United States recognized around the world for its leading universities

- Many foreign leaders are U.S.-educated
- Many university programs had large foreign student numbers

September 11 has reshaped the way many foreign countries think about educating their students

- Often difficult to get student visas
- Perception that Middle Eastern students no longer welcomed
- Asian students replacing Middle Eastern students
Middle Eastern countries have begun to build their own great universities

- Qatar – Education City, partnerships with John Hopkins, Texas A&M, Carnegie Mellon, etc.
- Abu Dhabi – Colorado School of Mines
- Saudi Arabia
Saudi Arabia – King Abdulla Economic City (SAGIA)

- **Energy Institute**
  - University of Texas
  - University of Oklahoma
  - University of Colorado (?)
  - Others

- **KAUST – Kingdoms premier research funding organization**
  - “Chemical, biological/biomedical, aerospace” interest in CU
  - Potential for “Engineering and Science Faculty Training and PhD Program” exchange
Other Opportunities
- Private research grants
  - Qatar Water Sustainability Center
    (ConocoPhillips/GE/QP partnership)
- Traditional student programs
- Traditional sabbatical programs

Issues
- Relationships are critical in the Middle East
- May require private sponsorship/funding
- Security