

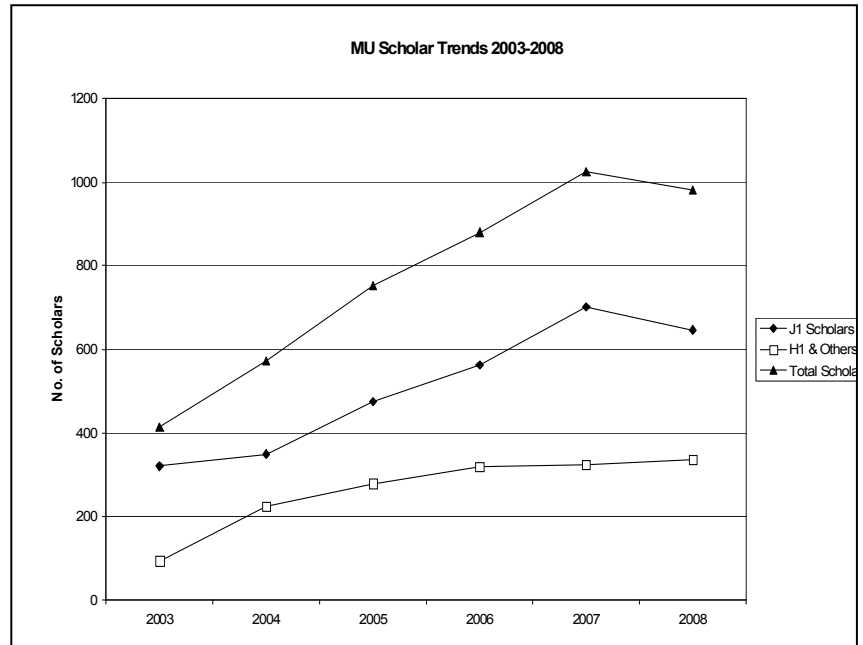


Fast Facts about MU International Scholars - 2008

International scholars are vital to the success of the University of Missouri-Columbia (MU). MU is experiencing unprecedented growth as a world-class research institution. According to MU's *Research Report 2007*, sponsored research tallied \$189 million in external support, the highest total in the University's history

MU is also recruiting and retaining some of the best and brightest international scholars. According to the Institute of International Education (IIE) an estimated 106,123 scholars were teaching and doing research at U.S. higher education institutions in 2007/2008. From the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, MU hosted an estimated 981 international scholars.

Over the past five years the demand for international scholar services at MU has grown dramatically. The number of international scholars has increased 137% percent, from 413 in 2003 to 981 in 2008.



MU International Scholars	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Exchange visitors (J-1 Scholars)	320	349	474	562	702	646
MU Employees (H1+ Other)	93	224	278	318	324	335
Total Scholars	413	573	752	880	1026	981
% increase		38.7%	+31.2%	+17%	+16.5%	-4.4%

* Projected growth.

International Scholars not only contribute creative capital to the University, but enrich the social and cultural fabric of our learning community. The following snapshot illustrates the national origins of MU's visiting international scholars during the 2007-2008 annual census:

Country	#
Albania	1
Algeria	1
Argentina	3
Australia	2
Austria	1
Bangladesh	3
Bolivia	1
Brazil	24
Bulgaria	4
Canada	18
China	227
Colombia	1
Cote d'Ivoire	1
Croatia	1
Denmark	1
Ecuador	1

Egypt	1
El Salvador	1
Estonia	1
France	11
Germany	13
Greece	4
Haiti	1
Honduras	1
India	71
Indonesia	1
Iran	3
Ireland	2
Israel	1
Italy	9
Japan	17
Jordan	2
Kenya	15

S. Korea	334
Lebanon	2
Liberia	1
Macedonia	3
Madagascar	1
Mexico	6
Namibia	5
Nepal	3
Netherlands	4
New Zealand	7
Nigeria	1
Norway	1
Pakistan	1
Paraguay	1
Peru	1
Poland	3
Portugal	1

Romania	6
Russia	13
Senegal	2
Serbia	2
Singapore	2
South Africa	3
Spain	9
Sweden	2
Syria	1
Taiwan	7
Thailand	3
Turkey	6
Ukraine	6
U.K.	10
Vietnam	1
Yemen	1
Zimbabwe	4