



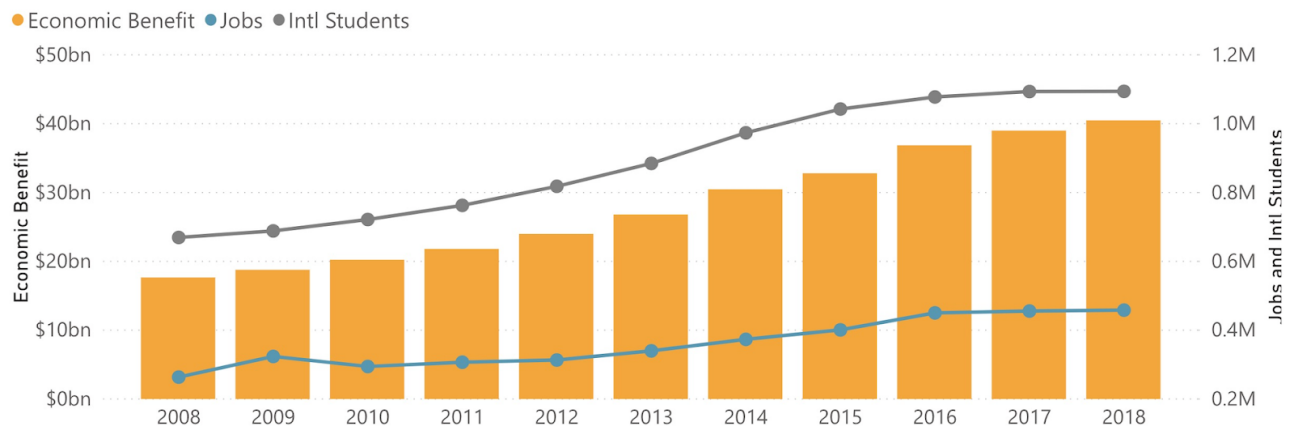
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE-PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

International Students are Vital to Our National Strength and International Competitiveness

1. \$41 billion to the U.S. economy

2. Half a million U.S. jobs

3. 1 in 5 unicorn startups



Economic Benefit, Jobs and International Students by Academic Year ¹

What Congress Can Do to Help Attract International Talents

1. Support an amendment to [S. 386 / H.R. 1044, the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2019](#) that would prioritize applicants who have earned advanced degrees in the US:
 - a. Annually reserve **half of all EB-2 visas** for applicants who have
 - i. **Earned advanced degrees from the United States and**
 - ii. **Have spent at least 5 years in the country.**
2. Support and co-sponsor [S.1744 - Keep STEM Talent Act of 2019](#)
3. Oppose attempts to [challenge](#) the [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\)](#) and support efforts to expand this program.
4. Investigate the increasing [F-1 student visa and OPT processing delays](#).
5. Investigate the proposed '[Establishing a Maximum Period of Authorized Stay for Students, Exchange Visitors, and Media Representatives](#)' and elimination of '[duration of status](#)'.

Source:

1. <https://www.nafsa.org/policy-and-advocacy/policy-resources/nafsa-international-student-economic-value-tool-v2#main-content>