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## New Tuition Rate for Qualified Undergraduate Students

— Sue Songer



As the tuition rates at EIU have grown significantly each semester for several years, the rate of the tuition for international students (which is three times the current rate) became quite a challenge for the recruitment of students from around the world. We are pleased to announce that qualified undergraduate international students will receive significant financial relief through a recent resolution by the Board of Trustees.

On June 22, 2009, the Board of Trustees approved the following resolution:

“The Enrollment Enhancement Tuition program is hereby extended to undergraduate international students. Effective Fall 2010, new entering high-achieving/talented out-of-state students participating in the enrollment enhancement program will pay an alternative tuition rate of 1.0 times the then current in-state undergraduate tuition rate.”

Beginning Fall 2010, EIU will recognize academically outstanding new international undergraduates with a special tuition rate. Prospective undergraduates earning a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 = A scale) converted according to WES (World Education Services) standards will receive a rate of tuition which is 1.0 times the current in-state tuition rate.

By providing this new tuition rate, EIU is positioned to attract students whose prior academic achievement will provide the basis for further educational success here on our campus. In addition, these students will enhance the mission of EIU by providing additional global and cultural diversity in our learning communities.

For additional information or interest in this new tuition rate, please contact the Office of International Students and Scholars at 217-581-2321 or [international@eiu.edu](mailto:international@eiu.edu).

### Upcoming Event

Tuesday, April 13th, 2010 at 5:30 pm

OISS Spring Banquet, EIU Union



*“He is able  
who thinks  
he is able.”  
-Buddha*



## Younger Scholarship Awardee

The Charles Jacobs and Mariann Dana Younger Scholarship was established in 2000 by Charles Jacobs and Mariann Dana Younger. This award is given to a full-time student who demonstrates a strong presence in at least one student activity in any of the following areas: Student Government, Inter-fraternity Council, Pan-Hellenic Council, the arts, music, drama, the sciences, and business. The recipient must demonstrate financial need. The Office of International Students and Scholars is proud to congratulate Ayaka Hisanaga on being the recipient for the Younger Scholarship this year. Ayaka is an undergraduate psychology major from Japan.



## International Quiz

1. What organization elects the 15 judges of the World Court?  
**A. The United Nations**                      **B. The Kingdom**                      **C. The Round Table**
2. French, apart from English is an official language of Canada.  
**True or False**
3. Okinawa is a volcano in which country?  
**A. China**                      **B. Japan**                      **C. South Africa**
4. Madagascar is off of the East coast of Africa.  
**True or False**
5. What is the largest country in South America?  
**A. Peru**                      **B. Argentina**                      **C. Brazil**
6. Which Australian province has New at the beginning of its name?  
**A. South Wales**                      **B. Queensland**                      **C. Victoria**

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## Partner Universities: EIU and Central Queensland

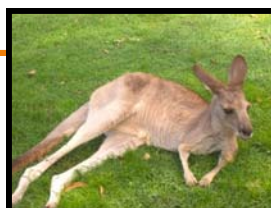
**Kelly Kawa, EIU College Student Affairs Graduate Student  
and  
Chris MacColl, EIU Biological Science Undergraduate Australian  
Exchange Student**



Kelly Kawa, an EIU American graduate student, and Chris MacColl, an EIU exchange student from Australia, share their experiences and benefits from studying abroad through their respective partner universities.

“After completing my junior year at CQ University Australia I took the chance at applying for the study abroad program here in the United States. After weighing up my options, I chose to attend EIU for the spring semester 2010. Eastern appealed to me as it felt like the quintessential American college town, while still being close to major centre's Chicago, St Louis, and Indianapolis. Upon arrival the staff at the international office did a great job in welcoming us and preparing us for the ensuing semester. Six weeks have passed now, and I can honestly say I could not have picked a better school to attend. Academically, I find the classes here to be engaging and the professors very approachable. In fact, I am already on a first name basis with all of my teachers. Adapting to the cultural differences has been made easy by the accommodating nature of the American students. They are genuinely excited in meeting someone from Australia. I've also found that Americans share our love for sport, and attending EIU's basketball and hockey games has been one of my highlights. It feels as though I've been here for so long yet I've still got three months of EIU life to go and I look forward to the experiences yet to come!” — Chris MacColl

“I always knew that I wanted to go to Australia. Studying Abroad seemed like the best option for me. I decided to attend Central Queensland University in Rockhampton, Queensland for a full semester. I lived in the residence halls (called Capricornia College), and although at first it did not sound appealing to me, I noticed that students of all ages lived there. A huge difference in taking classes abroad is that each one takes place only once a week, as opposed to 2-3 times a week in the U.S. Some of my classes were a lot more "hands on" than classes at EIU as well. I was able to take an Outdoor Pursuits course where I was SCUBA certified, went sailing, and got to go on a camping trip with the class! When I was abroad, I had a part-time job in the Marketing Department at CQU. Not only was I paid well (\$27.60/hr) but I was able to improve my networking skills and add to my resume. I was offered a full-time position if I wanted to return to Australia after graduation! My resume is chalked full of my study abroad experiences. International education always looks good to employers. Not only does it make you stand out on a resume (since less than 2% of students in the U.S. study abroad), but it is an experience you will keep referencing within your profession and personal life. It was an amazing experience and I would highly recommend it to all students who are interested in learning a new culture and looking to enhance their education!” — Kelly Kawa



Answers to International Quiz:

1.A 2.True 3.B 4.True 5.C 6.A

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