



Q: What is the US-CAEF Enterprise Student Fellowship program?

A: U.S.-CAEF Enterprise Student Fellowship program is a financial-need based scholarship program for academically qualified citizen residents of Central Asia to obtain an undergraduate business education that due to financial hardship would otherwise not have been able to do so. The universities presently participating in the Student Fellowship program are:

American University of Central Asia (Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic):

- Business Administration Department
- Economics Department (in limited cases)

KIMEP University | Bang College of Business (Almaty, Kazakhstan):

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| ▪ Finance | ▪ Marketing |
| ▪ Accounting and Audit | ▪ Management |

Competition is open to all candidates demonstrating both financial need and academic merit. Based upon individual need assessment, Fellowship awards will range from partial tuition to full-tuition (including transportation, living expenses and academic costs) support.

U.S.-CAEF program is funded by the U.S. Central Asia Education Foundation and administered by American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS.

Q: Who is eligible for the US-CAEF Enterprise Student Fellowship program?

A: The U.S.-CAEF program does not discriminate on the basis of ethnic origin, age, race, color, gender, religion or disability. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Competition for the Fellowships is merit and need-based and open to anyone who meets the following requirements:

- A citizen of, with permanent residency in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan or Uzbekistan
- Proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application.
- Able to demonstrate academic excellence, financial need, and professional aptitude and leadership potential in the field of business.
- Able to begin the academic program at the start of the academic year established by the university.
- Able to receive and maintain all necessary immigration documentation.
- Committed to returning to (or remaining in) their home country after completion of the program, to contribute to its business community and economic growth.

Q: How could I access application materials and when could I submit all required documents?

You can submit your application any time between October 1 and mid-February (the deadline might slightly change every year). For more details please visit <http://www.us-caef.americancouncilsnetwork.org/>. You can read about program requirements and download the application from the website, or make inquiries through our regional offices below:

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Q: What does the U.S.-CAEF selection process look like?

A: **Round 1**--The selection process begins following the application deadline. All applications are then reviewed by U.S. admissions experts. Semifinalists are selected based on applications based on demonstrated financial need, academic merit, and two essays regarding the students' financial need and a general statement. The results of the Round 1 will be known in late March.

Round 2--Semifinalists are then given a TOEFL exam and interviewed by American Councils staff and independent business consultants. Only selected semifinalists will be invited for the Round 2 (TOEFL and interview), which will take place in late March- early April. All U.S.-based candidates must take an official TOEFL test in the United States and provide its results, once requested. The results of the second round will be available in May-June.

Round 3--The final selection decisions are made directly by the U.S.-CAEF Board of Directors. American Councils office in Washington D.C. forms the Selection Committee, which provides the Board of Directors with the list of recommended finalists. During the U.S.-CAEF Board of Directors meeting, the final decision is made and the list of finalists is prepared. The final results are usually announced for AUCA applicants in the first half of June, and for the KIMEP University applicants in the second half of July depending on the availability of the admissions decisions of the universities.

Q: Do I need to take entrance exams to AUCA or KIMEP University?

A: All candidates MUST take AUCA or KIMEP entrance exams in order to be accepted at the university; it is a separate process from applying for the U.S.-CAEF program in order to get a scholarship.

In order to be considered for the U.S.-CAEF program, all candidates must be admitted to the selected university with the first (spring) cohort. **It is the candidates' responsibility to check the dates of entrance exams and take them on time.**

NOTE FOR AUCA APPLICANTS: Please remember that U.S.-CAEF accepts only applicants for AUCA's **first admissions cycle** which means that all your test scores and application materials must be submitted to AUCA and U.S.-CAEF by that time.

Q: How should I plan applying for U.S.-CAEF program and taking university entrance exams?

A: Below is a draft timeline for candidates to make sure they do not miss the deadlines:

October 1	U.S.-CAEF program is announced open; Application forms are available online in a fillable PDF format
November - January	Candidates complete the US-CAEF application forms and collect all supporting documents
December	Candidates check the dates of entrance exams at AUCA or KIMEP
February	U.S.-CAEF application deadline (1 st round)
End of March	Results of Round 1 are announced
March-April	TOEFL and Interview for semifinalists (2 nd round)
June-July	Final results are announced (for AUCA earlier in June; KIMEP University—second half of July)
August-September	School starts

Q: If I'm not selected as a U.S.-CAEF finalist, can I apply again next year?

A: Applicants not chosen for fellowships are strongly encouraged to apply again next year. U.S.-CAEF is a multi-year program and additional fellowships will be offered next year. However, please note that U.S.-CAEF scholarships are given only to the first-year students; no continuing students may apply.