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Highly Selective Admission
At Carnegie Mellon, we select our freshman 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 abilities. We pay close attention to your 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
We’re eliminating demonstrated interest as a consideration in our admission paradigm. We no longer accept supplementary submission of materials, including resumes, research abstracts, writing samples, multimedia demonstrations of talents and maker portfolios. Going forward, we no longer offer alumni interviews in advance of admission decisions and are refocusing alumni efforts to connect with admitted candidates instead. Our on-campus interviews are no longer evaluative, but rather are counseling sessions to help students align their interests with our programs. We’ve changed our long application essay to a series of short essays to better understand student context, unique talents and interests as well as special considerations that candidates would like to bring to our attention.

Our changes extend to our waiting list process as well. Like many other institutions, we’re inundated with demonstrations of continued interest and additional recommendations, mostly from well-owed or well-advised applicants. Though we don’t request any at all, students write letters of continued interest, extra recommendations, expectation of campus visits or lobbying efforts are influential in decisions to admit candidates from our waiting list. We’ll consider nothing additional but the requested paragraph. Information about the paragraph is included in the information made available to all students offered a place on our waiting list when admission decisions are rendered.

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 short answer questions you’re asked to write, your secondary school counselor’s evaluation and your teacher’s recommendation.

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 two 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 more than one 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 no later than January 15. 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 two 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 Systems (IS), Mellon College of Science (MCS), School of Computer Science (SCS) and Tepper School of Business (Tepper).

   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 and computer science.

   **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 Computer Science and Arts (BCSA), Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA), Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)
   The BXA Intercollege Degree Programs are intercollege degree-granting programs designed for students who’d like to combine and blend their interests in the fine arts and natural sciences/mathematics, rather than pursue a conventional major and degree in either individual program.

   In order to be considered for a BXA program under Early or Regular Decision, select the College of Fine Arts school that you wish to apply to and then you’ll be asked if you’d like to be considered for a BXA program. At that point you’re able to note interest in either Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA), Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA) and/or Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA). Applicants will be considered for both the fine arts school as well as the specific BXA program indicated as part of the admission process.

   BXA options aren’t available to students applying to the School of Design and the School of Drama options in Musical Theater and Acting. Under Early Decision, BXA is only available for the School of Architecture, School of Art and School of Drama options in Design/Production.

   **Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA)**
   The Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts program is an intercollege degree-granting program. It’s designed for students who’d like to combine their interests in the fine arts and computer science rather than pursue a conventional major and degree in either the College of Fine Arts or the School of Computer Science.

   **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.

   **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.

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 registering for these tests. The Carnegie Mellon code number is 2074.

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.

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 cmu.edu/admission/finearts for further information.

9. Sign the “Confidentiality Statement” on the Common Application School Report Form and request that your secondary school counselor then complete the form. 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 doesn't 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.
• 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 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.
• 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 cmu.edu/admission/finearts to register for all fine arts requirements.
• Early Decision applicants to the fine arts who wish to be considered for a BXA program should select the College of Fine Arts school that you wish to apply to and then you'll be asked if you'd like to be considered for a BXA program. At that point you'll note your interest in either the Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA), Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA) or Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA). Applicants will be considered for both the fine arts school as well as the BXA program as part of the admission process. BXA options aren't available to students applying to the School of Design and the School of Drama options in Musical Theater and Acting. Under Early Decision, BXA is only available for the School of Architecture, School of Art and School of Drama options in Design/Production.

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 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 1. 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.
• 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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<p>| School of Computer Science (SCS)             | 4 years English                                                                                 | SAT Test or ACT Test                                                             |
|                                              | 4 years Mathematics&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt; 1 year Physics 2 years either Chemistry, Biology or Computer Science 2 years Foreign Language 3 electives | Recommended: Two SAT Subject Tests                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                | Math Level II and Physics, Chemistry or Biology                                  |
| Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences (DC) | 4 years English 3 years Mathematics&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt; DC applicants 4 years Mathematics&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt; IS applicants 1 year Science (2 or more years preferred) 2 years Foreign Language 6 electives | SAT Test or ACT Test                                                             |
| Information Systems (IS)                     |                                                                                                | Recommended: Two SAT Subject Tests                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                | Math Level I or II and one additional test&lt;sup&gt;4&lt;/sup&gt;                           |
| School of Architecture                       | 4 years English                                                                                 | SAT Test or ACT Test                                                             |
|                                              | 4 years Mathematics&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt; 1 year or more of Physics 2 years Foreign Language 5 electives    |                                                                                  |
| School of Art                                | 4 years English                                                                                 | SAT Test or ACT Test                                                             |
| School of Drama                              | 2 years Foreign Language 10 electives                                                           |                                                                                  |
| School of Music&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;                  | 4 years English                                                                                 | SAT Test or ACT Test                                                             |
| School of Design                             | 2 years Mathematics 2 years Science 2 years Foreign Language (preferred) 6 electives           |                                                                                  |</p>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> For School of Music applicants, some prior solfège is helpful.

<sup>4</sup> The Biology SAT Subject Test isn’t acceptable for Engineering applicants.

<sup>4</sup> Only test results from the junior or senior year are acceptable.

<sup>4</sup> If your native language isn’t English, a Subject Test in your native language doesn’t meet our requirements.
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.** This application fee is required, except in extenuating family financial circumstances. To request a waiver, send us a letter from a college advisor or your dean requesting an application fee waiver in place of the application fee. International students (non-U.S. citizens) aren't eligible for fee waivers.

   If you're applying to the School of Music, the additional pre-screen/audition or portfolio review fee is $50. If you're applying to the School of Drama, the pre-screen/audition or portfolio review fee is $115. These fees are payable at the time of reserving your audition online at cmu.edu/admission/minusarts.

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.

   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 cmu.edu/admission/minusarts 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.

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.

• 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.

Applying as a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Student
Carnegie Mellon welcomes applications from students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. Follow the procedure outlines for either freshmen (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, students with DACA status should apply for either freshman or transfer admission as international students (by selecting “other (non-US)” as your citizenship status).

• Students with DACA status 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 the College Board IDOC service. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) isn’t required for students with DACA status. 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.

To apply for a second bachelor’s degree if your first degree is from another college or university:
- Complete the Common Application.
- Schedule an admission counseling session with a member of the admission staff by November 1.
- Follow the procedure for transfer applicants on page 6.

To apply for a first bachelor’s degree from a non-traditional background:
- Complete the Common Application.
- Schedule an admission counseling session with a member of the admission staff by November 1.

Applying as a Home-Schooled or Cyber Student

Carnegie Mellon welcomes applications from students who’ve 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.

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 cmu.edu/hub/registrar/registration/ap-transfer-credit.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.
College of Fine Arts Requirements

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 and/or portfolio submission. 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 BXA interdisciplinary degrees (Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts, Bachelor of Humanities and Arts, Bachelor of Science and Arts) must apply and be admissible to 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 submit their portfolio and/or register for a pre-screen, audition or 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 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.

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.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 1 (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 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 the 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 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 Architecture. Transfer credit is evaluated after the applicant has studied at the School of Architecture for a period of time.

SCHOOL OF DESIGN
Admission Procedures
admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/school-of-design

The School of Design is seeking students with a wide range of backgrounds, creative talents and diverse interests. We've found that successful design students have strong creative abilities, dynamic interpersonal skills, work well in teams and are motivated to use their talents to address complex issues.

Alongside academic performance, admission decisions for the Bachelor of Design program are based on a holistic consideration of each applicant's creative work, interpersonal skills, achievements and motivations for studying design at Carnegie Mellon University.

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.
Toward this there are three required components for application: 1) Portfolio of Creative Work, 2) Video, and 3) Essay (More information can be found here: https://design.cmu.edu/node/111). Together these components enable you to share your creative experiences, your interests and who you are.

Please note that the School of Design has a digital application process only. All applicants to our undergraduate program must provide digital materials that can be uploaded to the university's secure SlideRoom portal (access available October 1). Physical portfolios of creative work and in-person interviews with the School of Design aren’t an option. Also note that applicants are considered for fall semester admission only.

For portfolio preparation tips and submission FAQ, please visit our portfolio review preparation and tips page at 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 course of study equivalent to our First Year Program. It’s extremely rare for transfer students to be accepted with advanced standing due to space constraints and alignment of pedagogy and studio experiences. Transfer applicants follow the same portfolio guidelines and must satisfy the same application requirements as regular decision undergraduate 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 and/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 via the Common Application 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.

**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 are 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 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.

### 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.

*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 visit 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.
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. Visit music.cmu.edu 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:

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

**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**
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 be admissible to 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**
cmu.edu/interdisciplinary

**BXA Intercollegiate Degree Program Offerings**
Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA), Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA), Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)

On the Common Application, select the College of Fine Arts school that you wish to apply to and then you'll be asked if you'd like to be considered for a BXA program.

At that point you'll be able to note your interest in either the School of Computer Science, Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences or Mellon College of Science.

Applicants will be considered for both the fine arts school as well as the BXA program as part of the admission process. BXA options aren't available to students applying to the School of Design and School of Drama for Musical Theater and Drama.

**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 note your interest in SCS and be admissible to that program.
- Students selected for this program will receive notification in their admission decision letter.

**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 note your interest in DC and be admissible to that program.
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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 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 to access the School of Music website and audition requirements.

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

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 aid 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

Principles

• Carnegie Mellon allocates resources carefully and judiciously to the benefit of the high-quality students we seek to enroll in the university. Financial aid, viewed by many as an entitlement when federal resources were more plentiful, is now awarded by institutions who must balance resources, goals and priorities while attracting the highest quality students.

• Like many other colleges and universities, we use more of our limited resources to help families cover the cost of enrollment. Federal and state financial aid resources, awarded on the basis of financial need, are distributed under federal and state guidelines.

• Carnegie Mellon values diversity and we seek to build a community of people of varied gender, race, academic interest, talent and background to accurately reflect the global community and to provide an enlightening experience for our student body. We use our financial resources to advance our commitment to diversity.

• We seek to enroll students of the highest academic and artistic caliber in each of our six undergraduate colleges. We use our financial aid resources to enroll a class that reflects this goal.

• Carnegie Mellon's financial assistance program is designed to meet our two-part goal of helping students with demonstrated financial need afford the cost of education and rewarding those students who have outstanding talents and abilities. Need-based financial assistance is used to enroll high-quality students.

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.

• 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 Aid Explained

Financial Aid Award Notification

If you apply for financial aid 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.
### Early Decision U.S. Citizen and Permanent Residents

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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've 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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2. You may complete a FAFSA anytime after it becomes available on Oct. 1; however, please view our preferred timeframe for completing and submitting your FAFSA at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/applying-for-aid.  
3. Be sure to sign your FAFSA electronically using your FSA ID (username and password). |
| IRS Tax Return Transcript Request                       | November 1          | We recommend requesting your transcript online. To request a transcript, go to 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. |
| 2017 Tax Returns and W-2 Forms                          | November 1          | 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 2017 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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3. Have your tax returns and financial documents available. You’ll also be charged an application fee of $25 for the first college and $16 for each addition college. Fee waivers are available upon request.  
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| **Additional Information**                                                   | February 15         | 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 4.45% 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 7% and there's 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 studentloans.gov.

Note: The above interest rates and repayment information are accurate as of May 2018. For updates, please visit the Student Financial Aid website at cmu.edu/sfs/financial-aid.

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, 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 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 is a need-based scholarship 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 and demonstrate some level of financial need.
- 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 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 2019-2020 have yet to be determined. In 2018-2019, the cost is $74,623 (for on-campus students), which includes $2,340 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 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 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 cmu.edu/nrotc or nrotc.navy.mil or 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 2018-2019 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 $2,340/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: cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance.
Experience Carnegie Mellon

Campus Visits and Special Programs

On-Campus Information Sessions
If you're able to visit our campus we recommend that you attend an information session with a member of the admission staff.

To schedule an information session:
- Register online at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/visit.
- Be sure to request an appointment in advance of your campus visit.

In the fall, spring and summer, we conduct information sessions on select Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons in addition to our weekday information session offerings. No information sessions are held during the months of December or January.

Admission Counseling Sessions
A one-on-one admission counseling session allows rising/current high school seniors to seek guidance or ask questions of the Office of Admission. Our intention is to assist students who are approaching the time of application, who have questions about Carnegie Mellon's unique colleges/programs, as well as the admission process. Carnegie Mellon's Office of Admission doesn't offer admission interviews, please note the admission counseling sessions aren't evaluative.

To schedule an admission counseling session:
- Register online at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/admission-counseling-sessions.
- Be sure to request an appointment in advance of your campus visit.

We offer admission counseling sessions that last about 20-30 minutes for rising/current high school seniors Monday through Friday during the summer and fall.

We only encourage rising/current high school seniors with specific questions about Carnegie Mellon or the admission process to register for an admission counseling session.

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.
- 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 Admission Counseling Sessions
Our admission staff travels to various parts of the country to offer admission counseling sessions to students in their hometowns. Before we come to your area, we'll send you information on how to arrange an appointment for an admission counseling session. If you have a counseling session on campus, there's no need to schedule an appointment in your hometown. To register for a hometown admission counseling session, visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/visit-carnegie-mellon-in-a-city-near-you or contact the Office of Admission at 412.268.2082.

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)
engineering.cmu.edu
Biomedical Engineering*
Chemical Engineering (BS)
Civil Engineering (BS)
Electrical and Computer Engineering (BS)
Engineering and Arts*
Engineering and Public Policy*
Materials Science and Engineering (BS)
Mechanical Engineering (BS)

College of Fine Arts (CFA)
cfa.cmu.edu
Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA)
Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)
Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)
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

Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences (DC)
cmu.edu/dietrich
Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)
Humanities Scholars Program (HSP)
Science and Humanities Scholars Program (SHS, joint with MCS)
Quantitative Social Science Scholars Program (QSSS)
Economics Program
Economics (BA or BS)
English Department
Creative Writing (BA)
English (BA)
Professional Writing (BA)
Technical Writing and Communication (BS)
History Department
Global Studies (BA)
Social and Political History (BA or BS)

Institute for Politics and Strategy
International Relations and Politics (BS)
Interdepartmental Majors
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 (BA)
Decision Science (BS)
Policy and Management (BS)

Statistics and Data Science Department
Statistics (BS)
Statistics and Machine Learning (BS)
(joint with SCS)

Mellon College of Science (MCS)
cmu.edu/mcs
Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)
Science and Humanities Scholars Program (SHS, joint with DC)

Biological Sciences Department
Biological Sciences (BA or BS)
Biological Sciences and Psychology (BS)
Biological Sciences/Neuroscience Track (BS)
Neuroscience (BS)

Chemistry Department
Chemistry (BA or BS)
Chemistry/Biological Chemistry Track (BS)

Mathematical Sciences Department
Computational Finance (BS)
Mathematical Sciences (BS)
Mathematical Sciences (Computational and Applied Mathematics) (BS)
Mathematical Sciences (Discrete Mathematics and Logic) (BS)
Mathematical Sciences (Operations Research and Statistics) (BS)
Mathematical Sciences (Statistics) (BS)
Mathematical Sciences and Economics (BS)

Physics Department
Physics (BA or BS)
Physics/Applied Physics Track (BS)
Physics/Astrophysics Track (BS)
Physics/Biological Physics Track (BS)
Physics/Chemical Physics Track (BS)
Physics/Computational Physics Track (BS)

School of Computer Science (SCS)
cs.cmu.edu
Artificial Intelligence (BS)
Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA)
Computer Science (BS)
Computational Biology (BS)
Human-Computer Interaction*
Robotics*
Statistics and Machine Learning (BS)
(joint with DC)

Tepper School of Business (Tepper)
teper.cmu.edu
Business Administration (BS)

*May be taken as an additional major ONLY.
Academic Options and Student Services

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. Please note you’re not able to apply for minors or additional majors at the time of applying to Carnegie Mellon. You’re able to add these academic options once you’re a student.

Integrative Design, Arts and Technology Network (IDeATe)
As the only U.S. university with top-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 design, 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 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 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 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 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.

Carnegie Mellon Washington Semester Program (CMU/WSP)
The CMU/WSP is sponsored by the university’s Institute for Politics and Strategy and is available to undergraduates in any major who’d value firsthand policy experience. In this semester-long program, students live, work and study in Washington, DC, coming into direct contact with political, business and community leaders and learning about the most pressing policy issues of the day. Courses are taught by Carnegie Mellon faculty and credit is awarded to students participating.

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 classroom 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 that provide useful tips and strategies. You can find copies in the AD office or online. For more information, visit cmu.edu/acaddev 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 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.

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 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. Experts are available in the on-campus Computing Services Help Center to answer technical questions. For more information, visit 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 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 12 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 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, upperclass and Greek 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. 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 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 cmu.edu/oie.

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 the online application for accommodations at Disability Resources’ secure portal, https://rainier.accessiblelearning.com/cmu. Students need to be enrolled and have an Andrew ID and password in order to log in. Students may identify themselves as having a disability at any time but should keep in mind that accommodations aren’t retroactive. For more information, visit cmu.edu/disability-resources or email access@andrew.cmu.edu.

Student Activities
There are more than 300 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 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 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.

Want to know more about Carnegie Mellon? Sign up for:

On-Campus Counseling Sessions
Call the Office of Admission at 412.268.2082 or visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/admission-counseling-sessions for availability and to register.

Turn Tartan Overnight
See page 19 for information about attending a Turn Tartan Overnight on the Carnegie Mellon campus.

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.

Check to see what admission and financial aid documents we’ve received by logging onto “Where Am I in the Process” at admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/application-status. (You’ll need your Common Application ID number.)
We deliver world changers.

Connect with Us
We encourage you to join the Admission Invitation List for details on upcoming events on and off campus, as well as helpful information regarding the application process, financial aid and more!
Visit admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/contact-us.

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Carnegie Mellon University publishes an annual campus security and fire safety report describing the university’s security, alcohol and drug, sexual assault and fire safety policies, and containing statistics about the number and type of crimes committed on the campus, and the number and cause of fires in campus residence facilities during the preceding three years. You can obtain a copy by contacting the Carnegie Mellon Police Department at 412.268.2323. The annual security and fire safety report also is available online at cmu.edu/police/annualreports.