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Title: US-TURKEY: US/Turkish collaborations: bringing vocational schools into the global education sector

Link: <http://globalhighered.wordpress.com/2008/11/01/usturkish-collaborations-bringing-vocational-schools-into-the-global-education-sector/>

Summary: Turkey had signed a deal with the US-based *Community Colleges for International Development, Inc. An Association for Global Education* to put into place an exchange between US and Turkish vocational schools.

The OBHE report was based on a lead article carried in the World Bulletin. For the Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK), these collaborative partnerships will be instituted in 7-8 Turkish vocational schools in an attempt to improve the curriculum in Turkish vocational schools.

Date: November 1, 2008 **Source:** Global Higher Ed

Title: AFRICA: Higher education summit stresses partnerships

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081031093041326&mode=print>

Summary: Higher institutions of learning have a big role to play in Africa's economic growth, a point emphasised last week, by the Minister of Education, Daphrose Gahakwa, as she officially closed a three-day Africa Regional Higher Education Summit at Kigali Serena Hotel. The goal of the summit was to link universities, Philanthropic organisations and businesses in order to help build partnerships to improve higher education in Africa.

Date: November 2, 2008 **Source:** All Africa (<http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/200810280115.html>) via University World News

Title: CHINA: Fall in student numbers expected

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081031100828361&mode=print>

Summary: Far fewer students from China will go abroad to study next year as a result of the global crisis which is already having an impact on Chinese industries - especially those relying on the export market. UWN China correspondent Michael Delaney reports that the Chinese economy is slowing and companies across the nation have begun laying off workers with the result that many families do not have the money even for living expenses, much less foreign study. Universities heavily reliant on the fees from these students will be in serious trouble.

Students from mainland China who enrol in offshore universities far outnumber those from all other countries and they have been contributing an estimated US\$6 billion a year in fees to higher education institutions. Many universities have come to rely on the fees as a growing source of income; but what had seemed an unending and growing source is drying up now the Chinese economy has stopped its massive expansion and has begun to decline.

Date: November 2, 2008

Source: University World News

Title: GLOBAL: How other countries are faring

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081031095948909&mode=print>

Summary: The global financial meltdown has not yet hit some countries as much as it has the US where the crisis began. Those nations still faring reasonably well include Russia, Germany, the UK, France, New Zealand, some Asian and African nations, and even America's next-door neighbour, Canada.

In Canada, the banking disaster happening south of the border has caused alarm among university leaders - as was evident when they gathered in Ottawa late last month for their annual fall meeting. This would normally have been an occasion for university presidents to meet key members of the federal cabinet and to argue their case for more research funding.

Date: November 2, 2008

Source: University World News

Title: MALAYSIA: More foreign students to ease money crisis

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2008103109333160&mode=print>

Summary: The Higher Education Ministry has laid out plans to face the financial crisis, including attracting more foreign students and increasing graduate employability, reports The Star. "We are intensifying our efforts to attract foreign students to study here, especially from Africa and the Middle East, since this contributes growth to our economy," said Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin last week.

The ministry would also be working hard at making graduates employable to be able to secure jobs, he said. He added that investments in the higher education sector will not be affected.

Date: November 2, 2008

Source: The Star
(<http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2008/10/29/nation/20081029155314&sec=nation>) via University World News

Title: AUSTRALIA: Crisis has already arrived

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2008103110050682&mode=print>

Summary: Universities Down Under had begun reducing their outlays, and their staffing numbers, even before the full effect of the financial turmoil on the global stock markets had been felt. Falling investments, shrinking government grants and growing concern about the overseas student market are increasing pressure on institutions to slash their costs and, in the past month, more than 500 academics and general staff have been laid off or are facing redundancy.

The University of Sydney, Australia's oldest and richest, announced last week it was cutting spending next year because its income from investments had fallen by a staggering \$100 million.

Date: November 2, 2008

Source: University World News

Title:	🇨🇦 New portal to promote education	
Link:	http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081031094846549&mode=print	
Summary:	Canada's newest web portal offers access to an array of information on study in Canada for international students. It is also the first use of the country's IMAGINE brand, developed over the past year with a view to positioning Canada as an attractive and "become what you want to be" destination.	
Date:	November 2, 2008	Source: University World News

Title:	UK: Britain Says Some Foreign Students Seek Access to Labs as Terrorists	
Link:	http://chronicle.com/news/index.php?id=5434&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en	
Summary:	Dozens of students — from what Britain calls “countries of concern” like Iran and Pakistan — have tried to infiltrate Britain’s top laboratories in order to develop weapons of mass destruction in the past year, according to an unnamed spokesman in the Foreign Office, <i>The Guardian</i> reported. The British government said its security services had intercepted up to 100 people posing as graduate students who they believe tried to get into labs to gain the materials and expertise needed to create chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons, the government told the newspaper.	
Date:	November 3, 2008	Source: The Guardian (http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2008/nov/02/uk-security-weapons-technology/print) via The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title:	🇨🇦 Canadian Universities Measure Pain of Possible Cutbacks	
Link:	http://chronicle.com/news/index.php?id=5435&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en	
Summary:	The global financial crisis and subsequent fall in stock values may cause Canadian universities to make cuts in programs paid for by their endowment funds and investments, reports <i>The Globe and Mail</i> , in Toronto. Many universities are looking at possible cuts not only in academic and research programs but also in financial aid to students, including scholarships. What’s more, neither tuition increases nor government support for higher education has kept up with the rise in operating costs. Some universities were looking at possible cuts even before the current financial crisis.	
Date:	November 3, 2008	Source: The Globe and Mail (http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/Page/document/v5/content/subscribe?user_URL=http://www.theglobeandmail.com%2F%2Fstory%2FRTGAM.20081102.wuniversities1103%2FB&ord=434_71635&brand=theglobeandmail&force_login=true) via The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title:	🇨🇦 Red River College Expands Partnership Agreement with Shenyang Institute of Engineering	
Link:	http://www.asiapacific.ca/en/news/red-river-college-expands-partnership-agreement-with-shenyang-institute-engineering	
Summary:	Red River College and Shenyang Institute of Engineering in China, announced plans to expand their partnership agreement to include new combined diploma programs in power-plant engineering and tourism, as well as electrical engineering.	
Date:	November 3, 2008	Source: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Title:	US: Canada Tops U.S. in Faculty Salaries, Report Finds	
Link:	http://www.insidehighered.com/layout/set/print/news/2008/11/05/worldpay	
Summary:	<p>The United States does not lead the world in faculty pay, and is quite far behind when comparisons of national wealth are factored in, according to a new analysis released Tuesday.</p> <p>The new study covers only 15 countries, and generally includes only four-year institutions for comparative purposes. But it includes countries in the developed and developing worlds, and from regions worldwide. To reflect differences in the cost of living, the study is based on World Bank Purchasing Power Parity dollars.</p> <p>For the best entry-level pay, North America appears to be the place to be, with Canada leading the way, followed by the United States.</p>	
Date:	November 5, 2008	Source: Inside Higher Ed

Title:	♦ Canadian Schools Need More Foreign Grad Students: AUCC	
Link:	Weekly e-newsletter, no website	
Summary:	<p>Canada will need to attract more foreign graduate students to help replenish its shrinking pool of university and college researchers and teachers, warns a recently-released report.</p> <p>According to the report, produced by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), about half of Canada's roughly 41,000 researchers and teachers will have left their jobs by 2016. But replacing them will be more difficult than before because government and industry are competing harder to attract people with graduate degrees.</p>	
Date:	November 5, 2008	Source: The Ottawa Citizen (http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/story.html?id=544601d9-a73b-4424-8fcf-8e691dc30226) via Overseas Overwhelmed

Title:	UK: UK Announces New Measures to Block Entry of False Foreign Students	
Link:	Weekly e-newsletter, no website	
Summary:	<p>The British government is planning a raft of measures including fingerprinting of students and the licensing of institutions in order to reduce the number of bogus international students and bogus schools in the country.</p> <p>Starting next March, universities and colleges will need licenses to teach non-European students, Britain's Borders and Immigration minister announced last week. These students will have to be sponsored by a licensed school and be fingerprinted. They will be given student visas only if they can prove they have a "track record in education," as well as the means to financially support themselves and any dependents.</p>	
Date:	November 5, 2008	Source: The Guardian (http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/oct/30/internationalstudents-students) via Overseas Overwhelmed

Title:	UK: Obama Win Could Hurt UK Recruitment	
Link:	http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/11/06/qt	
Summary:	<p>Barack Obama's historic election could hit the ability of British universities to recruit lucrative overseas students.</p> <p>Universities in the UK have benefited from the negative perception of America around the world since the September 11 terrorist attacks and the tightening of visa requirements that followed.</p> <p>He said the US would "without doubt" become more attractive as a destination, and UK institutions would have to raise their standard of service to hold on to current market share and avoid being "swept aside by the sleeping giant".</p>	
Date:	November 6, 2008	Source: The Guardian (http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/nov/05/internationalstudents-students) via Inside Higher Ed