

## **WELCOME TO GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY!**

As you begin your search for higher education, it is very important to find an institution that meets both your academic and personal needs.

This is especially true for international students who seek educational opportunities outside their country. Grand View University prides itself in the tradition of giving our students a quality education, which is an essential foundation for life, work, and service to others. At Grand View, the staff and faculty are interested in working for, and with, students to meet their goals. As an international student you will have questions as to how Grand View may meet your needs. The following will give you an example of the Grand View University environment.

### **LOCATION**

Grand View University is located in Des Moines, Iowa. Des Moines is an urban area with a population of 500,000 and is the capital city of Iowa. Located in central Iowa, Des Moines is approximately 190 miles from Kansas City, Missouri; 120 miles from Omaha, Nebraska; 250 miles from Minneapolis, Minnesota and 330 miles from Chicago, Illinois. The city is known for its green environment, friendly people and dense concentration of insurance and financial businesses.

The typical continental Climate is defined by hot summers with ample rainfall and temperatures averaging 85 degrees F° (30 C°). Iowa winters are chilly and have some heavy snow with temperatures averaging 20 degrees F° (-6 C°).

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Financial assistance is available to international students in the form of merit based academic grants and scholarships. These grants and scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$8,500 depending on your academic credentials. These awards will be granted after a student has been accepted for admission.

## **HOUSING**

Upon acceptance students may apply for on-campus housing. Housing is limited and is assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Housing is provided according to contract and is also available during school breaks for an additional fee. Unless students apply and are officially assigned a college housing unit, they must fully expect to secure off-campus housing upon arrival.

### **EXPENSES**

An international student will not be admitted into Grand View University until the student verifies that he/she can meet all living and educational expenses for the duration of study.

Please refer to the International Student Budget Information for total costs. Proper declaration of finances must be completed and documented before any admissions decisions will be made and the issuance of the appropriate immigration forms.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Work authorization is subject to Grand View University and INS approval. With few exceptions work authorization without financial hardship is restricted to summer and other break periods. Please be aware that regulations concerning work permits for international students constantly change. Students interested may contact Alex Piedras, the Director of Multicultural and Community Outreach, at Grand View University at the time of registration for more information. There are some limited on-campus jobs available to international students during the school year.

### **TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Transferring funds from foreign countries to the United States may often require advanced preparation so international students should make arrangements prior to leaving their country. Students should become familiar with the home government's regulations for exchanging and forwarding money. It is important that sufficient funds are available at the beginning of each term, as tuition and other instructional fees are paid at that time.