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## After yrs, no. of Indian students going to US dips, rises for UK

**In '10, Britain Issued 50% More Fresh Student Visas Than The US**

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Mumbai: Europe, after ages, has upstaged the US as the preferred campus destination for Indians. More than twice the number of desi students who applied to fly abroad for entry into colleges this year chose the UK over America.

Data on the fresh visas for entry into colleges in 2010 reveals that the US issued 32,000 student visas, a little more than half the number issued by the UK (57,500). In 2008, the number of new student-entrants stood at 34,000 and 27,000 for the US and the UK, respectively.

The number of people going to Australia has dropped following the recent spate of race attacks, say [education](#) consultants, explaining that a majority of these students now opt for the UK over the US.

In her report, [Institute](#) of International [Education](#) director (research and evaluation), Rajika Bhandari, noted: "There are indications enrolment from Indians at US [institutions](#) for the 2009-10 academic year may see either decline at certain academic levels or slower rates of growth."

Recent information released by the Council of Graduates Schools, an American body, stated that it had seen a 4% decline in total enrolments among Indian graduates and a 16% drop among the newly enrolled Indians for the 2009-10 academic year. One of the reasons could be that US is still more expensive to study in than Europe, and also there are shorter courses available outside America.

But what may be heartening is, as Bhandari observed, "There may have been declines in offers of admission to Indian graduate students and the corresponding declines in enrolment but some top [institutions](#) saw increases." On the other hand, the UK has been seeing a large number of Indian graduates flying down to pursue the oneyear business management course followed by those wanting to pursue a post-graduate [education](#) in engineering and technology.

Head of [Education](#) Promotion India, [Education](#) UK, Suchita Gokarn, said 15,000 student visas were issued for the academic year 2004-05 but the number went up to 16,227 in the next academic year and 2006-07 saw the figure almost touching 20,000. The numbers rose further to 23,500 in 2007 and 27,000 in 2008, according to information shared by the spokesperson of the UK Border Agency in India.

However, the US still has the biggest pool of Indians enrolled. There are currently over one lakh Indian students on American campuses.

Until 10 years ago, said an [education](#) consultant, students would either want to go to the US or the UK. Australia was nowhere on their radar.

### **WHERE MOST INDIAN STUDENTS GO**

#### **Top 5 American [universities](#) hosting Indian students**

[University](#) of Southern California

[University](#) of Bridgeport

Purdue [University](#) (main campus)

[University](#) of Texas-Arlington Illinois [Institute](#) of Technology

#### **Top 5 UK [universities](#) which host Indian students**

[University](#) of Bedfordshire

[University](#) of Greenwich

Middlesex [University](#)

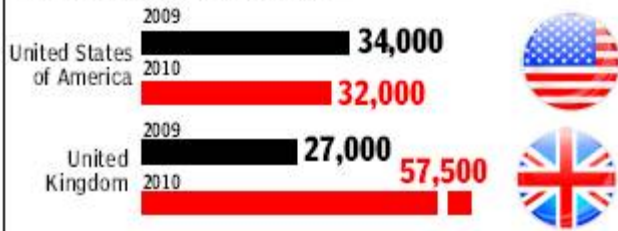
[University](#) of Wales [Institute](#), Cardiff

The [University](#) of East London

## A STUDY IN CONTRAST

More students are dropping Australia as a destination after recent spate of race attacks. Most making a beeline for UK, for 1-year MBA courses and PG in engg and tech

### Fresh Visas Issued For 2010



## 'Best Indian students welcome in UK'

David Willetts, UK's minister for [universities](#) and science, says India and UK aim to make qualitative enhancements on the [education](#) front in an exclusive interview to Malini Sen.

**UK's stand on immigration and tightening of visa rules have caused concern among students. What's your message to Indian students aspiring to study in the UK?**

We welcome the brightest of Indian students to the leading British [universities](#). In the next few months, we'll produce a wider consultation report on the visa regime for students. At every stage, the aim is not to stop the best students to study in the UK. The problem we are trying to tackle is of colleges that sometimes do not have a proper [education](#) framework and exploit people from abroad by giving them the impression that they are getting high quality British [education](#). But that's not always the case.

Interested Indian students should know that they are coming to accredited colleges for serious [education](#) and that's what the visa covers. What we can't have is an abuse of the system. International students pay full fee and, therefore, it's in their interest that they receive quality [education](#).

**Now, what's the UK's vision for India in reference to [education](#)?**

What I am keen to do is to work out how we can get more British postgraduates to pursue courses like MSc and PhDs in Indian [universities](#). There are more than 40,000 Indian students in the UK, compared to around 500 British students in India. I'd like to work out an agenda of mutual exchange based on mutual respect.

**You've said India stands on the brink of an [educational](#) revolution.**

The Indian government wishes us to be a part of the change. My understanding is that the Indian [education](#) minister wants each of the 14 worldclass innovation [universities](#) to have a link to a British [university](#). I am honoured that the Indian government is thinking of such a link and I've brought with me the vice-chancellors of leading [universities](#) from the UK who are keen to develop a link. TNN

## Another Indian don to head US B-school

### TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Washington: Another academic don of Indian origin has been named to head a prominent business school in the US, marking the continued rise of Indians in this discipline.

Sunil Kumar, who is currently Fred H Merrill Professor of Operations, IT and an expert in operations research at the Stanford [University](#) Graduate School of Business, has been appointed the next dean of the [University](#) of Chicago Booth School of Business, the [university](#) announced this week.

His five-year term as dean at Chicago Booth will begin on Jan. 1, 2011. Founded in 1898, Chicago Booth is the second oldest

business school in the US, the first such school to offer an Executive MBA program, and the first to initiate a Ph.D. program in business. The school was renamed in 2008 following a \$300 million endowment gift to the school by alumnus David G. Booth and currently has the third-largest endowment of any business school.

“Chicago Booth has been consistently recognized among the top business schools in the world, and its faculty, students and alumni are global intellectual leaders who continue to shape the world of business and its disciplinary underpinnings,” Zimmer and Rosenbaum wrote in a joint e-mail to the Chicago Booth community. “We are delighted that Sunil Kumar has agreed to serve as dean. He brings the right blend of vision, entrepreneurial energy and academic leadership that will build on the contributions of Chicago Booth at a time of tremendous momentum and achievement.”

Kumar joined the Stanford faculty in 1996 after receiving his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the [University](#) of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He came to the US after receiving a Master of Engineering degree in computer science and automation from the Indian [Institute](#) of Science in Bangalore and a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Mangalore [University](#) in Surathkal, Karnataka. In the US, he co-developed a widely-used factory simulator for teaching operations management. The simulator, “Littlefield Technologies,” has been used in classes at more than 50 business and engineering schools.



GOING PLACES: Sunil Kuma

[DNA](#)

## IIM-A job tougher: Harvard dean

### IIT alumnus Nitin Nohria says HBS is not setting up shop in India

Vivek Kaul Mumbai

It would have been harder for me to become the dean of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, than the dean of Harvard Business School, said Nitin Nohria.

He was only half-joking.

On July 1, Nohria became the first India-born dean of Harvard Business School (HBS). An alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, he received a PhD in management in 1988 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management. Since then, Nohria has been receiving messages from all parts of India, including small villages.

“I have heard from people who have said, your name is Nohria, does that mean that you grew up in a village called Nohar? I am from Nohar. We are so proud of you,” Nohria, who is on a visit to Mumbai, said.

Nohria first started teaching at Harvard in 1988. “Then, you would have been hard-pressed to find a case on an Indian company or a Chinese company. Today, we have 80 cases on Indian companies that have been developed in the last 10

years and an equal number, if not more, on Chinese ones,” he said. At HBS, the case study method of teaching is employed.

In light of the financial crisis, largely engineered by highly-paid MBAs on Wall Street, Nohria has been instrumental in getting students to take the MBA oath while passing out, and has found some success with it.

“I had proposed the MBA oath in a very simple way because my sister is a doctor. She had taken the Hippocratic oath, which gives them some guidance about their role in society. Wouldn't it be useful for MBA students to ask themselves the question: what is our role in society, what do we think about it?” he said. Last year, half the graduating students at HBS took the oath. It was also taken by 5,000 other students at 200-odd business schools across the US, Europe and Australia.

Nohria, whose first love is teaching, hasn't been, well, teaching this year. “This year, I will have to, for the first time in 22 years, not teach as I have become dean. It's simply because it's a very big institution and just trying get my arms around all of the things I have to do is just a lot of work... but I am very committed to teaching and I can assure you that I will start teaching again,” he said.

On HBS's plans for India, Nohria wants to follow an “asset light but intellectually heavy” strategy, which means he is not looking to set up any branches of HBS in India. “We are not in the business of chasing demand in India,” he said. But India is still relevant to them. “We have developed 80 cases on India; these cases are being used at business schools all across the world. So, if anybody is learning about India right now, chances are they are learning about India from HBS more than anywhere else,” Nohria added.

Nohria is also seeing more and more Indians who go to the US to study coming back to work here. “When I graduated from IIT Bombay in 1984, more than two-thirds of my class went abroad. Many of us had in our minds promised that we will come back. I don't think many of us did. Now the scene has completely changed. A large number of Indian students at HBS go back to India, if not immediately, probably two or three years later, as opportunities in India have become as exciting as everywhere else.”

It's tougher to be dean of IIM-A

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