz Scholarship
- Tuition and Cash Loans
- Emergency Financial Aid
Tuition Assistance for Mexican Students

- Allows citizen/permanent resident of Mexico to pay in-state tuition rates at eligible Texas universities
- Able to enroll 2 eligible students per thousand of overall enrollment
- “Encourage students from Mexico with limited financial resources to enroll in certain Texas public institutions of higher education.”
Good Neighbor Scholarship

• “Encourage academically talented students from the countries of the Western (American) hemisphere to pursue higher education in the State of Texas, thus establishing a beneficial link between the State of Texas and the home countries of the students.”
  ➢ 235 total awards in Texas

• Administered by UT Austin on behalf of Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

• Pays for an entire year of tuition (no fees)
Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund - interest-free loans (up to $15,000) for Latin American and Caribbean students through the Organization of American States.

- Applications open year-round
- Does require a guarantor that is preferred to be a US citizen or permanent resident who is not the spouse.
Emergency Financial Aid

- Given to students who have experienced a sudden and unexpected change in their current financial situation and who need one-time assistance for a temporary hardship in their current financial situation

  - Examples:
    - countries undergoing political turmoil
    - blocking funding from exiting the country
    - personal health issues
    - unexpected loss of sponsorship

- On referral basis only
Outreach Efforts

• Increase mobility efforts in Mexico City and Shanghai
  ➢ UT System initiatives to invest in partnerships with Mexico

• Develop new partnerships for study abroad (reciprocal exchange and affiliate providers)

• Cultivate relationships with existing sponsors; document best practices in sponsored student services; and increase awareness of our services to UT students, staff, and faculty.
QUESTIONS?

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