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Financial aid is available to international students. A very limited amount of need-based financial aid is available to permanent residents and who demonstrate need. Northwestern provides financial assistance to all admitted students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who demonstrate need. For more information, see the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE (see links below).

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BROAD ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

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