First envisioned in 1900 by steel magnate and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Mellon University has steadily built upon its foundations of excellence and innovation to become one of America’s leading universities. The university’s unique approach to education — giving students the opportunity to become experts in their chosen fields while studying a broad range of course work across disciplines — creates leaders and problem solvers for the changing marketplace of today and tomorrow.

Students in this private, co-educational university come from 48 states and more than 70 countries. Each year, Carnegie Mellon enrolls a diverse freshman class of approximately 1,550 students. The total undergraduate population is 6,400. Students come from a variety of economic, social and cultural backgrounds and represent a wide range of academic and artistic interests.

COLLEGES AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- College of Engineering
- College of Fine Arts (CFA)
- Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences (DC)
- Information Systems (IS)
- Mellon College of Science (MCS)
- School of Computer Science (SCS)
- Tepper School of Business (TPR)

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

- Bachelor of Computer Science & Arts (BCSA) Intercollege Degree Program
- Bachelor of Humanities & Arts (BHA) Intercollege Degree Program
- Bachelor of Science & Arts (BSA) Intercollege Degree Program
- Integrative Design, Arts and Technology (IDeATe)

LOCATION

Carnegie Mellon University is located in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The 148-acre campus has a residential feel while also enjoying the cultural and societal amenities of a big city — only five miles from downtown.

STUDENT DIVERSITY

INCOMING CLASS

- 1,587 FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT
- 6,400 UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION
- 15% PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS
- 17% INTERNATIONAL POPULATION
- 10% FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS
- 15% AFRICAN AMERICAN, LATINO OR NATIVE AMERICAN
- 49% MEN
- 50% WOMEN
- 1% NON-BINARY

#YouAreWelcomeHere

At Carnegie Mellon, we strive to foster a sense of community, diversity and inclusion while also embracing each student’s individuality. Here, students’ differences and talents are appreciated, guided and reinforced.

Our Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion (the Center) offers resources to nurture access, success, campus climate and intergroup dialogue. It also supports and connects historically underrepresented students and those who are the first in their family to attend college.

Center staff members partner with students to increase awareness and engage the community. Some initiatives coordinated by the Center include, but aren’t limited to:

- First Generation/First in Family to Attend College Programs
- LGBTQ+ Programs
- Race and Ethnically Focused Programs
- Transgender and Non-Binary Student Programs
- Women’s Programs

FACULTY

Faculty members are practicing professionals at the forefront of their respective fields. These professors, instructors and lecturers are in the classroom, lab, studio or workplace creating new knowledge on a daily basis and passing that knowledge on to their students. More often than not, they teach both undergraduate and graduate courses. Undergraduates have the opportunity to work on groundbreaking research projects with these award-winning faculty members.
At Carnegie Mellon, we select our freshman class from a large group of very qualified candidates. We use a variety of factors to select our first-year class, including high school performance, standardized tests, teacher and counselor recommendations and non-academic information. Non-academic information includes extracurricular contributions, passion and perseverance, leadership and community engagement, the Common Application essay and Carnegie Mellon short answer questions. We don't consider demonstrated interest in our admission process, and we don't accept supplementary submission of materials, including resumes, research abstracts, writing samples, multimedia demonstrations of talents and maker portfolios.

Decision Plans
Early Decision, with a deadline of November 1, is for students who declare Carnegie Mellon as their first choice. This plan is a binding agreement; admitted students are expected to enroll.

Regular Decision is the plan we recommend for most applicants. Regular Decision applications are due on January 1 (December 1 for drama and music applicants) and notification occurs between March 15 and April 15.

Early Admission is for high school juniors planning to skip their senior year. The application deadline is January 1. Candidates are notified of a decision between March 15 and April 15.

FACILITIES AND HOUSING

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

100% FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS

29 RESIDENCE HALLS AND APARTMENTS

19 NCAA DIVISION III VARSITY TEAMS

45+ CLUB TEAMS AND INTRAMURAL SPORTS

300+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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ADMISSION

FIRST-YEAR ADMITTED STUDENT AVERAGES

COLLEGES/PROGRAMS | SAT-ERW* | SAT-M* | GPA | ACTE | ACTM | ACTC
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College of Fine Arts | 660-740 | 680-790 | 3.78 | 32-35 | 27-34 | 30-34
Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences | 710-760 | 780-800 | 3.87 | 34-36 | 31-35 | 33-35
Engineering | 710-770 | 780-800 | 3.92 | 34-36 | 34-36 | 34-35
Information Systems | 700-760 | 750-800 | 3.88 | 33-36 | 34-35 | 33-35
Mellon College of Science | 720-770 | 780-800 | 3.92 | 35-36 | 33-36 | 34-36
School of Computer Science | 750-800 | 790-800 | 3.96 | 35-36 | 35-36 | 35-36
Tepper School of Business | 700-720 | 770-800 | 3.89 | 34-36 | 33-35 | 33-35
Intercollege Degree Programs | 720-770 | 770-800 | 3.90 | 35-36 | 30-35 | 32-35

All data reflects middle 50% ranges

FALL 2019 APPLICATION STATISTICS

COLLEGES/PROGRAMS | Applications | Acceptance Rate | Enrolled
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College of Fine Arts | 566 | 30% | 69
College of Fine Arts | 777 | 16% | 39
College of Fine Arts | 741 | 7% | 34
College of Fine Arts | 2,833 | 3% | 64
College of Fine Arts | 814 | 21% | 51
Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences | 5,913 | 24% | 277
Engineering | 10,905 | 17% | 407
Information Systems | 1,149 | 26% | 51
Mellon College of Science | 7,199 | 18% | 214
School of Computer Science | 9,209 | 7% | 218
Tepper School of Business | 3,379 | 19% | 144
Intercollege Degree Programs | 674 | 11% | 19
TOTAL | 44,159 | 15% | 1,587

Cost (2019-20 Academic Year)
Tuition $55,816
Fees $1,303
Room/Board $14,972
Books/Misc. ± $2,400
Transportation varies
TOTAL $74,491+

Financial Aid Statistics for the 2019-20 First-Year Class
(U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens only)
78% of financial aid applicants received need-based financial aid
51% of enrolled U.S. citizens and permanent residents received need-based financial aid
$46,415 – average financial aid package
$41,585 – average grant award