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College of Fine Arts (CFA)
Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences (DC)
Information Systems (IS)
Mellon College of Science (MCS)
School of Computer Science (SCS)
Tepper School of Business (Tepper)
BXA Intercollege Degree Programs
  Bachelor of Humanities & Arts Program (BHA)
  Bachelor of Science & Arts Program (BSA)
  Bachelor of Computer Science & Arts Program (BCSA)
Integrative Design, Arts and Technology Network (IDeATe)

Carnegie Mellon uses the Common Application exclusively

Use of the Common Application is governed by the license agreement for Common Application forms, a copy of which is displayed at www.commonapp.org. Please read this agreement carefully before using the Common Application. Be sure to complete the Carnegie Mellon specific questions on the Common Application. To complete your application you'll also need to submit the Secondary School Report and Teacher Recommendation (from the Common Application website), as well as any other required documents.

Track your documents

All applicants can see what admission and financial aid documents have been received or are missing by logging into “Where Am I in the Process?” at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/application-status (you'll need your Application ID in order to log in).
Highly Selective Admission
At Carnegie Mellon, we select our freshmen class from a large group of very qualified candidates. We don't use a calculation to arrive at our admitted class. Calculations can't take into account all of the factors we like to consider when making admission decisions. No single grade, factor, score or activity will automatically gain or deny you admission to Carnegie Mellon. We treat every applicant as an individual, taking great care to make our admission decisions fair, thorough and sensitive. We're interested in students who can be successful at Carnegie Mellon, while taking full advantage of all the university has to offer and enriching our campus community.

Admission Criteria
The majority of our applicants are admissible and could be successful at Carnegie Mellon. We use a variety of factors to select our first-year class from those admissible candidates.

Academic and Artistic Potential
Our admission process is designed to select a highly talented, diverse undergraduate population with high aspirations who will succeed at Carnegie Mellon. If you're applying to academic programs, your high school talent and/or potential will be a significant factor in our admission decision because it's the most meaningful indication of your motivation and abilities. We pay close attention to your curriculum rigor, the grades you've earned and the work you've accomplished. We're interested in seeing that you've challenged yourself within your secondary school environment. If you're applying to programs in the arts, your artistic performance will be either the main factor or a significant factor (depending on the program) in our admission decision. To better understand our admission process, review these guidelines:

Standardized Testing
Standardized test scores add to our knowledge of your ability, but we don't make decisions simply on the basis of test scores alone. Your high school record and standardized test scores (all SAT Tests or ACT Tests and SAT Subject Tests) work together to make up the academic portion of your evaluation.

Extracurricular Activities
Your non-academic interests, including extracurricular accomplishments, part-time jobs, hobbies and community service also play a very important role in the admission process. We also consider leadership, motivation, passion and perseverance, community and volunteer service and other experiences when making admission decisions.

Our students make Carnegie Mellon an exciting campus. The positive qualities and diverse experiences you bring with you will enrich our community. By looking at this non-academic information, we develop a sense of your personality, motivation and social responsibility.

Interest in Carnegie Mellon
By showing an interest in learning more about Carnegie Mellon, you can enhance your application. We strongly recommend that you have a campus visit before mid-November, which adds a personal touch to our evaluation. There are no individual interviews offered after November. See the "Experience Carnegie Mellon" section on page 19 for more details.

ZeeMee Electronic Resume
ZeeMee is a free service available at ZeeMee.com if a student would like to showcase images, videos and/or documents. This is optional and allows students to directly copy and paste their link into the Common Application.

Other Personalized Information
We want to have a sense of who you are as a person so we look very closely at the essay and personal statement you're asked to write, your secondary school counselor's evaluation and your teacher's recommendation.

Makers Portfolio and Supplemental Material (for non-fine arts applicants)
Makers, creators, inventors, researchers, entrepreneurs of the spirit are welcome to submit their original works using SlideRoom.com. Please visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/supplementary-submissions for more information on submitting supplemental material. The deadline for submitting supplemental material is January 15. Please don't send supplemental material to the Office of Admission directly, we'll only accept material uploaded to cmu.slideroom.com.

College Selection
Carnegie Mellon seeks to enroll students of the highest academic and artistic quality, who also have a broad range of experiences, into its six undergraduate colleges. Think carefully about your Carnegie Mellon college selection(s) before applying. While you may apply to up to three colleges or programs that match your interests, bear in mind that most applicants will only be selected for the top college to which they're admissible. It's rare for students, even of the highest quality, to be granted admission to all of their college selections. Early Decision and transfer candidates may only apply to their first choice college or program at Carnegie Mellon. Additional colleges may be added for consideration during Regular Decision for those Early Decision candidates not offered admission. Please note that admission to the university is always contingent upon maintaining academic performance and citizenship commensurate with that which resulted in admission. Admission decisions will be rescinded for failure to maintain strong academic performance, good citizenship, honesty, maturity and/or moral character.

Application Instructions
1. Applicants must apply online by completing the Common Application.
Request that your secondary school counselor submit all high school transcripts, including senior year courses and mid-year grades, and a school profile to the Office of Admission as close to January 1 as possible, but preferably no later than mid-January. The Office of Admission doesn't acknowledge receipt of these items. We don't confirm fax or FedEx materials for up to 48 hours during our peak times. It's your responsibility to check what documents we've received at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/application-status in order to find out if we're missing anything. In order to log in, you'll need your Application ID, the number you received when you registered with Common Application online.

2. Apply for admission only to the specific college(s) or programs in which you're interested.
   • Rank your program and/or major preference.
   • You may apply to up to three colleges/programs.
   • If applying to more than one college, you must describe your multiple interests in detail.
   • Be sure to meet the admission requirements for each college/program.
   • Early Decision and transfer candidates will only be considered for their first choice college/program.

3. Follow these guidelines for each specific area of interest: College of Engineering (Engineering), Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences (DC), Information
We strongly urge you to indicate a program and/or major preference at the time you apply. Although you might not declare a major until the end of your freshman or sophomore year, we do limit access to certain majors, such as electrical and computer engineering, mathematics, computer science and external business.

College of Fine Arts (CFA)
You must apply directly to one or more of the following: School of Architecture, School of Art, School of Design, School of Drama or School of Music. (See specific application instructions on pages 9-12.)

BXA Intercollege Degree Programs:
Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)
The Bachelor of Humanities and Arts program is an intercollege degree-granting program. It's designed for students who'd like to combine and blend their interests in the fine arts and humanities/social sciences rather than pursue a conventional major and degree in either the College of Fine Arts or the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences. To be considered for the BHA program, you must apply and be admitted to both CFA and DC (you must select a CFA school and DC major on the Common Application). This program isn't open to music theater or acting majors.

In your accompanying application essay, please describe your interdisciplinary goals in both the fine arts and humanities/social sciences and how the BHA program would provide the opportunity and framework for you to accomplish these objectives. This essay is a central component in the selection process. The BHA essay fulfills the Carnegie Mellon essay requirement. If you're selected for this program, you'll be notified in your admission decision letter. Early Decision applicants to the fine arts, who wish to be considered for the BSA program, should contact the Office of Admission. This program isn’t available under external transfer.

Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)
The Bachelor of Science and Arts program is an intercollege degree-granting program. It's designed for students who'd like to combine studies in both the fine arts and natural sciences/mathematics rather than pursue a conventional major and degree in either the College of Fine Arts or the Mellon College of Science. To be considered for the BSA program, you must apply and be admitted to both CFA and MCS (you must select a CFA school and apply to MCS on the Common Application). This program isn’t open to music theater or acting majors.

In your accompanying application essay, please describe your interdisciplinary goals in both the fine arts and computer science and how the BCSA program would provide the opportunity and framework for you to accomplish these objectives. This essay is a central component in the selection process. The BCSA essay fulfills the Carnegie Mellon essay requirement. If you're selected for this program, you'll be notified in your admission decision letter. Early Decision applicants to the fine arts, who wish to be considered for the BCSA program, should contact the Office of Admission. This program isn’t available under external transfer.

4. Send a non-refundable application fee of $75 electronically as you complete the Common Application. This fee is required except in extenuating family circumstances. An additional audition/portfolio review fee will be required at the time of online registration for drama and music pre-screening, auditions or portfolio reviews. If you're applying to the School of Music, the additional audition fee is $50. If you're applying to the School of Drama, the audition or portfolio review fee is $115. These fees are payable at the time of reserving your pre-screening, audition or portfolio review online at www.cmu.edu/admission/finearts. If you have a College Board or SAT Subject Test, you can note this on your registration form in order to have your payment waived. International students (non-U.S. citizens) aren't eligible for fee waivers.

5. Home-schooled applicants should submit the Common Application and academic portfolio/transcript consistent with state guidelines and a list of all textbooks used for coursework. You must also provide proof that you'll have met, by the end of May of the year of graduation, all requirements for an official high school diploma and submit an official final transcript, a GED or a certificate of completion from your local school district or state board of education by the end of July of the year of matriculation.

6. Take the SAT Test or ACT Test, and most programs recommend that applicants take two SAT Subject Tests, preferably by October for Early Decision, or by November for Regular Decision. Please refer to the Standardized Testing chart on page 5. Applicants are required to submit all official results of either the SAT Test or the ACT Test and the recommended SAT Subject Tests. While we're interested in the general pattern of your scores, we give most weight to the highest score you've received on the SAT. On the ACT, we give most weight to the set of scores corresponding to the highest composite score. We feel that the results of all standardized test scores, when used in combination with other measures of your performance, provide insight into your academic abilities. Results of the March tests arrive too late to receive any consideration.

• You must submit all official scores electronically through College Board, ACT or the Educational Testing Service (ETS). When you register for the test, request that an official Score Report be sent directly to Carnegie Mellon. Make sure your name, address and birthdate on the application matches the information used to register for these tests. The Carnegie Mellon code number is 2074.

• You may submit your application before receiving all official score reports.

7. If you're an applicant whose native language isn't English, you must submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) in addition to the other required standardized tests.

8. If you're applying to the College of Fine Arts’ Schools of Architecture, Art, Design, Drama or Music, you must complete portfolio review, pre-screen or audition requirements. Please go to www.cmu.edu/admission/finearts for further information. All of our fine arts programs require that students apply to the university and obtain their Application ID before registering for a pre-screen, audition or portfolio review. There’s no Early Decision consideration given for acting, directing, dramaturgy, music theater or the School of Music. Early Decision applicants to the fine arts, who wish to be considered for a BXA program, should contact the Office of Admission.

9. Sign the “Confidentiality Statement” on the Common Application School Report Form and request that your secondary school counselor then complete the form.
Applying as a Freshman (continued)

Your counselor should submit this form along with the school profile and your transcript to the Office of Admission.

10. Choose a teacher to complete the Common Application Teacher Recommendation Form and make sure it’s submitted to the Office of Admission by January 1 (November 1 for Early Decision candidates).

11. Our Regular Decision application deadline is January 1. The Schools of Drama and Music Regular Decision deadline is December 1. Supporting materials may be submitted after December 1. Refer to the table on page 5 for admission deadlines.

12. If you’re a U.S. citizen or permanent resident applying for financial aid, see pages 13-18 for details regarding our financial aid requirements.

Please Note: Carnegie Mellon reserves the right to verify original work in admission essays using Turnitin.com.

Email is our primary means of communication. It’s important to check your email on a regular basis in order to be kept up to date with important information.

Enrollment Deposit

If you’re offered admission and wish to enroll, you must pay a non-refundable deposit of $800 by May 1 (Candidate’s Reply Date), or February 1 for Early Decision, even if you’re receiving financial aid. The deposit will reserve your place in the freshman class and in university housing. We credit the entire amount of your deposit to the first semester’s charges. No extensions of the enrollment deposit will be granted.

The admission staff assumes that your deposit to Carnegie Mellon is your only deposit. We reserve the right to cancel our offer of admission if you post an enrollment deposit at another university. Enrollment deposits that are postmarked after the Candidate’s Reply Date (May 1) will be returned if space is no longer available.

It’s expected that all admitted candidates will maintain the same level of academic performance, good citizenship, honesty, maturity and moral character, which resulted in admission. Failure to do so will result in our cancellation of your admission.

Deferred Admission

If you’re admitted to Carnegie Mellon and wish to defer your admission, you must submit your request in writing, to the Office of Admission, along with the $800 enrollment deposit in order to confirm enrollment for the following year. In some cases, students defer their enrollment in order to take a year off to work or travel. During that year, enrollment in a degree program at another institution is prohibited.

Mid-Year Freshmen

Carnegie Mellon does not accept applications for mid-year freshmen (i.e., freshmen cannot begin in the spring semester).

Application Plans

Early Decision Plan

• Ideal for students who view Carnegie Mellon as their first choice.
• Apply to only one college within the university.
• Receive your admission decision early in your senior year (by mid-December).
• If you’re admitted to Carnegie Mellon, you’re in a binding agreement to enroll.
• Early Decision isn’t available for acting, directing, dramaturgy, music theater or the School of Music.
• Early Decision applicants to the fine arts who wish to be considered for a BXA program should contact the Office of Admission.
• Not for students who want to compare financial aid offers from other institutions.
• Three decisions can be given: admit, deny, or in rare cases, defer to Regular Decision.
• Not for applicants under the age of 17 or for those applying under Early Admission.

If you apply Early Decision, we encourage you to submit applications to other colleges/universities. However, you must agree to withdraw these applications if notified of Early Decision acceptance and financial aid granted at Carnegie Mellon.

Early Decision application instructions:

• Indicate on the Common Application that you’d like to be considered for Early Decision.
• You’ll only be considered for your first-choice college under Early Decision.
• If possible, arrange to have a campus visit that includes an information session or an optional interview with a member of the admission staff or an alumni interview by November 1.
• Submit the application and all official score reports no later than November 1.
• Once the application is filed, fine arts applicants are required to complete a portfolio review, pre-screen or audition. You must go to www.cmu.edu/admission/finearts to register for all fine arts requirements.

Important: If you choose to apply for Early Decision, we strongly prefer that the required SAT Test, ACT Test or recommended SAT Subject Tests be submitted by November 1.

If you’re admitted under Early Decision:

• You’ll be notified officially, by mail and on the Where Am I in the Process website, by December 15. If accepted, the enrollment reply form must be submitted online along with an $800 enrollment deposit by February 1 or your admission offer will be canceled.
• If you’re applying for financial aid, please see the instructions on page 14.
• You must withdraw all admission applications to other colleges or universities.

Regular Decision Plan

This is the most common plan used by students applying to Carnegie Mellon.

Regular Decision application instructions:

• Submit your application by January 1 (December 1 for the Schools of Drama and Music), as well as all other required documents.
• If possible, arrange to have a campus visit that includes an information session or an optional interview with a member of the admission staff by November 1 (or an alumni interview by February 1).
• If you’re admitted under Regular Decision, you’ll be notified officially, by mail and on the Where Am I in the Process website, by April 15. Candidates who are waitlisted or denied admission are officially notified on the Where Am I in the Process website only.
• If you wish to enroll, post an $800 enrollment deposit by May 1.

Early Admission Plan

• Rare opportunity for highly qualified high school juniors to apply early to Carnegie Mellon.
• Ideal for mature, responsible juniors who have exhausted the courses offered at their high schools.
• Applicants under the age of 17 don’t automatically receive housing in a residence hall and must contact the Dean of Student Affairs Office to discuss housing, services and resources available.

While the campus environment is rich in educational and social opportunities, students younger than traditional college age often face unique challenges in becoming acclimated to the university community.

It’s the responsibility of those students under the age of 17 and their parents to contact the Dean of Student Affairs Office to discuss services and resources available in addressing their specific needs. Only students 17 years of age or older are permitted to reside in university housing. The university doesn’t participate in any homestay programs.

Early Admission application instructions:

• Follow the same procedures as Regular Decision applicants.
• Plan to have an interview with a member of the admission staff by November 1.
• Early Admission candidates aren’t eligible for our Early Decision plans.

Note that Carnegie Mellon accepts Early Admission applicants only on rare occasions.
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<td>4 years English</td>
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<td>4 years Mathematics¹</td>
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<td>1 year or more of Chemistry</td>
<td>Math Level II, and Physics, Chemistry or Biology¹</td>
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¹ The four years of mathematics should include at least algebra, geometry, trigonometry, analytic geometry, elementary functions (pre-calculus) and preferably calculus. Advanced mathematics courses are encouraged, especially a course in calculus.

² For DC applicants, three years should include at least algebra, geometry, trigonometry, analytic geometry, elementary functions, as well as pre-calculus.

³ For School of Music applicants, some prior solfège is helpful.

⁴ The Biology SAT Subject Test isn’t acceptable for Engineering applicants.

⁵ Only test results from the junior or senior year are acceptable.

⁶ If your native language isn’t English, a Subject Test in your native language doesn’t meet our requirements.
Applying as a Transfer Student

Each year, Carnegie Mellon admits a very small number of transfer students where space permits. The policy for transferring into Carnegie Mellon varies from college to college. If you're interested in transferring into the College of Engineering, Information Systems, the Mellon College of Science or the School of Computer Science, we must first make sure there's space available in the program that interests you. Please note that space in these programs is extremely limited. If there is space, we'll look closely at your official college transcript, professor recommendations, high school grades and test scores (all SAT Tests, ACT Tests, SAT Subject Tests or TOEFL/IELTS scores, if available) to select the strongest applicants.

Transfer Application Instructions and Deadlines

1. Apply for admission to the specific college in which you're interested, noting your departmental preference on the Common Application. Transfer students will only be considered for their first choice college.

DC, Engineering, IS, MCS, SCS and Tepper
- Fall transfer possible if space is available.
- Spring transfer extremely limited due to space constraints.
- External transfers are unable to apply to the BXA programs.

CFA
- Fall transfer possible.
- No spring transfer opportunities.
- Transfer applicants are considered alongside freshman applicants and are likely to be given first-year status.
- External transfers are unable to apply to the BXA programs.

2. Send a non-refundable application fee of $75 electronically as you complete the Common Application. Transfer students who have previously applied to the university, you must resubmit an updated Common Application with your application fee and all other materials required of transfer students.

3. Send all transcripts that reflect secondary school and college/university studies to the Office of Admission. Spring transfer candidates must have these documents on file no later than November 1. Fall transfer candidates must have these documents on file no later than March 15.
   - If you wish to attend Carnegie Mellon as a transfer student and have previously applied to the university, you must resubmit an updated Common Application with your application fee and all other materials required of transfer students.
   - If you're applying to Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences for admission to select programs, you may be asked to submit course syllabi at some point in the process.

4. Transfer applicants must also send a copy of course descriptions from a college catalog from each college/university you attended, so we can evaluate transferable credits. Course descriptions should be sent by email to admission@andrew.cmu.edu, with the subject line “Transfer Course Descriptions.” Course descriptions should be copied and pasted into a single document and saved as a .pdf, and must have your name, address and Common Application ID on the first page.

5. If you're applying to Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences for admission to select programs, you may be asked to submit course syllabi at some point in the process.

6. If you're applying to the College of Fine Arts' School of Art, Design, Drama or Music, you must complete portfolio review, pre-screen or audition requirements. If you're applying to the School of Architecture as a transfer student, you're required to submit a portfolio of creative work for review and schedule an interview with the School of Architecture. Before you can arrange to have an audition or review, however, you must complete and submit the Common Application. You must go to www.cmu.edu/admission/finearts to register for all fine arts requirements.

7. Sign the “Confidentiality Statement” on the Common Application School Report Form. Have your dean or advisor at the college you're attending, or have last attended, complete this form. Your dean or advisor should return the form directly to the Office of Admission.

8. If you're a U.S. citizen or permanent resident applying for financial aid, see pages 13-18 for details regarding our financial aid requirements.

9. You'll be officially notified of an admission decision on the Where Am I in the Process website. If accepted, an enrollment reply form must be completed and submitted along with an $800 enrollment deposit. Please note that admission to the university is contingent upon maintaining academic performance and citizenship commensurate with that which resulted in admission. Admission decisions will be rescinded for failure to maintain strong academic performance, good citizenship, honesty, maturity and moral character.

10. Make arrangements to have a final copy of your college transcript(s) sent to Carnegie Mellon.

Transfer Enrollment Deposit
If you're offered admission for the spring semester, we don't require a tuition deposit (due to the short time interval between December 15 and the start of the second semester).

For fall transfer students, the enrollment deposit will reserve your place at the university and accommodations in university housing if available. The deposit will be credited to the first semester charges.

IMPORTANT: If you accept our offer of admission, we assume that your tuition deposit to Carnegie Mellon is your only tuition deposit. We reserve the right to cancel our offer of admission if you post a tuition deposit at more than one university. Enrollment deposits received after the deposit deadline will be returned if space is no longer available.

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**University Housing**

University housing isn’t guaranteed for transfer students. The Community Housing Registry is a resource available to help you locate housing accommodations in the local area in the event that campus housing isn’t available.

**Transfer Credit**

The college/school to which you’re admitted will determine transfer credit for courses you’ve taken at other universities. No transfer credit evaluations are offered prior to application. Transfer credit is considered on an individual basis. We may award elective credit for courses with no Carnegie Mellon equivalent.

Transfer credit for courses you’re taking while we’re reviewing your existing college record depends upon successful completion of each course. Grades aren’t transferred — only credit. Sometimes transfer students have to take specific courses and accumulate a larger total number of credits than the normal amount required for graduation. The time it takes for you to graduate will depend on the time you need to complete the full university degree requirements — not on your class standing at a previous institution.

If you transfer into Engineering, IS, MCS or SCS in the fall semester, you’ll be given instructions on how to receive an estimate of the additional academic work you must complete in order to fulfill the university degree requirements.

If you transfer into Engineering, IS, MCS or SCS in the spring semester, you’ll have the opportunity to meet with a dean or department head in order to outline the additional academic work you must complete to meet the university degree requirements.

If you transfer into DC in the fall or spring semester, you’ll be given instructions on how to receive a credit and requirement review of the work you’ve completed at your previous institution(s).

It’s best for transfer students in CFA to assume freshman status. Occasionally advanced standing is awarded based on review of previous college courses.

You must make arrangements to have a final copy of your college transcript(s) forwarded to Carnegie Mellon’s Office of Admission by July 1.

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**Applying as an International Student**

If you’re an international student (not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States), apply to Carnegie Mellon by following the procedures outlined for either freshmen (page 2) or transfers (page 6). Also be aware of this additional information:

- Carnegie Mellon doesn’t offer financial aid to international students. If you’re an international student who plans to enroll at Carnegie Mellon, you and your family must assume the total cost of attendance. Visit: admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/undergraduate-international-students, as well as admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/cost-payment, for more details.

- If your native language isn’t English, you’re required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Carnegie Mellon requires TOEFL scores of 102 or better on the IBT TOEFL or an IELTS score of 7.5 and above. Sub-scores are also carefully reviewed, with consideration given to those with sub-scores of 25 or more on the TOEFL or 7.5 or more on the IELTS. Please arrange to have these scores sent no later than January 1.

- InitialView interviews are recommended for nonnative English speakers. Often these interviews can measure readiness for engagement in the classroom and also showcase a student’s personality, likes and dislikes, as well as the area of intended major.

- InitialView interviews can show English language proficiency while also corroborating the application with more details about the student.

- International students aren’t eligible for application fee waivers. Financial need is considered when making admission decisions for international candidates. Financial aid and installment payment plans aren’t available to international students.

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**Applying as a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Student**

Carnegie Mellon welcomes applications from Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students. Follow the procedure outlines for either freshman (page 2) or transfers (page 6). We accept College Board or NACAC fee waivers for the non-refundable application fee. Students who need an application fee waiver should contact the Office of Admission. Also be aware of this additional information:

- When completing the Common Application, DACA students should apply for either freshman or transfer admission as international students (by selecting “other (non-US)” as your citizenship status).

- DACA students may be eligible for institutional financial aid and must apply for financial aid in order to be considered.

- To apply for institutional financial aid, you must complete the CSS PROFILE and provide either federal tax returns or documentation of household income to College Board IDOCs. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) isn’t required for DACA students. Students who need a CSS PROFILE fee waiver should contact the Office of Admission.

- At the time of admission, Carnegie Mellon may request DACA documentation to confirm your status in order to process financial aid accordingly.
Applying as a Non-Traditional Student

Carnegie Mellon welcomes applications from students with non-traditional academic backgrounds, including prospective students who are seeking a second bachelor’s degree or those interested in a first bachelor’s degree several years after graduating from high school.

To apply for a second bachelor’s degree if your first degree is from Carnegie Mellon:
• Complete the Common Application.
• Arrange to have a copy of your Carnegie Mellon transcript sent to the Office of Admission by February 15, if applying as a transfer, or by January 1, if applying as a freshman.
• Submit an essay explaining what you have been doing since graduating from high school.
• Submit a recommendation from a counselor, teacher, colleague or advisor who can speak of your potential for success at Carnegie Mellon.
• Follow the procedure for transfer applicants on page 6.
• Campus housing is only available for traditional age college students.

Applying as a Home-Schooled or Cyber Student

Carnegie Mellon welcomes applications from students who have been schooled at home or online. Follow the procedure outlined for freshman applicants on page 2.

Home-schooled applicants should submit the Common Application and academic portfolio/transcript consistent with state guidelines and a list of all textbooks used for your coursework. You must also provide proof that you’ll have met, by the end of May of the year of graduation, all requirements for an official high school diploma and submit an official final transcript, a GED or a certificate of completion from your local school district or state board of education by the end of July of the year of matriculation.

To apply to the university, you must:
• Submit a completed Common Application.
• Submit a syllabus/course descriptions of the work you’ve completed prior to applying.
• Submit a transcript of grades and/or evaluation of your work.
• Submit a recommendation from a counselor, representative of the State Board of Education, your home school association or other person of authority.
• Schedule an admission interview with an admission staff member by November 1 (strongly recommended).
• Follow instructions for required testing listed on admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/standardized-test-requirements based on the college/program you’re applying to.

Placement/Credit for College-Level Work

The most up-to-date information on placement/credit and necessary scores for Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) tests/classes and Cambridge General Certificate of Education is available at www.cmu.edu/hub/registration/undergraduates/ap.html. If an exam you’ve taken, or test score you’ve received, isn’t listed, please note that advanced credit won’t be granted. Most course descriptions can be found in the Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Catalog found at coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu.

Please note that this information is subject to change and that the granting of credit will vary from department to department. The college/school in which you enroll will tell you how advanced credit will affect your degree requirements.

It’s possible to receive credit that doesn’t count toward your major. Also, if you change majors, realize that credit which did fulfill requirements for your original major may not necessarily fulfill requirements for your new major.

Advanced Placement (AP)
Carnegie Mellon may grant advanced placement and credit for scores of four and five on exams taken in the College Board Advanced Placement program. When you take the tests, be sure you request that the results be sent to Carnegie Mellon. Upon enrollment, your college/school will evaluate your scores and let you know if AP credit has been awarded.

International Baccalaureate (IB)
Carnegie Mellon also recognizes the International Baccalaureate Examinations. We may grant advanced standing and/or credit in various fields for scores of six and seven on the higher level examinations. Send the results of the IB exams to Carnegie Mellon, and your college/school will evaluate your scores and notify you if credit has been awarded.

College-Level Work
We may grant placement or credit for college work you’ve completed while in high school. Please have your college transcript(s) sent to the Office of Admission for transfer credit evaluation. Please send the descriptions of the college courses as well.

Cambridge General Certificate of Education
Carnegie Mellon recognizes the Cambridge GCE A-Level (advanced level) examinations in various higher level subjects and may grant advanced placement and/or credit for exemplary grades.
If you're applying to the College of Fine Arts (Schools of Architecture, Art, Design, Drama or Music), there are specific admission procedures you'll need to follow for each school, detailed on admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/fine-arts-admission.

The Schools of Architecture, Art, Design, Drama and Music require a pre-screen, audition or portfolio review. If you apply to more than one of these programs, you'll need to complete the registration process for each program's required artistic component.

Students interested in Carnegie Mellon's BKA interdisciplinary degrees (Bachelor of Humanities and Arts, Bachelor of Science and Arts, Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts) must be accepted into one of the five CFA schools, as well as their second college of interest (e.g., the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mellon College of Science or School of Computer Science).

It's important to note that all fine arts applicants are required to submit the Common Application in order to register for a pre-screen, audition or on or off-campus portfolio review. Audition and portfolio review dates fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

Deadlines

• Early Decision applicants must submit their complete application, including any required artistic evaluation, by November 1. (Drama and Design/Production applicants must meet this deadline if scheduling a November portfolio review.)
• Regular Decision applicants must submit their Common Application on or before January 1 (December 1 for drama and music applicants, however we recommend that applicants to these programs apply soon after September 1 in order to secure audition/portfolio reviews) and will need their Common Application ID in order to register for all pre-screen, audition or portfolio reservations. All auditions or portfolio reservations are required to be made prior to these deadlines.

Communication of Information and Admission Decisions

• In order to register for a pre-screen, audition or portfolio review, you must first submit the Common Application to Carnegie Mellon.
• Once you've registered for the appropriate pre-screen, audition or portfolio review at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/fine-arts-admission, you'll receive further information by email. Please add admission@andrew.cmu.edu to your contacts to ensure that you receive all of our correspondence.
• If you're applying to Drama for Acting or Music Theater, your next step is to complete a pre-screen audition at app.getacceptd.com/cmudrama. You'll receive a pre-screening notification within two weeks of your submission, either inviting you to register for an in-person audition or notifying you that you won't be asked to audition in person.
• Final admission decisions aren't made at the time of in-person auditions or portfolio reviews. We'll consider the artistic evaluation as part of your application along with your other credentials and notify you by April 15 (December 15 for Early Decision applicants).

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Admission Procedures

admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/school-of-architecture

The School of Architecture provides deep immersion in the discipline of architecture, intensified by the broader Carnegie Mellon culture of interdisciplinary innovation and creative inquiry. We seek innately curious, thoughtful, creative students with strong academic records and emergent leadership abilities.

In order to demonstrate strong creative skill, all applicants to the School of Architecture must submit a portfolio of creative work. The portfolio submission is the best option for applicants who'd like to present a body of visual work completed within the past four years. More information about the portfolio may be found at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/school-of-architecture. The portfolio must be submitted through SlideRoom at cmu.slideroom.com.

Additionally, applicants are strongly encouraged to register for an on-campus review as a valuable supplement to portfolio submission. During an on-campus review, you'll converse with an architecture faculty member about your previously submitted portfolio; you'll also have the opportunity to engage with students, learn more about the school and tour our facilities. The on-campus review isn't required for admission but is strongly encouraged as an excellent way to determine whether the School of Architecture is the best fit for you.

Transfer Applicants

Transfer applicants to the School of Architecture are required to schedule a transfer interview with the School of Architecture. Interview appointments can be conducted on the phone or in person while on a campus visit.

SCHOOL OF ART

Admission Procedures

admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/school-of-art

The School of Art at Carnegie Mellon considers, in practical and visionary terms, the role of art and the artist in society. Our broad-based, four-year Bachelor of Fine Arts program is designed to develop in the individual the commitment, knowledge and skills necessary to work as a cultural innovator in a rapidly changing world.

All applicants to the School of Art must submit a portfolio of creative work for review online. This is done exclusively through SlideRoom, at cmu.slideroom.com. Applicants also have the option of meeting with the School of Art faculty for an additional on-campus interview and a discussion of portfolio highlights. A campus visit is an excellent opportunity to meet our professors and tour the campus, though it's purely optional and doesn't replace the required online portfolio submission.

We seek creative students with a wide range of talents, aptitudes and backgrounds. Admission decisions are based on a holistic consideration of each applicant's portfolio, alongside their academic and other achievements. Applicants are considered for fall semester admission only. For portfolio guidelines and online submission recommendations and FAQ, please review our portfolio review preparation and tips page, admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/art-portfolio-review-preparation-tips.

Transfer Applicants

Transfer applicants to the School of Art must complete all admission requirements, including a portfolio review. Transfer students should expect to have freshman status for at least the first semester at the School of Art. Transfer credit is evaluated after the applicant has studied at the School of Art for a period of time.

SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Admission Procedures

admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/school-of-design

The School of Design is seeking a class of students with a wide range of backgrounds, creative talents and interests. We've found that successful design students have a variety of qualifications. We look closely at students' qualifications in the following three categories: academics, visual and design ability and interpersonal skills.
All applicants to the School of Design must submit a portfolio of creative work for review online. This is done exclusively through SlideRoom, at cmu.slideroom.com. While all applicants must submit an online portfolio, applicants are also encouraged to register for an on-campus review as a valuable supplement to the online portfolio submission. A design project is also available for students with limited work.

If you do an on-campus review, we’ll review your previously submitted work, though you’re expected to bring actual samples of your work or design project (photos or video of large pieces that are difficult to transport is fine) with you as well. You can bring previously submitted work, a sketchbook or items that were not previously submitted online. Additionally, an on-campus review provides you the opportunity to speak directly with faculty in an interview, engage with students, sit in on available classes and tour the facilities.

For on-campus portfolio tips and portfolio preparation and submission FAQ, please review our portfolio review preparation and tips page, admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/design-portfolio-review-preparation-tips.**

**Transfer Applicants**

Whether you’re transferring from another university or from one of Carnegie Mellon’s other colleges, you’ll be classified as a freshman in the School of Design unless you have completed a program equivalent to our freshman year. It’s extremely rare for transfer students to be accepted with advanced standing due to space constraints and alignment with transferring studio experiences.

Transfer applicants should follow the same portfolio guidelines and satisfy the same application requirements as regular decision applicants. Transfer applicants must submit a portfolio online, but are also encouraged to register for an on-campus review after submitting their portfolio online. The School of Design offers a specific portfolio review day in February for transfer applicants.

**SCHOOL OF DRAMA**

**Admission Procedures**

admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/school-of-drama

The School of Drama at Carnegie Mellon is a member of the Consortium of Conservatory Theater Training Programs. Pre-screening, auditions or portfolio reviews are required for students applying to Acting, Design, Directing, Music Theater or Production Technology and Management.

The School of Drama requirements vary by major. Acting and Music Theater applicants must submit pre-screen materials to getacceptd.com/cmudrama after September 1. Design/Production applicants must register for an in-person portfolio review on getacceptd.com/cmudrama after September 1. Directing applicants must register for an in-person audition/interview on getacceptd.com/cmudrama after September 1. Dramaturgy applicants don’t have an audition/portfolio review requirement but must submit additional documentation to the Office of Admission.

For more specific details about auditions or reviews, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/drama-audition-portfolio-requirements-by-major.

**Auditions and portfolio reviews fill on a first-come, first-served basis and are only available to Carnegie Mellon applicants.**

We encourage students to apply and then initiate a pre-screening, audition or portfolio review registration as soon as possible after September 1, as some cities and dates fill early in the fall.

**Acting**

Applicants to Acting must complete a pre-screening process in order to be considered for an in-person audition, at getacceptd.com/cmudrama. The pre-screen or in-person audition is the main basis for admission. All applicants interested in auditioning for both the Music Theater and Acting options should sign up for the Music Theater option. This one pre-screen or in-person audition will be sufficient to address the needs/requirements of both programs. The audition consists of performing two contrasting monologues.

For more details, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/drama-audition-portfolio-requirements-by-major.

**Directing**

Applicants to the Directing program must fulfill two distinctive requirements, an audition and an interview, which are the main basis for admission. During the audition and interview, applicants must perform a one-minute-long monologue, bring a written statement describing your interest in directing, reasoning behind your monologue choice and a critical analysis of a play. Also bring evidence of your creative life, which may include examples of any kind of artistic endeavor in any area of the arts. This could include anything you’ve directed, produced or choreographed either on stage or for video, dramatic writings, photography, director’s scripts, design portfolios, plays, poems, short stories, music composition, choreographic skills, film or videos, paintings, sculpture or art installations.

For more details, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/drama-audition-portfolio-requirements-by-major.

**Dramaturgy**

The Dramaturgy program provides a rigorous academic and artistic training sequence, emphasizing criticism, history and practical skills. Applicants must demonstrate that they have the necessary research and writing skills to succeed in this environment. The following items must be included as part of the application: resume, letter describing your theater experience and ambitions in theater, two letters of recommendation from sources familiar with your research and writing skills, and two samples of original argumentative writing that are at least 1,000 words each (applicants should submit writing that demonstrates an ability to use evidence to support a thesis: e.g., an analysis of a work of literature or art, or of an event in history).

For more details, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/drama-audition-portfolio-requirements-by-major.

**Music Theater**

Applicants to Music Theater must complete a pre-screening process in order to be considered for an in-person audition, at getacceptd.com/cmudrama. The pre-screen or in-person audition is the main basis for admission to the program. All applicants interested in auditioning for both the Music Theater and Acting options should sign up for the Music Theater option. This one pre-screen or in-person audition will be sufficient to address the needs/requirements of both programs. The audition consists of performing two contrasting songs and two contrasting monologues.

For more details, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/drama-audition-portfolio-requirements-by-major.

*The School of Drama doesn't require a dance component for Music Theater auditions. Every student who enrolls in Music Theater at Carnegie Mellon will be evaluated on their dance skills by the dance faculty at the beginning of the fall semester. For further details about the Music Theater audition and curriculum, please review admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/audition-portfolio-faqs.
Transfer Applicants
Transfer applicants follow the same procedures as freshman applicants. Transfer students in Acting and Music Theater are classified as freshmen in the program.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Admission Procedures
admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/school-of-music

All applicants who wish to be considered for any degree program within or associated with the School of Music must complete their Carnegie Mellon and School of Music applications by December 1.

Performance
All performance candidates are required to complete an audition and should carefully review the audition requirements for their studio instrument. A live audition is preferred. Applicants for flute, piano, violin and voice must also complete a pre-screening requirement. Pre-screening applicants will be notified in early January if they're granted a live audition or interview. Visit music.cmu.edu/pages/audition-portfolio-review-dates for a complete list of audition dates and locations as well as scheduling information.

For audition/portfolio review instructions for the following majors, please visit music.cmu.edu/pages/undergraduate-audition-portfolio-requirements:

- Bagpipes
- Bassoon
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Double Bass
- Euphonium
- Flute
- Guitar
- Harp
- Horn
- Oboe
- Percussion
- Piano
- Saxophone
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Viola
- Violin
- Voice
- Saxophone

Composition
Composition applicants are required to submit a portfolio for pre-screening review. Applicants will be notified in early January if they're invited to interview. Interview confirmations will be sent no less than two weeks before the scheduled date. Candidates who are unable to travel to campus in order to interview in person with the composition faculty panel will have the option to “audition by recording.” For further details, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/music-requirements-by-major.

Technology
Music and Technology applicants must apply Regular Decision. The Bachelor of Science in Music & Technology (M&T) is a tri-college degree designed for students who'd like to combine and blend their interests in music with electrical and computer engineering or computer science rather than to pursue conventional majors and degrees in each. To be considered for the M&T program, you must apply and be admitted to the School of Music and either the College of Engineering's Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) or the School of Computer Science.

The M&T curriculum is split into three concentrations or tracks: the music concentration, composition concentration and technical concentration. Candidates must know which track they wish to pursue prior to applying. Students who are qualified for the music or composition concentration have a significant level of training and talent either on a specific instrument or in classical voice, or have exceptional skill for original music composition. This level of talent or skill must be equal to that of the other music majors in the School of Music, as students in the music concentration perform alongside traditional music majors in ensembles, continue private lessons with master faculty and/or write original musical works that'll be performed and recorded. Students who don't play an instrument, sing or compose music at a high level, but who have significant experience with computer music, electronic devices, digital systems and other engineering aspects of music are more appropriately suited for the technical concentration.

For further details, please visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/music-requirements-by-major.

BXA INTERCOLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAMS
Admission Procedures

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)
- You must apply and be admitted to CFA. Please follow requirements for the particular CFA school of interest.
- You must also apply and be admitted to DC.
- You must complete an essay as part of the Common Application indicating why you're pursuing BXA (see page 3).
- Students selected for this program will receive notification in their admission decision letter.

Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)
- You must apply and be admitted to CFA. Please follow requirements for the particular CFA school of interest.
- You must also apply and be admitted to MCS.
- You must complete an essay as part of the Common Application indicating why you're pursuing BXA (see page 3).
- Students selected for this program will receive notification in their admission decision letter.

Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA)
- You must apply and be admitted to CFA. Please follow requirements for the particular CFA school of interest.
- You must also apply and be admitted to MCS.
- You must complete an essay as part of the Common Application indicating why you're pursuing BXA (see page 3).
- Students selected for this program will receive notification in their admission decision letter.

Application components vary somewhat for BHA, BSA and BCSA candidates depending on your intended focus in CFA. You must complete the specific application requirements (portfolio review, pre-screen, audition or interview) for your particular CFA focus. Please note: Students interested in drama may select from four options in the School of Drama: 1) design, 2) directing, 3) dramaturgy or 4) production technology and management. Students interested in music may select from four options in the School of Music: 1) performance (instrumental, piano, composition, voice), 2) composition, 3) musicology, or 4) music technology.

To register for a pre-screen, audition, portfolio review or interview in your BXA program concentration in the College of Fine Arts, visit www.cmu.edu/admission/finearts.
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<sup>1</sup> We honor audition or portfolio review appointments on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register as soon as possible to secure an audition or portfolio review appointment at www.cmu.edu/admission/finearts. Applicants to the Schools of Architecture, Art, Design, Drama and Music are required to apply to the university in order to reserve an audition or portfolio review and are encouraged to apply to the university as soon as possible after August 15 in order to register for a pre-screen, audition or portfolio review. Audition and portfolio review registration begins September 1.

<sup>2</sup> Visit music.cmu.edu/admissions to access the School of Music website and audition requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Applications must be in by this date in order to register.

<sup>4</sup> If you have limited work in your portfolio, the Design Project is an option to supplement that work. If you have no portfolio or work, the Design Project will serve to satisfy the portfolio requirement. The project may be submitted online or presented as original work at your on-campus portfolio review.
Applying for Financial Assistance

We hope you'll select a college or university by comparing academic programs, social opportunities and quality of life — not by looking solely at costs. We want you to choose the college that’s a “good fit” for you. Therefore, we'll work with you and your parent(s) in order to determine all of your financial options. Carnegie Mellon has multiple types of financial assistance available to students who qualify. For instructions on applying for financial aid, please see page 14.

We’ve designed our financial aid program to help bridge the gap between what your family's able to contribute toward your education and the total cost of attending Carnegie Mellon. (The chart on page 18 breaks down the total cost of a Carnegie Mellon education per year.) The program only works if every family contributes as much as they reasonably can. Once the costs are within your family's reach, you must weigh whether or not Carnegie Mellon is the right university for you.

If your financial aid package doesn't meet your need for financial assistance, you have several options. First, carefully consider if a Carnegie Mellon education is financially viable for your family. Look closely at your family contribution to the cost of education, your expenses for the next four years and the amount of debt you may have. Carefully compare financial assistance offers that you may have from other colleges or universities. If Carnegie Mellon is your first choice, you'll need to consider college financing alternatives including loan programs (details on page 17).

Financial Aid Strategy

Practices

• Our scholarship methodology is aimed at aiding high-quality students from middle-income families who may not have qualified for financial aid if it were awarded solely on the basis of financial need.
• Carnegie Mellon is willing to review financial awards to compete with other private institutions for students admitted under the Regular Decision plan. Unlike most institutions, the university states these principles to students offered freshman admission under the Regular Decision plan. While Early Decision students aren't eligible to participate in the review process, they do receive awards consistent with or better than students admitted under Regular Decision, and aren't penalized for declaring Carnegie Mellon as their first choice.
• We use statistical modeling as an aid in the distribution of limited financial aid dollars. It's a strategic tool that helps us pursue our goal of increasing the quality of the student body while using our resources as effectively as possible. This modeling takes into account a student's intended college major, academic and artistic talents, as well as financial need.

Early Estimate Form

To find out how much your family might expect to receive in aid — and how much you may need to contribute to the cost of a Carnegie Mellon education — take advantage of our Early Estimate Form along with information on our financial assistance program. The form is available at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/financial-aid-estimator. If you complete and return the form by January 1, we'll respond with an estimate of your eligibility for grant, loan and student employment opportunities. There's no charge for this service and you need not apply for admission before requesting an estimate.

Need-Blind Admission Policy

Carnegie Mellon follows a need-blind admission policy, which means we don't admit U.S. citizens or permanent residents based on their families' ability to pay for their education. Applying for financial aid will have no effect on your chances for regular admission. However, it may have an effect on those students we're able to admit from the waiting list. There's no financial assistance for international students.

Financial Assistance Explained

Financial Assistance Award Notification

If you apply for financial assistance and you're admitted or wait listed to the university, you'll receive a financial aid award letter shortly after you receive your decision from the Office of Admission. However, if you haven't submitted all required documents by the deadline (February 15), there may be a delay in your notification. The financial aid award letter will state the dollar value of any assistance you may be receiving if you're admitted and decide to enroll.

What is Financial Need?

Financial need is the difference between your expected family contribution and the total cost of that education. (See page 18 for a breakdown of Carnegie Mellon's cost of attendance.)

Determining Eligibility for Financial Aid

Eligibility for federal aid programs is determined by using the federal methodology, a need-analysis formula authorized by Congress. Eligibility for institutional grants and scholarships is determined through a combination of federal methodology and the institutional methodology of the College Board's CSS PROFILE Form.

Determining Your Expected Family Contribution

We use the information which you and your parent(s) provide on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the CSS Profile and tax documents to determine the amount you and your parent(s) are able to contribute toward your education at Carnegie Mellon. This value is called the expected family contribution (EFC).

The EFC comprises a parent contribution, student contribution and where applicable a noncustodial parent contribution. This EFC is a combination of funds you can directly contribute from income, draw down on assets or borrow.
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<td>As part of the Early Decision Agreement, Carnegie Mellon is expected to provide U.S. citizens or permanent residents applying for financial aid with information regarding their financial aid eligibility. In order for us to provide you with an estimate of your financial aid eligibility, you must complete the CSS Financial Aid PROFILE by November 1 if you have not already done so. Carnegie Mellon's CSS College Code is 2074. Be sure to print the acknowledgment upon completion of the PROFILE and print a copy of the PROFILE for your own reference.</td>
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| 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (required for federal financial aid programs) | February 15          | Apply at www.fafsa.gov. We highly recommend that you use the Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) when completing the FAFSA. | 1. Carnegie Mellon’s federal code is 003242.  
2. Apply as soon as possible after January 1.  
3. Be sure to sign your FAFSA electronically using your FSA ID (username and password). |
| IRS Tax Return Transcript Request                                           | February 15          | We recommend requesting your transcript online. To request a transcript, go to www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript. | If you and your parents are selected for federal verification as indicated on your Student Aid Report (document you receive after filing your FAFSA), then you’re required to request an IRS Tax Return Transcript. |
| 2018-2019 CSS PROFILE (required in order to receive consideration for institutional financial aid. institutional Code: 2074) | February 15          | Complete the CSS PROFILE online at https://profileonline.collegeboard.com. If you don't have a College Board online account, you'll need to create one in order to register for the PROFILE. Carnegie Mellon receives your PROFILE data electronically from CSS, so there's no need to send copies or printouts. | 1. Carnegie Mellon’s CSS College Code is 2074.  
2. As soon as you decide which schools you’re applying to, you should register for PROFILE Online. This should be two weeks before the earliest college deadline, at minimum.  
3. Have your tax returns and financial documents available. You’ll also be charged an application fee of $9 and an additional $16 for each college.  
4. Be sure to print the acknowledgement upon completion of the PROFILE and print a copy of the PROFILE for your own reference. |
| 2018-2019 CSS Noncustodial PROFILE (only required if your parents are divorced or separated in order to receive consideration for institutional financial aid. institutional Code: 2074) | February 15          | Complete the CSS Noncustodial PROFILE (NCP) online at https://ncprofile.collegeboard.com. The student's CSS ID and Noncustodial PROFILE password that were assigned to you as part of the CSS PROFILE process will be needed to sign in to the NCP. Carnegie Mellon receives your Noncustodial PROFILE electronically from CSS, so there’s no need to send copies or printouts. | 1. We don’t require 1040s or any tax information from the noncustodial parent.  
2. There’s a $25 fee for the CSS Noncustodial PROFILE, regardless of the number of colleges requiring the information. |
| 2016 Tax Returns and W-2 Forms                                              | February 15          | Carnegie Mellon uses the College Board Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC). Once you have filed your CSS PROFILE, you will be notified by the College Board and provided with the link to IDOC (https://idoc.collegeboard.org/idoc/) and login information. The Document Management Dashboard will display which documents you are required to submit to Carnegie Mellon. To upload tax documents, select the Upload Document(s) button and follow the step-by-step instructions. Be sure your documents have been signed. You may also submit documents via U.S. Postal Service to: College Board Processing Center, P.O. Box 8570, Portsmouth, NH 03802; however, the PREFERRED method is uploading online. | 1. Parents and students should submit signed copies of all pages and schedules of their 2016 federal tax returns and W-2s. If you were required to complete Partnership Schedule K-1 form 1065 and/or Form 2555 (Foreign Earned Income), these should also be submitted.  
2. You’re required to submit all requested documents in one IDOC packet. Don’t send documents separately.  
3. If you or your parents are required to file an Income Tax Return in a country other than the U.S., you must provide us a copy of your foreign tax return and provide tax information translated into U.S. dollars on a U.S. tax return. This translated tax return must be signed by you and the tax accountant who translated your income. |
| Additional Information                                                     | February 15          | If your family has special circumstances, fax a letter detailing these circumstances to 412.268.7838.                                                              |                                                                                                                                                    |

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| **2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** (required for federal financial aid programs) | Spring Transfer: November 1 Fall Transfer: March 1 (February 15 for CFA) | Apply at www.fafsa.gov. We highly recommend that you use the Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) when completing the FAFSA. | 1. Carnegie Mellon’s federal code is 003242.  
2. Apply as soon as possible after January 1.  
3. Be sure to sign your FAFSA electronically using your FSA ID (username and password). |
| **IRS Tax Return Transcript Request**                                         | March 1                                                                             | We recommend requesting your transcript online. To request a transcript, go to www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript. | If you and your parents are selected for federal verification as indicated on your Student Aid Report (document you receive after filing your FAFSA), then you’re required to request an IRS Tax Return Transcript. |
| **2018-2019 CSS PROFILE (required in order to receive consideration for institutional financial aid. Institutional Code: 2074)** | Spring Transfer: November 1 Fall Transfer: March 1 (February 15 for CFA) | Complete the CSS PROFILE online at https://profileonline.collegeboard.com. If you don’t have a College Board online account, you’ll need to create one in order to register for the PROFILE. Carnegie Mellon receives your PROFILE data electronically from CSS, so there’s no need to send copies or printouts. | 1. Carnegie Mellon’s CSS College Code is 2074.  
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| **2016 Tax Returns and W-2 Forms**                                             | Spring Transfer: November 1 Fall Transfer: March 1 (February 15 for CFA) | Carnegie Mellon uses the College Board Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC). Once you have filed your CSS PROFILE, you will be notified by the College Board and provided with the link to IDOC (https://idoc.collegeboard.org/idoc/) and login information. The Document Management Dashboard will display which documents you are required to submit to Carnegie Mellon. To upload tax documents, select the Upload Document(s) button and follow the step-by-step instructions. Be sure your documents have been signed. You may also submit documents via U.S. Postal Service to: College Board Processing Center, P.O. Box 8570, Portsmouth, NH 03802; however, the PREFERRED method is uploading online. | 1. Parents and students should submit signed copies of all pages and schedules of their 2016 federal tax returns and W-2s. If you were required to complete Partnership Schedule K-1 from Form 1065 and/or Form 2555 (Foreign Earned Income), these should also be submitted.  
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| **Additional Information**                                                     | Spring Transfer: November 1 Fall Transfer: March 1 (February 15 for CFA) | If your family has special circumstances, fax a letter detailing these circumstances to 412.268.7838. |  

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We Package Your Aid in Three Parts

Once we determine what you and your family are able to reasonably contribute toward your college education, we combine different types of financial support into a package.

Part 1: Grants Based on Talent and Need

We award grant funds on the basis of academic/ artistic talent and performance, and demonstrated financial need. Many factors are considered, including high school performance and non-academic activities.

Funds administered for this purpose are derived from the university's operating income, annual gifts, endowed funds, Federal Pell Grants and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) funded by the federal government and state grants. You'll be considered for the scholarships and grants for which you're eligible.

Part 2: Low-Interest Student Loans

We may also expect you to apply for a loan under the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. If you file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and complete the financial aid application process (on pages 13-18), we'll determine your eligibility for a Federal Direct Student Loan and will notify you of your eligibility in a financial aid award letter.

• The interest rate of subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Direct Student Loans is 3.76% and there's a 1.069% origination fee. Repayment on a subsidized loan begins six months after you graduate or cease to be enrolled at least half-time. Interest subsidies during the six-month grace period have been eliminated, as of July 1, 2014. Interest will accrue during this period. Unlike the subsidized loan, you have the choice to pay the interest that accumulates on an unsubsidized loan every three months while you're in school or have the interest capitalized. If you choose to capitalize, this will increase the amount you have to pay.

• A Federal Direct PLUS Loan is a non-need- based loan and is credit-based. Parents may apply for this loan for up to the annual cost of attendance minus any aid. The interest rate is fixed at 6.31% and there is a 4.276% origination fee, which is deducted from the loan proceeds each semester. Full repayment of principal and interest begins 60 days after the last disbursement for the loan period. The maximum repayment period is 10 years.

• Admitted students who choose to enroll and receive Federal Direct Student Loans are required to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and an Entrance Loan Counseling Session at www.studentloans.gov.

Note: The above interest rates and repayment information are accurate as of May 2017. For updates, please visit the Student Financial Aid website at www.cmu.edu/finaid.

Part 3: Work-Study/Employment

There are many student employment opportunities on campus, both need-based and non-need-based.

Federal Work-Study (FWS) is a need-based self-help award. If you've been awarded FWS, your FWS award is the total that you can earn during the academic year as a work-study student. Funds earned in the Federal Work-Study Program aren't credited to your student account. If you haven't been awarded FWS and wish to work on campus, there are positions available. Both need-based and non-need-based student employment positions are advertised on the Career and Professional Development Center's website, www.cmu.edu/career/handshake.

All undergraduates who are employed by Carnegie Mellon are paid on a biweekly basis.

Scholarship Policy

Scholarships are awards that you don't have to repay. The Carnegie Mellon Institutional Academic Scholarships are awarded to students when they enter as freshmen and are renewed annually if the student meets the cumulative 2.0 GPA requirement.

The total amount of your grants and scholarships (money that doesn't have to be paid back) cannot exceed the total cost of tuition, fees and standard room and board.

Carnegie Scholarships

Carnegie Scholarships are awarded to artistically and academically talented middle income students who qualify for little or no need-based financial aid. Carnegie Scholarships are open to all qualified U.S. citizens and permanent residents regardless of race or national origin. You must apply for need-based financial aid to be considered. (This verifies that you're not eligible for significant financial assistance.) You must submit the 2018-2019 FAFSA and CSS profile in order to be considered for a Carnegie Scholarship. If you're awarded a Carnegie Scholarship, you must submit all required tax documents before the scholarship will be credited toward your student account. Winners will be notified in their notification of financial aid. Academic and artistic talent is determined through the admission application and doesn't require any additional application or forms.

Carnegie Mellon Presidential Scholarships

Carnegie Mellon recognizes exceptional academic/ artistic performance by awarding Carnegie Mellon Presidential Scholarships to students who enroll in business, computer science, engineering, the fine arts, information systems, the liberal arts and the sciences. Carnegie Mellon Presidential Scholarships are open to all qualified U.S. citizens and permanent residents regardless of race or national origin. This scholarship is granted within the context of your family's financial need and is renewable for four years. Winners are selected from a group of finalists who meet the criteria listed below.

To be considered for this award, you must:

• Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

• Apply for freshman admission by the appropriate deadline.

• Apply for financial assistance.

• Exhibit excellence in academic and/or artistic achievement.

• Receive exemplary recommendations from teachers and counselors.

• Enhance your school or community through personal involvement.

• Demonstrate an impressive sense of personal integrity.

• Not be a son/daughter of a Carnegie Mellon employee who is eligible for remission of tuition.

Outside Grants and Scholarships

Be sure to seek outside scholarship and grant assistance through local, state and federally sponsored programs when possible. If a student receives tuition remission from a parent's employer (including but not limited to colleges or universities other than Carnegie Mellon), this gift aid would fall under our outside scholarship policy. Visit www.cmu.edu/finaid/scholarships for detailed information regarding scholarships and grants.

Monthly Payment Plan

The monthly payment plan, administered by Tuition Management Systems (TMS), gives students the ability to pay amounts due to the university in convenient monthly installments. This isn't a loan. There are many benefits to this plan including life insurance. These benefits are paid for by a low annual enrollment fee. Families who renew a payment plan for a subsequent academic year have the option of paying over 12 months rather than the standard 10 months.


International Students Assume Total Cost

Financial aid isn't available to undergraduate international students. If you're an international student who plans to enroll at the university, you and your family must assume the total cost of a Carnegie Mellon education. Actual costs for 2018-2019 have yet to be determined. In 2017-2018, the cost is $72,161 (for on-campus students), which includes $2,067 for health insurance but excludes travel expenses.

International students starting in the fall are required to pay half of the cost of tuition...
and health insurance by August 15. The university and United States officials who issue the necessary visa to international students require certification of your ability to meet financial obligations. If you’re offered admission, you must pay the enrollment deposit of $800 for fall before you can receive a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or IAP-66) to secure your entry visa.

If an $800 deposit has been posted, it’ll be deducted from the balance due by August 15.

**Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarships**

**Naval ROTC**

Naval ROTC, hosted at Carnegie Mellon University, offers national scholarships to high school seniors and college freshmen with fewer than 30 college credits.

Additionally, the Navy and Marine Corps offers two and three-year scholarships to rising sophomores and junior college program students based on competitive national selection and the time required to receive a baccalaureate degree.

While on an NROTC scholarship students will receive the following benefits from the Navy:

- Full tuition (including all university educational fees).
- Textbook stipend of $750 per school year.
- Monthly subsistence allowance starting at $250 per month as a freshman and increasing to $400 per month by their senior year.
- All uniforms and Naval ROTC textbooks at no charge.
- Active-duty pay and benefits while on summer training cruises.

- Additionally, NROTC scholarship students will receive a housing grant from Carnegie Mellon, which is currently set at $8,000 per year.

Upon graduation, scholarship students will be commissioned Ensigns in the Navy or Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

**Air Force ROTC**

Two, three and four-year scholarships are available to qualified undergraduate and graduate Carnegie Mellon students who join the Air Force ROTC program.

Scholarships pay up to $18,000/year toward tuition, plus a monthly tax-free allowance that ranges from $300-$500/month depending on your year in school.

Students are required to attend AFROTC courses at the University of Pittsburgh, which are described in Carnegie Mellon’s course catalog under Aerospace Studies. Completion of the AFROTC program leads to a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Once commissioned, officers receive a competitive starting salary, full medical/dental coverage and 30 days of vacation with pay per year.

For details about the AFROTC program as well as information on courses, scholarships and flying programs, interested students are encouraged to contact Air Force ROTC Detachment 730 at 412.624.6396, visit www.afrotc.pitt.edu or write to:

Unit Admissions Officer, Air Force ROTC

University of Pittsburgh

2917 Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, PA 15260-0001

**Army ROTC**

The Army offers two, three and four-year scholarships to qualified students. The scholarships cover up to full tuition per year plus an additional allowance for books and fees. Scholarships are based on student merit and not parent income. There’s no obligation incurred for any freshman students. For more information and details on eligibility concerning Army ROTC contact a representative at 412.624.6254, visit www.rotc.pitt.edu or write to:

Army ROTC, Admissions and Enrollment Offices

Room 306 Bellefield Annex

315 S. Bellefield Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

armyrotc@pitt.edu

For more information, call 412.268.5109, visit www.cmu.edu/rotc or www.nrotc.navy.mil or www.navy.com/joining.html or write to:

Commanding Officer, NROTC

Carnegie Mellon University

4615 Forbes Avenue, Suite 200
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890

### Total Costs

The cost for entering freshmen at Carnegie Mellon University for the 2017-2018 academic year is:

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The university reserves the right to change its charges without notice.

1 The commuter dining amount is based upon 14 meals per two weeks.
2 These expenses won’t appear on your Student Account invoice.
3 Travel Allowance for resident and off-campus students varies based on home state. This allowance could range from $0 to $1,500.

Note: In addition, health insurance coverage is required at a cost of $2,067/year. If a student is covered under a family’s health plan, a waiver can be submitted for approval by University Health Services. View more details on the University Health Services website: www.cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance.
Campus Visits and Special Programs

On-Campus Information Sessions/Interviews
The best way to find out if Carnegie Mellon is the “right” school for you is to visit our campus. We strongly recommend that you attend an information session or interview with a member of the admission staff while you’re on campus. Admission interviews allow us the opportunity to get to know rising seniors who are considering applying to Carnegie Mellon. Interviews are considered in the admission process and help the admission committee make better, more informed decisions with determining the freshman class.

If you interview before you send in your application, bring a transcript (official or unofficial) of your high school work and any available results of standardized tests (SAT, ACT or SAT Subject Tests).

To schedule an information session or interview:
• Register online at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/visit.
• Be sure to request an appointment at least three weeks prior to the date you’re planning to visit.

The admission staff interviews Monday through Friday certain times of the year. In the fall, spring and summer, we conduct information sessions on select Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. No information sessions are held during the months of December or January.

Campus Tours
See our campus for yourself by taking a 60-minute tour led by an Andrew Ambassador.
• For the daily campus tour schedule, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/tour-campus.
• Residence Hall Visits are offered on most weekdays.
• Some Saturday and Sunday tours are available during the fall, spring and summer.
• Please register online to ensure availability in advance.
• Contact individual departments well ahead of time to arrange a visit. Some departments highlight tours or events on admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/departmental-tours-events.

If you plan to visit during university holidays, vacations or final exam periods (in late August, early September, mid-December, early January, late March, mid-April and early May), tours will not be available. Please call 412.268.2082 to make sure a tour is available on the day you plan to come to campus.

Please note that visitor parking is extremely limited on campus and may not always be available. Please allow extra time to find parking.

Turn Tartan Overnight
We invite you to learn more about the university by actually living the life of a Carnegie Mellon student for a day. Turn Tartan Overnight visits begin on Sunday morning and last through Monday afternoon. Students are charged a fee to participate. Events are available to students and parents both days. During a Turn Tartan Overnight, you’ll have the chance to:
• Meet current students, faculty members, deans and admission staff.
• Attend college and department information sessions prepared for you and your parents.
• Stay overnight in a residence hall.
• Tour the campus.
• Attend classes.
• Eat in the dining facilities.

To reserve your place at a Turn Tartan Overnight visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/turn-tartan-overnight. You must be a senior in high school to attend a Turn Tartan Overnight.

Hometown Interviews
Although we strongly recommend a campus visit, we realize you can’t always make it to campus. Our admission staff travels to various parts of the country to interview students in their hometowns. Before we come to your area, we’ll send you information on how to arrange an appointment for an interview. If you do interview on campus, there’s no need to schedule an appointment in your hometown. To register for a Hometown Interview, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/interviews-with-the-office-of-admission or contact the Office of Admission at 412.268.2082.

Alumni Interviews
We encourage you to talk with a member of the Carnegie Mellon Admission Council (CMAC). CMAC, a select group of alumni, helps the admission staff reach out to students. If you can’t interview with a member of the admission staff on campus or in your hometown, you’ll find an informational alumni interview to be a very valuable experience.

Request an alumni interview by January 1.
• Interviews are available beginning in September. If you plan to schedule an interview, do so as early as possible as CMAC availability may be limited in your area.
• Either call the Office of Admission or view the directory online at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/interview-with-alumni.
• Interviews must be completed by February 1.

Off-Campus Information Sessions
The Carnegie Mellon admission staff conducts information sessions in cities around the country, which is an ideal way to learn more about the university.

Meet with us at a location near you to:
• Learn more about Carnegie Mellon’s admission requirements, application process and financial aid program.
• See our campus, students, alumni and the city of Pittsburgh through video testimonials.

We’ll send you an invitation this fall, detailing the time and location of the programs near you. You can also view our travel schedule at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/information-sessions-in-a-city-near-you. If you attended an information session on campus, you don’t need to attend one in another state.

Special Accommodations/Assistance
If you require special accommodations while visiting the campus or at one of our information programs off campus, please call us at 412.268.2082 and we’ll help meet your needs during your visit. Please call us at least a week in advance.

Interpreting services for the hearing impaired are available for campus tours. Additional, reasonable accommodations may be provided as requested.

Please contact the EEO/AA office at 412.268.2012 to make arrangements. Please notify the EEO/AA office at least two weeks prior to your campus visit to reserve accommodations.
Undergraduate Programs of Study/Majors

**College of Engineering (Engineering)**
[www.engineering.cmu.edu](http://www.engineering.cmu.edu)
- Biomedical Engineering*
- Chemical Engineering (BS)
- Civil Engineering (BS)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (BS)
- Engineering and Public Policy*
- Materials Science and Engineering (BS)
- Mechanical Engineering (BS)

**College of Fine Arts (CFA)**
[www.cfa.cmu.edu](http://www.cfa.cmu.edu)
- Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)
- Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)
- Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA)

**School of Architecture**
- Architecture (BArch or BA)

**School of Art**
- Art (BFA)
- School of Design
- Design (BDes)

**School of Drama**
- Drama (BFA)
- Acting
- Design
- Costume
- Lighting
- Scenic
- Sound
- Video and Media
- Directing
- Dramaturgy
- Music Theater
- Production Technology and Management
- Stage and Production Management
- Technical Direction

**School of Music**
- Music and Technology (BS)
- Music Composition (BFA)
- Music Performance (BFA)
- Instrumental
- Piano
- Vocal

**Institute for Politics and Strategy**
- Interdepartmental Majors
- International Relations and Politics (BS)

**College of Fine Arts (Engineering)**
- Economics and Statistics (BS)
- Economics and Mathematical Sciences (BS)
- Environmental Policy*
- Ethics, History and Public Policy (BA or BS)
- Information Systems (BS)
- Linguistics (BA)
- Neuroscience (BS; joint with Biological Sciences)
- Psychology and Biological Sciences (BS)
- Student-Defined Major (BA or BS)

**Modern Languages Department**
- Chinese Studies (BA)
- French and Francophone Studies (BA)
- German Studies (BA)
- Japanese Studies (BA)
- Russian Studies (BA)
- Spanish/Hispanic Studies (BA)

**Philosophy Department**
- Logic and Computation (BS)
- Philosophy (BA)

**Psychology Department**
- Cognitive Science (BS)
- Psychology (BA or BS)

**Social and Decision Sciences Department**
- Behavioral Economics, Policy & Organizations (BS)
- Decision Science (BS)
- Policy and Management (BS)

**Statistics Department**
- Statistics (BS)
- Statistics and Machine Learning (BS)
  (joint with SCS)

**Mellon College of Science (MCS)**
[www.cmu.edu/mcs](http://www.cmu.edu/mcs)
- Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)
- Science and Humanities Scholars Program (SHS, joint with DC)

**Tepper School of Business (Tepper)**
[www.tepper.cmu.edu](http://www.tepper.cmu.edu)
- Business Administration (BS)

*May be taken as an additional major ONLY.
Enhance Your Undergraduate Education

If you're like most Carnegie Mellon students, you have talents and interests in more than one area. We encourage you to explore electives outside your major, and if you select those courses wisely, you could earn a dual degree, an additional major or a minor in one or more areas. Some students do this by enrolling in summer courses, taking an extra course per semester or staying for an extra semester or year. With the determination to pursue your interests, the possibilities are endless.

Additional Majors, Degrees and Minors

Earn a single degree in two areas by completing the requirements of both areas, using the electives from one program to fulfill the requirements of the other. Most additional majors are completed in more than four years.

Earn two degrees (both a B.S. and/or a B.A.) from two departments or colleges, although it usually takes longer than four years. Special permission is required.

Gain a concentration of knowledge from the variety of specialized and interdisciplinary minors available.

Integrative Design, Arts and Technology Network (IDeATe)

As the only U.S. university with top-ten ranked units in computer science, engineering and the arts, Carnegie Mellon is uniquely placed to advance education and research in technology-arts based creative industries. IDeATe offers eight undergraduate concentrations and minors in new creative industry themes: game design, animation and special effects, media design, sound design, learning media designs, entrepreneurship for creative industries, intelligent environments and physical computing. Pursuit of these programs is open to all students, and begins by discussion with advisor. IDeATe activities also synergize with a number of intercollege undergraduate and graduate degrees spanning technology and the arts.

Student-Defined Major Program

A limited number of students with a well-defined educational objective may propose to design their own major.

Five-Year Bachelor/Master Program

Qualified students combine their fourth year of undergraduate study with the first year of a master’s program at Carnegie Mellon.

Study Abroad Programs

Over 500 Carnegie Mellon students, from all majors, study abroad annually. With careful planning, students may study abroad for a semester, academic year or during the summer in various countries around the world, including Carnegie Mellon's campus in Doha, Qatar. A well-planned study abroad program will allow a student to receive credit for study abroad coursework and graduate on time. Many students are able to use their Carnegie Mellon funding for study abroad. Additionally, there are opportunities for short-term, non-credit study abroad as well. More information can be found at www.cmu.edu/studyabroad.

Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Students may apply to the Undergraduate Research Office (URO), starting in their freshman year, for a Small Undergraduate Research Grant (SURG) or a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) to support projects in any discipline: the Arts, Humanities, Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Engineering and Computer Science, as well as projects that cross disciplinary boundaries. All students who participate in the Undergraduate Research Office programs present at the annual campus-wide Meeting of the Minds research symposium in early May. There are poster displays, art installations, performances, oral presentations and demonstrations by close to 600 students each year. This is a unique opportunity to follow a passion, test a career interest and build close ties with world-renowned faculty in their fields.

For more information, visit www.cmu.edu/uro.

Pre-Law Program

The Pre-Law Program consists of two main components working together: a pre-law advising program (directed by the university's pre-law advisor) and the student pre-law society (named “the Thomas M. Kerr, Jr. Pre-Law Society of Carnegie Mellon University”). In various forms and forums, the program provides advising, workshops, seminars and other activities and resources for students and alumni interested in the possibility of attending law school. The program also seeks to facilitate engagement with the greater campus and Pittsburgh communities regarding current and broadly relevant issues in law and American jurisprudence. For more information, visit www.cmu.edu/pre-law.

Health Professions Program

The Health Professions Program provides individual advising, career exploration opportunities as well as information and resources for students preparing for a career in the health professions. Workshops, seminars and a committee evaluation process are offered for all students and alumni applying to medical school, dental school, veterinary school or other graduate programs in the health professions. For more information, visit www.cmu.edu/hpp.

Cross Registration with Pittsburgh Colleges

Carnegie Mellon students are able to take one course per semester at the University of Pittsburgh, Carlow University, Chatham College, Duquesne University, La Roche College, Point Park University, Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Community College of Allegheny County.

A Commitment to Students

You can't measure the quality of a college education solely by academic programs and majors. We encourage you to look beyond the lecture hall for new ideas and opportunities to learn and grow. In fact, Carnegie Mellon is well known for its highly charged atmosphere in and out of the classroom. So in addition to programs that challenge you intellectually and socially, we also offer programs to help you maintain your academic and personal well-being.

The staff in Student Affairs and other student services departments on campus are committed to meeting student needs and providing direction and guidance. They place particular emphasis on developing a sense of community and belonging among students with many different backgrounds, interests and styles. These professionals are here to help you attain your highest potential in intellectual, artistic, professional and leadership development. They also help students explore, enjoy and contribute to their larger community.

Academic Development

Academic Development (AD) is the place to go for help with your academic work. A wide variety of services are offered including: Academic Coaching in study strategies, Peer Tutoring, Supplemental Instruction and Excel collaborative learning groups. Services are designed to help students who are having academic difficulties and those who just want to improve their performance. Academic Development also publishes a series of study skills pamphlets called Fast Facts and Freshman Fast Facts that provide useful tips and strategies. You can find copies in the AD office or online. For more information, visit www.cmu.edu/adv or email acad-dev@andrew.cmu.edu.

Campus Security

The Carnegie Mellon University Police Department, with its staff of police officers and security guards, patrols the campus 24 hours a day on foot, by car and bicycle.

The Police Department offers shuttle and escort services that operate within a 1.5 mile radius around campus. The shuttle is a fixed-route, fixed-stop service which provides transportation between on-campus and off-campus housing and campus and is also a convenient means of travel to area shopping, restaurants, entertainment and hospitals. The escort service is designed to transport community members from campus to the intersection nearest their residence during those times. Refer to the Shuttle/Escort website for a complete description of services, routes and schedules. University Police also manage all campus emergency telephones, provide free bike and laptop registration and offer a variety of crime prevention programs and presentations to help keep the community members safe. For more information, visit www.cmu.edu/police.
Career and Professional Development Center (CPDC)

The Career and Professional Development Center is Carnegie Mellon's centralized career services center providing a comprehensive range of services, programs, and materials focusing on career exploration and decision making, professional development, experiential learning and employment assistance to meet today's evolving workplace and student goals of finding satisfying work.

CPDC services and programs include: college- and industry-specific career counseling and employment advising; career fairs and employer presentations; career workshops and professional development programs; interview assistance; on-campus recruiting and campus employment through Handshake, our online system for job connections; resume/cover letter expertise; internships and part-time work; access to career-related databases and electronic resources; and graduate school advising. To learn more, please visit www.cmu.edu/career.

The Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion (The Center)

The Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion (The Center) promotes student success and engagement. The Center supports and connects historically underrepresented students and first generation students in a setting where students' differences and talents are guided, appreciated and reinforced. The Center offers resources to enhance the student experience in dimensions such as access, success, campus climate and intergroup dialogue.

Computing Resources

Computing Services offers students technology tools and solutions to support all aspects of education and research. By providing secure connection to the extensive wired and wireless Carnegie Mellon networks in academic buildings, residence halls and public spaces, the broad resources for printing and file storage facilitate daily work and encourage collaboration. Computing Services helps students supplement their classroom learning with 24/7 access to online video tutorials from a leading education platform. Experts are available in the on-campus Computing Services Help Center to answer technical questions. For more information about how Computing Services meets the changing needs of the university community, visit www.cmu.edu/computing/.

Counseling and Psychological Services

The Carnegie Mellon Counseling and Psychological Services provides many free and confidential services including individual and group therapy, consultation and educational programs, qualified professionals on campus, and a 24-hour crisis intervention phone line. For more information, visit www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/counseling.

Dining Services

Carnegie Mellon Dining Services is globally inspired and locally rooted. We are passionate about bringing global flavors and cuisines to our students' tables and equally committed to serving fresh, local ingredients. Our dining model is unique, as we partner with 11 different vendors, eight of whom are local restaurateurs, to make Carnegie Mellon's eating scene eclectic, delicious and healthy. Dining options and cuisines are as diverse as the students we serve. Indian, Pan-Asian, Mexican, Mediterranean, Kosher, allergen-friendly and vegan/vegetarian options are just a sampling of the global cuisines and types of food we're proud to offer. Our priority is to provide our community with healthy options, a convenient and fun dining experience, and, most importantly, delicious, quality food.

Visit cmu.edu/dining for more information about our meal plans, dining concepts and our free nutrition app, and pre-ordering through GET Food. Contact us with any questions at 412.268.2139 or dining@andrew.cmu.edu.

Housing Services

Housing Services seeks to create a residential experience that supports a positive transition to college life, fosters independence and personal growth, and provides students with opportunities for meaningful community engagement. Housing Services has over 4,000 students living on campus in first-year, upper-class, Greek, and graduate housing. Located in the vibrant city of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon offers on-campus housing options on the “Hill,” in the “Morewood Corridor,” and in the “Oakland Community.” Through a 24/7 community of support, Housing Services is committed to providing students with a safe and secure environment as well as a residential experience that allows them to flourish throughout their collegiate journey and beyond.

Visit cmu.edu/housing to view floor plans, virtual tours and photos of rooms and buildings along with information about our many services, which include room assignments for undergraduate students, 24-hour service desks, internet access, cable, utilities, Office of Residential Education support, community housing resources, maintenance and custodial services, and summer housing. Contact us with any questions at 412.268.2139 or housing@andrew.cmu.edu.

Intercultural Communication Center (ICC)

The ICC offers support to help nonnative English speakers (international students as well as students who attended high school in the U.S.) develop the English language skills and cultural understanding needed to succeed in academic programs at Carnegie Mellon. These support services include:

- Individual appointments (if requested) to advise students on issues related to language or classroom culture
- Non-credit seminars and workshops to develop academic language skills
- The ITA test to certify the language skills of any nonnative speaker of English (graduate or undergraduate) who plans to work as a teaching assistant

For more information, visit www.cmu.edu/icc.

International Education

The Office of International Education (OIE) serves as the primary contact point for international students for immigration-related advising, documents and information. For more details visit www.cmu.edu/oie. OIE is also the primary contact for study abroad advising for students. For more details, visit www.cmu.edu/studyabroad.

Residence Life

Provides resident assistants (RAs) for all campus housing and programs within the residence halls and Greek advising.

Resources for Students with Disabilities

Carnegie Mellon makes great efforts to provide physical and programmatic campus access to everyone. Individuals with documented disabilities may be eligible to receive services/accommodations from Carnegie Mellon's Office of Disability Resources.

To access services/accommodations, individuals must first refer themselves to the Office of Disability Resources and provide adequate documentation of the disability. The first step in this process is to complete and return the Voluntary Disclosure of Disability Form: www.cmu.edu/education-office/disability-resources/student-information-and-services/voluntary-disclosure-of-disability.pdf. Students may identify themselves as having a disability at any time. Please note the Office of Disability Resources doesn't initiate accommodations without a specific written request from an individual with a disability. For more information, visit www.cmu.edu/education-office/disability-resources or email access@andrew.cmu.edu.

Student Activities

There are more than 280 student clubs and organizations on campus, Spring Carnival, the International Festival and other campus events, as well as programs for recreational and spiritual development. See all the fun for yourself at www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/studentactivities.

Student Development

Offers programs for first-year students, an annual Family Weekend, leadership development and community service opportunities.

University Health Services (UHS)

At University Health Services, our professional staff provides high-quality care in an open and safe setting to all enrolled students. We offer medical care, health promotion and insurance services. For more details, visit www.cmu.edu/health-services.
Andrew Carnegie – He was born in Dunfermline, Scotland in 1835. At the age of 13, he came to the United States and 52 years later, founded Carnegie Technical Schools in Pittsburgh, which have evolved into today's Carnegie Mellon University. Andrew Carnegie's Scottish heritage has been kept alive by our institution over the years as we have adopted his heritage as our own.

Thistle – As the national emblem of Scotland, the thistle has become a symbol that appears frequently in the fabric of our institution. Not only is this prickly flower featured on the Carnegie Mellon seal, but the university's yearbook is also named The Thistle.

Highlander – Most recently, you may be familiar with this term from the autonomous vehicle race also known as the DARPA Challenge. Highlander is a bright red vehicle; one of the two driverless robots Carnegie Mellon has raced in the challenge.

This vehicle, as well as a café on campus, is named after a person from the Scottish Highlands, a region known for its beauty and rich Scottish culture.

The Scottie Dog – The Scottish Terrier is Carnegie Mellon's official mascot. Originating in the Scottish Highlands, this breed's loyal demeanor has been said to reflect that of the Scottish people's loyalty to their homeland.

Tartan – Although a little out of the ordinary, Carnegie Mellon embraced the Tartan as its mascot in the past and also as the name of the campus newspaper. A tartan is actually a twilled woolen fabric with a plaid design that is slung over the shoulder as part of Scottish regalia. There are many different types of plaid that may appear on a tartan, which are meant to signify family lineage. In fact, Carnegie Mellon has its own distinctive plaid, which is made right in Scotland. This plaid also serves as our school colors.

Bagpipes – The unmistakable sound of bagpipes isn't uncommon to hear on Carnegie Mellon's campus, as it's the only university in the nation to offer a major in this Scottish instrument.

Kilts – This well-known piece of Scottish culture makes an appearance at each home football game at Carnegie Mellon, as the Kiltie Band marches onto the field and performs.
Use this checklist to be sure you’ve completed every stage of our application process. Be sure to complete and submit:

☐ Common Application

Common Application School Report Form, Official Transcripts and Score Reports
- Early Decision — due Nov. 1 (No Early Decision for acting, directing, dramaturgy, music theater or the School of Music).
- Regular Decision — due Jan. 1 (Drama & Music — due Dec. 1).
- Spring Transfer — due Oct. 15.
- Fall Transfer — due February 15 (Drama & Music — due Dec. 1, Architecture, Art, Design — due Jan. 1).

☐ Teacher Recommendation Form(s)

- Early Decision — due Nov. 1.
- Regular Decision — due Jan. 1.
- Spring Transfer — due Oct. 15.
- Fall Transfer — due February 15 (Drama & Music — due Dec. 1, Architecture, Art, Design — due Jan. 1).

☐ Mid-Year Grade Report (Freshmen only)

- Early Decision — due March 1.
- Regular Decision — due March 1.

☐ Apply for Financial Aid (U.S. Citizens & Permanent Residents)

See pages 13-18 for deadlines and details.

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