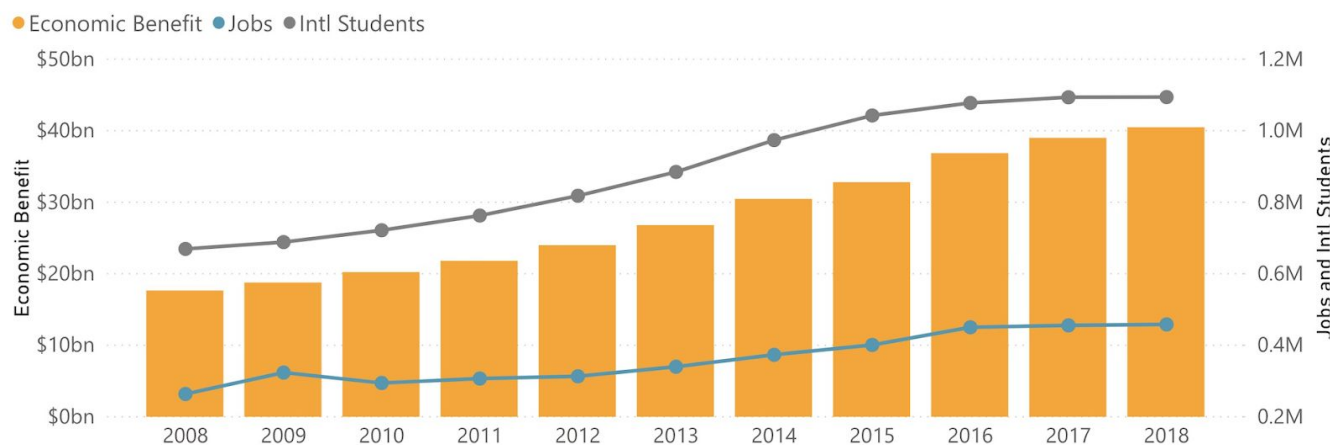




International Students: Vital to America's Strength and International Competitiveness

****\$41 billion to the U.S. economy * Half a million U.S. jobs * 1 in 5 startups worth over \$1 billion***



Economic Benefit, Jobs and International Students by Academic Year
(According to an [Analysis](#) Published by NAFSA)

What Congress Can Do to Help Retain International Talent

- Encourage investigation on the increasing [F-1 student visa and OPT processing delays](#).
- Support domestic revalidation of F-type visas
- Oppose attempts to [challenge](#) the [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\)](#) and support efforts to expand this program.
- 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:
 - Annually reserve **half of all [EB-2 visas](#)** for applicants who have
 - **Earned advanced degrees from the United States and**
 - **Have spent at least 5 years in the country.**
- Support and co-sponsor [S.1744 - Keep STEM Talent Act of 2019](#).