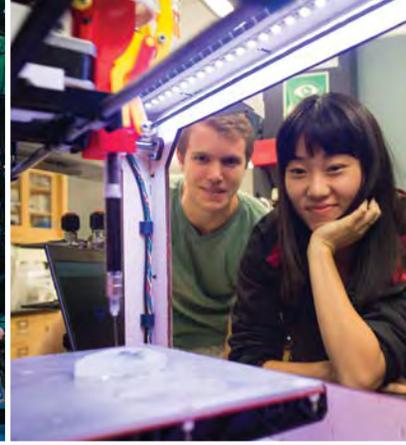


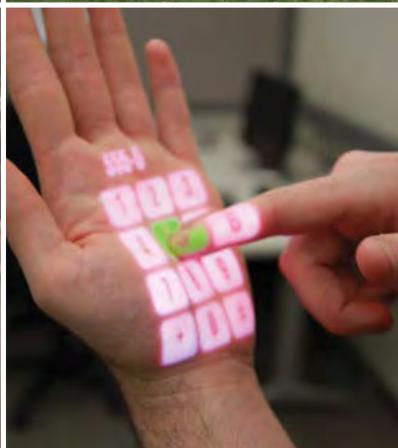
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# Letter from the Dean of Admission

Dear Applicant,

We're so glad you're considering Carnegie Mellon University! Carnegie Mellon is a world-class, innovative university rich with tradition and culture. With more than 90 majors and minors across six undergraduate colleges, we collaborate across disciplines to make real change that benefits all of humankind. We tap into our diverse community, world-leading digital technologies and entrepreneurial spirit to do work that matters. Here, you'll be more than your major.

The mission of Carnegie Mellon University includes the cultivation of a diverse community. A diverse and inclusive community is the foundation for excellence in learning, research, creativity and human development. All throughout our campus there are examples of this commitment through initiatives such as our Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion, among many others.

Each year, we're fortunate to receive applications from across the United States and around the world. Our goal is to build a class of students with a wide range of talents, interests and achievements. We're looking for students who will do more than just succeed academically — they'll also fit within our community by working across disciplines, collaborating with their classmates and getting involved on campus. No two applicants look the same, and there's no prescribed path to admission at Carnegie Mellon.

With that being said, this guide will provide all the information you need to complete your application to our university. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the Office of Admission at 412.268.2082 or [admission@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:admission@andrew.cmu.edu). We're here to assist you throughout the admission and financial aid process.

Best of luck to you throughout your college application process!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Steidel', written in a cursive style.

Michael Steidel  
Dean of Admission

## What You Need to Know

### Common Application

- Carnegie Mellon uses the Common Application exclusively. Use of the Common Application is governed by the license agreement for Common Application forms, a copy of which is displayed at [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org).
- We accept fee waivers from students who meet one of the indicators of economic need as outlined on the Common Application.

### Document Tracking – Where Am I in the Process? portal

- Throughout this process, you'll be sending us a lot of information! All applicants can see what admission and financial aid documents have been received or are missing by logging into the Where Am I in the Process? portal. You can also use the portal to view your admission decision and any eligible financial aid offers. Check out [admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/where-am-i-in-the-process](http://admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/where-am-i-in-the-process) for more information.

### Connect with Us

- Please add [admission@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:admission@andrew.cmu.edu) to your contacts to ensure you receive all correspondence from the Office of Admission.

### Carnegie Mellon Custom Viewbook

- Create your own Carnegie Mellon Custom Viewbook to design your personal introduction to the Tartan experience. Visit [customviewbook.cmu.edu/go](http://customviewbook.cmu.edu/go) to explore our academic programs, campus resources and opportunities to get involved on campus.

## What's Required

Here's a quick glance at what we require to complete your undergraduate application to Carnegie Mellon. Please review this booklet for more information on applying for undergraduate admission, requirements for the fine arts and financial aid.

Please note that we don't require SAT or ACT results this year (see page 4).

- Common Application and essay
- Official high school transcript
- TOEFL or IELTS official score reports, if applicable (see page 6)
- Secondary school counselor evaluation
- Teacher recommendation
- Carnegie Mellon writing supplement
- College of Fine Arts additional requirements (see pages 13-16)

## Application Deadlines

### Early Decision

Deadline: November 1 (non-CFA applicants can switch from Regular to Early Decision until January 15)

Notified by: December 15

Enroll by: February 1

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Deadline: January 4

Deadline, Drama and Music: December 1

Notified by: no later than April 1

Enroll by: May 1

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Mellon College of Science	<b>MCS</b>
School of Computer Science	<b>SCS</b>
Tepper School of Business	<b>Tepper</b>
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Bachelor of Humanities & Arts	<b>BHA</b>
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# Important Changes for All Applicants

## Fall 2021 Considerations

Events over the past several months have impacted many aspects of our lives for the foreseeable future, and we know you've had to make significant adjustments in response to them. Given all the changes and disruptions our prospective students are dealing with, the Office of Admission is committed to offering flexibility and understanding as you move through the admission process.

To learn how our admission policies provide support through these changes, please visit our 2021 Admission FAQ under the Admission section of our website.

## SAT and ACT Are Optional

There continue to be challenges to the college admission process brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the most common concerns

we hear from prospective students has to do with disruptions to standardized testing in the upcoming admission cycle. It's become clear that students who want to take either the SAT or ACT may find it difficult or even impossible due to limitations associated with testing center availability and capacity related to social distancing requirements. Recognizing that standardized testing opportunities may not be available to all potential applicants, **Carnegie Mellon University has adopted a test-optional policy for one year**, removing the SAT/ACT standardized testing requirement for first-year fall 2021 applicants.

Pursuant to this one-year policy, students who are unable to take either the SAT or ACT or choose not to submit their standardized test scores will be considered equally for admission along with those who submit scores. We also recognize that candidates who do submit scores

may not have been able to take the SAT or ACT more than once as planned.

This test optional policy is a one-year accommodation being made as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will review and evaluate our process during the admission cycle for fall 2021 and make a determination regarding future standardized testing requirements for admission to Carnegie Mellon at its conclusion.

## SAT Subject Tests No Longer Considered

Starting with applicants for the 2021-2022 school year, we no longer require nor recommend SAT Subject Tests. If you submit any of these tests, we won't consider them in our admission process.

# Applying as a First-Year Student

## Highly Selective Admission

At Carnegie Mellon, we select our first-year 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 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 fair and thorough admission decisions in context. 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 Consideration

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

## Academic and Artistic Potential

Our admission process is designed to select a highly talented, diverse undergraduate population with high aspirations who will succeed at Carnegie Mellon. If you're applying to academic programs, your high school talent and/or potential will be a significant factor in our admission decision because it's the most meaningful indication of your motivation and abilities. We pay close attention to your

curriculum rigor, the grades you've earned and the work you've accomplished. We're interested in seeing that you've challenged yourself within your secondary school environment. If you're applying to programs in the arts, your artistic performance will be either the main factor or a significant factor (depending on the program) in our admission decision. To better understand your admission process, review the guidelines in the chart at the bottom of this page.

If you're interested in:	You'll be considered primarily on the basis of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School of Architecture, Art, Design, Drama or Music</li></ul>	Portfolio review, pre-screening or audition, as well as academic performance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences</li><li>Information Systems</li></ul>	Academic performance, with emphasis on reading and comprehension abilities and mathematics courses along with extracurricular contributions, evidence of leadership and community service and ability to communicate thoughts and ideas in writing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>College of Engineering</li><li>Mellon College of Science</li><li>School of Computer Science</li><li>Tepper School of Business</li></ul>	Academic performance, with emphasis on strength in mathematics and sciences along with extracurricular contributions, evidence of leadership and community service and ability to communicate thoughts and ideas in writing.

## Standardized Testing

Standardized test scores add to our knowledge of your preparation, but we don't make decisions on the basis of test scores alone. SAT and ACT scores are completely optional, but if you choose to provide them, they'll work with your secondary school record to make up the academic portion of your evaluation. SAT Subject Tests are neither required nor recommended and aren't considered in our admission process.

## Extracurricular Activities

Your non-academic interests, including extracurricular involvement, part-time jobs, hobbies and community engagement 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 don't consider demonstrated interest in our admission process. As a result, we don't consider a campus visit or communication with the Office of Admission or other members of the Carnegie Mellon community when making admission decisions. We also don't accept supplementary submission of materials, including resumes, research abstracts, writing samples, multimedia demonstrations of talents and maker portfolios.

We don't consider these forms of interest because:

- They can run counter to an accessible and inclusive admission process.
- Extra materials haven't been useful in making our admission decisions.
- Allowing optional materials has deterred some people from applying.
- Explicitly eliminating these items significantly reduces the stress of the application process.

Applicants have space on the Common Application to list accomplishments and involvement for the admission committee's consideration. We encourage students to use this space to share the extracurricular facets of their secondary school experience. We don't

offer alumni interviews in advance of admission decisions and have refocused alumni efforts to connect with admitted candidates.

Our efforts to support access and inclusion extend to our waiting list process as well. If there's space in the first-year class after the regular decision enrollment deadline, applicants on the waiting list can choose to remain active in our admission pool by sending us a quick update. We'll communicate with all students on the waiting list about this update in the spring. To limit stress and extra work in case there's no additional space in the first-year class, we don't provide the exact update topic in advance.

## 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.

## Criminal History Information

Carnegie Mellon does not collect or review criminal history information as part of the admission process. However, individuals who are admitted to Carnegie Mellon will be required to provide criminal history information as a part of the enrollment process.

## College Selection

Carnegie Mellon seeks to enroll a diverse cohort of 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 their highest-choice 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. Early Decision candidates not offered admission may add additional colleges for consideration during Regular Decision. 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. Complete the online Common Application.

Request that your secondary school counselor submit all high school transcripts, including senior year courses and a school profile, to the Office of Admission as close to January 4 as possible, but no later than January 15. Mid-year grades should be submitted as soon as possible after they become available. It's your responsibility to check what documents we've received on the Where Am I in the Process? portal to acknowledge receipt of these items. Receipt of mailed or faxed materials will be found on your Where Am I in the Process? portal within 7-10 business days after being received by the Office of Admission.

### 2. Apply for admission only to the specific college(s) or program(s) in which you're interested.

- Rank your program and/or major preference.
- You may apply to up to two colleges/programs. (Early Decision and transfer candidates may only apply to one college/program.)
- If applying to more than one college, you must describe your multiple interests in detail.
- Be sure to review the admission requirements for each 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 applicants to indicate a program and/or departmental preference at the time they apply. Although students might not declare a major until the end of their first or second years, we do limit access to certain departments, such as Electrical and Computer Engineering.

### College of Fine Arts (CFA)

Students applying to CFA 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 13-16.)

# Applying as a First-Year Student (continued)

**4. Send a non-refundable application fee of \$75 electronically as you complete the Common Application.** This fee is required. An additional audition/portfolio review fee will be required at the time of online registration for drama and music pre-screening, audition or portfolio review. If you're applying to the School of Music, the additional audition fee is \$50. If you're applying to the School of Drama, the audition or portfolio review fee is \$115. These fees are payable at the time of reserving your pre-screening, audition or portfolio review online on the Fine Arts section of our website. If you're applying to the School of Architecture, School of Art or School of Design, there is a \$15 fee to submit the portfolio. If you have a College Board or NACAC fee waiver or if you have any of the Common Application's listed economic indicators, you can note this on your registration form in order to have your payment waived. International students (non-U.S. citizens or permanent residents) aren't eligible for fee waivers.

**5. If you choose, submit standardized testing scores. Please refer to our Standardized Testing Policy on page 4.** If you decide to submit ACT or SAT test scores, we're interested in the general pattern of your scores. However, we give most weight to the highest score you've received on the SAT and the set of scores corresponding to the highest composite score on the ACT.

We believe that college admission testing in the 9th and 10th grades adds to the anxiety of a process that students won't encounter for several years. As a result, we're generally not in favor of any scores from SAT or ACT tests taken before the summer prior to 11th grade. While they may measure knowledge at the time

the tests are taken, that level of knowledge degrades over time and doesn't represent the knowledge students bring to college first-year courses. Should students present tests taken two or more years in advance of their first-year experience, we have to take the timing of the test result into consideration. The greater the amount of time prior to college matriculation, the less we can rely on the test result as a fair representation of their preparation entering first-year college courses.

If you choose to submit test scores:

- You must submit official scores electronically through College Board, ACT or the Educational Testing Service (ETS). When you register for the test, request that an official score report be sent directly to Carnegie Mellon. Make sure your name, address and birthdate on the application matches the information used to register for these tests. The Carnegie Mellon SAT code number is 2074 and the ACT code is 3534.
- You may submit your application before we receive all official score reports.
- You may also choose to have your counselor submit a copy of your SAT or ACT score report in place of ordering an official copy if the cost of additional score reports is prohibitive. International applicants must submit all official scores electronically through the College Board or ACT.
- Standardized testing should be completed by October for Early Decision and November for Regular Decision. Results of the March tests arrive too late to receive any consideration.

**6. If English isn't one of your first languages, submit additional test results.** Applicants who don't speak English as a first language

must submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). To learn more about these tests, please see page 10.

**7. If you're applying to the College of Fine Arts, submit your Common Application before completing portfolio submission, pre-screening or audition requirements.**

All of our fine arts programs require that students apply to the university and obtain their Application ID before registering for a pre-screening or audition, or before submitting a portfolio. There's no Early Decision consideration given for acting, directing, dramaturgy, music theater or the School of Music. Refer to the table below for further information.

If you're applying to the Schools of Drama or Music, apply by December 1. You must also submit your supporting materials by December 1. Submissions after December 1 may not be considered. Refer to the table below for admission deadlines.

**8. Sign the "Confidentiality Statement" on the Common Application School Report Form and then request your secondary school counselor complete the form.** Your counselor should submit this form to the Office of Admission along with the school profile and your transcript.

**9. Choose a teacher to complete the Common Application Teacher Recommendation Form.**

Make sure it's submitted to the Office of Admission by:  
 Early Decision: November 1  
 Regular Decision: January 15

## Application Deadlines

Application Plan	Application Deadlines	Supporting Documents Received by	Admission Notification Dates	File FAFSA and CSS Profile and Submit Other Required Financial Aid Forms by	Financial Aid Offer Notification Date	Enrollment Deadlines
<b>Early Decision</b>	November 1 (Not available for Acting, Directing, Dramaturgy, Music Theater or the School of Music.)	November 1	December 15	November 1 (an early estimate of financial aid is available year-round)	January 15	February 1
<b>Regular Decision</b>	January 4 (December 1 for Drama & Music)	January 15 (December 1 for Drama and Music)	No later than April 1	February 15	No later than April 1	May 1
<b>Early Admission</b> (high school juniors only)	January 4 (December 1 for Drama & Music)	January 15 (December 1 for Drama and Music)	No later than April 1	February 15	No later than April 1	May 1

## 10. If you're applying to the Schools of Drama or Music, apply by December 1.

You must also submit your supporting materials by December 1. Submissions after December 1 may not be considered. Refer to the table on page 6 for admission deadlines.

Please note that Carnegie Mellon reserves the right to verify original work in admission essays using [Turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com).

## Enrollment Deposit

If you're offered admission and wish to enroll, you must pay a non-refundable deposit of \$800 by May 1, or February 1 for Early Decision. You need to pay this deposit even if you're receiving financial aid. The deposit will reserve your place in the first-year 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. We'll return enrollment deposits postmarked after May 1 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.

## Deferral Requests

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. You must agree not to apply to or enroll in a full- or part-time degree program at another institution during the year you defer.

## Mid-Year Students

Carnegie Mellon doesn't accept applications for first-year students looking to start mid-year. Occasionally, Carnegie Mellon accepts a very small number of spring semester transfer applicants.

## Application Plans

### Early Decision Plan

This plan is ideal for students who view Carnegie Mellon as their first choice. You'll apply early to only one college within the university and receive your admission decision early in

your senior year (by mid-December). If you're admitted, you're in an agreement to enroll, so this isn't the best plan if you want to compare financial aid offers from other institutions. We give three admission decisions for students applying this way: admit, deny or, in rare cases, defer to Regular Decision. This isn't for you if you're applying to Acting, Directing, Dramaturgy, Music Theater or the School of Music, if you're under the age of 17 or if you're applying 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.**

Applying Early Decision won't affect your overall admission decision. Students applying Early and Regular Decision are admitted at almost exactly the same rate.

### Early Decision application instructions:

- Indicate on the Common Application that you'd like to be considered for Early Decision.
- Choose one college for Early Decision consideration.
- Submit the application and all official score reports no later than November 1.
- If applying to the College of Fine Arts, complete all program-specific fine arts requirements outlined on the Fine Arts section of our website.
- If you're applying to the fine arts and wish to be considered for a BXA program, you 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 their College of Fine Arts program as well as the BXA program as part of the admission process. BXA options aren't available to students applying to the School of Drama for Acting, Directing or Music Theater. Under Early Decision, BXA is only available for the School of Architecture, School of Art, School of Design and School of Drama options in Design/Production.

### If you're admitted under Early Decision:

- You'll be notified officially by mail and on the Where Am I in the Process? portal no later than December 15. If accepted, you must submit your online reply form 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 19.
- 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 and all other required documents by January 4.
- Submit your application by December 1 if you're applying to the School of Drama or School of Music.
- If you're admitted under Regular Decision, you'll be notified officially by mail and on the Where Am I in the Process? portal by April 1. Candidates who are waitlisted or denied admission are officially notified on the Where Am I in the Process? portal only.
- If you wish to enroll, post an \$800 enrollment deposit and complete the enrollment reply form by May 1.
- If you aren't a CFA applicant and would like to switch to an Early Decision application, you may do so through January 15.

## Early Admission Plan

This is a rare opportunity for highly qualified high school juniors to apply early to Carnegie Mellon. Early Admission is ideal for mature, responsible juniors who have exhausted their high schools' most rigorous courses.

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 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 plan.

Note that Carnegie Mellon accepts Early Admission applicants only on rare occasions.

# Applying as a First-Year Student (continued)

## Secondary School Preparation

College	Preferred High School Preparation	
College of Engineering (Engineering) Mellon College of Science (MCS) Tepper School of Business (Tepper)	4 years English 4 years Mathematics <sup>1</sup> 1 year or more of Chemistry 1 year or more of Physics	1 year or more of Biology 2 years Foreign Language 3 Electives
School of Computer Science (SCS)	4 years English 4 years Mathematics <sup>1</sup> 1 year Physics 2 years either Chemistry, Biology or Computer Science	2 years Foreign Language 3 Electives
Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences (DC) Information Systems (IS)	4 years English 3 years Mathematics <sup>2</sup> - DC applicants 4 years Mathematics <sup>1</sup> - IS applicants 1 year Science (2 or more years preferred)	2 years Foreign Language 6 Electives
School of Architecture	4 years English 4 years Mathematics <sup>1</sup> 1 year or more of Physics 2 years Foreign Language	5 Electives
School of Art School of Drama	4 years English 2 years Foreign Language 10 Electives	
School of Music <sup>3</sup> School of Design	4 years English 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.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> For DC applicants, three years should include at least algebra, geometry, trigonometry, analytic geometry, elementary functions, as well as pre-calculus.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> For School of Music applicants, some prior solfège is helpful.</p>		

# Applying as a Transfer Student

Each year, Carnegie Mellon admits a very small number of transfer students where space permits. The policy for transferring into Carnegie Mellon varies from college to college. If you're interested in transferring into one of our academic programs, we must first make sure there's space available in your program of interest. Please note that space in these programs is extremely limited. If there's space, we'll look closely at your official college transcript, professor recommendations, high school grades and test scores (all SAT, ACT or TOEFL/IELTS scores, if available). If you don't have official ACT or SAT results, there's no expectation to submit them.

## Transfer Application Instructions and Deadlines

**1. Apply for admission to the specific college or program in which you're interested.** Make sure to note which department you prefer on the Common Application. Transfer students will only be considered for one college.

DC, Engineering, IS, MCS, SCS and Tepper

- Fall transfer is possible if space is available.
- Spring transfer is extremely limited due to space constraints.
- External transfers are unable to apply to BXA programs.

CFA

- Fall transfer is possible.
- No spring transfer opportunities exist.
- Transfer applicants are considered alongside first-year applicants and are likely to be given first-year status.
- External transfers are unable to apply to 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 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 or permanent residents) aren't eligible for fee waivers.

If you're applying to the School of Music, the additional pre-screening/audition or portfolio review fee is \$50. If you're applying to the School of Drama, the pre-screening/audition or interview/portfolio review fee is \$115. These fees are payable at the time of reserving your audition online. If you're applying to the School of Architecture, School of Art or School of Design, the additional portfolio submission fee is \$15. Learn more on the Fine Arts section of our website.

**3. Send all college/university and secondary/high school transcripts to the Office of Admission.** For spring transfer candidates, we must receive transcripts by 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 required materials.

**4. 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 through the Common Application or electronically with this form: [admission.cmu.edu/register/collegecourses](http://admission.cmu.edu/register/collegecourses). You should copy and paste your course descriptions into a single document, 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.**

**6. If you're applying to the College of Fine Arts, you must complete the specific application requirements for your school/program of interest.** Before you can arrange to have an audition or complete other Fine Arts requirements, however, you must complete and submit the Common Application. Go to the Fine Arts section of our website 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 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 18-19 for our financial aid requirements.**

**9. Check your Where Am I in the Process? portal for an official admission decision.**

If accepted, you'll need to complete an enrollment reply form. 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 \$800 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.

## Transfer Student Deadlines

Application Plan	Application Deadlines	Supporting Document Deadline	Admission Notification Dates	File FAFSA and CSS Profile and Submit Other Required Financial Aid Forms by	Financial Aid Offer Notification Date	Enrollment Deadlines
Spring Transfer*	October 15	November 1	December 15 or soon after	November 1	December 15 or soon after	January 1
Fall Transfer	February 15	March 15	May 15	March 1	No later than May 31	June 1
Fall Transfer for CFA	December 1 for performing arts; January 4 for visual arts	March 15	April 15	February 15	April 15	May 1

\* Spring transfers must have completed a semester of college before the application deadline in order to apply for admission.

## Applying as a Transfer Student (continued)

### University Housing

University housing isn't guaranteed for transfer students. The Carnegie Mellon Off-Campus Housing Service is a resource available to help you locate housing accommodations in the local area in the event that campus housing isn't available. Visit the service at [offcampus.housing.cmu.edu](http://offcampus.housing.cmu.edu).

### 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 credits. 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 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 in the spring semester, you'll have the opportunity to meet with an associate dean or advisor in order to outline the additional

academic work you must complete to meet the university degree requirements.

It's best for transfer students in CFA to assume they'll receive first-year 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 (i.e., not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident), apply to Carnegie Mellon by following the procedures outlined for either first-year (page 4) or transfer (page 9) students. Also be aware of this additional information:

**1. 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 our International Students page on the Admission section of our website for more details.

**2. 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.

**3. If English isn't one of your first languages, 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 4. Carnegie Mellon doesn't superscore TOEFL results.

If you live in mainland China and can't take the TOEFL iBT, we'll accept results of the alternate TOEFL ITP test plus a video speaking interview from Vericant. While the TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition remain our preferred TOEFL testing solutions to demonstrate English language proficiency, Carnegie Mellon will accept TOEFL ITP results and the

Vericant speaking interview until students in mainland China can again take the TOEFL iBT in nationwide testing centers. If you take the TOEFL ITP/Vericant interview tests, you don't need to retake either TOEFL iBT version when they become available.

**4. InitialView interviews are recommended for non-native English speakers.** Often these interviews can measure readiness for engagement in the classroom and also showcase a student's personality, likes and dislikes as well as the area of intended major. InitialView interviews can show English language proficiency while also corroborating the application with more details about the student.

This information doesn't apply to DACA students — see page 11.

# 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 first-year (page 4) or transfer (page 9) students. 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 first-year 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.

For all applicants with their first bachelor's degree, please keep in mind that Carnegie Mellon doesn't offer financial aid to students seeking a second bachelor's. If you're applying for your second bachelor's degree and plan to enroll at Carnegie Mellon, you and your family must assume the total cost of attendance.

### **To apply for a second bachelor's degree if your first degree is from Carnegie Mellon:**

- Directly contact the associate dean of the college/school you're applying to. The associate dean will authorize the admission into the new degree program.

### **To apply for a second bachelor's degree if your first degree is from another college or university:**

- Complete the Common Application for Transfer Students.
- Contact the Office of Admission at 412.268.2082 or [admission@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:admission@andrew.cmu.edu) for more information.
- Follow the procedure for transfer applicants on page 9.

### **To apply for a first bachelor's degree from a non-traditional background:**

- Complete the Common Application for First-Year Students.
- Contact the Office of Admission at 412.268.2082 or [admission@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:admission@andrew.cmu.edu) for more information. You may also want to schedule an admission counseling session with a member of the admission counseling staff.
- Submit an essay explaining what you've been doing since graduating from high school.
- Submit a recommendation from a counselor, teacher, colleague or advisor who can speak of your potential for success at Carnegie Mellon.
- Follow the procedure for transfer applicants on page 9.

Campus housing is only available for traditional-age college students.

# Applying as a Home-Schooled or Cyber Student

Carnegie Mellon welcomes applications from students who've been schooled at home or online. Follow the procedure outlined for first-year applicants on page 4.

Home-schooled applicants should submit the Common Application and an academic portfolio/transcript consistent with state guidelines and a list of all textbooks used for your coursework. You must also provide proof that you'll have met, by the end of May of the year of graduation, all requirements for an official high school diploma and submit an

official final transcript, a GED or a certificate of completion from your local school district or state board of education by the end of July of the year of matriculation.

#### To apply to the university, you must:

- Submit a completed Common Application.
- Submit a syllabus/course descriptions of the work you've completed prior to applying.
- Submit a transcript of grades and/or evaluation of your work.

- Submit a recommendation from a counselor, representative of the State Board of Education, your home school association or other person of authority.
- Schedule an admission counseling session with an admission staff member by November 1 (not required but strongly recommended).
- Submit all required language proficiency tests, if applicable. SAT and ACT tests are optional. Please review page 6 for more information.

## Placement/Credit for College-Level Work

For 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, visit [cmu.edu/hub/registrar/registration/ap-transfer-credit.html](http://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](http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu).

Please note that this information is subject to change and that different departments grant credit differently. 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.

### Advanced Placement (AP)

Carnegie Mellon may grant advanced placement and credit if you've taken an advanced placement course and have achieved a score of four or 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.

### 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.

### 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 Carnegie Mellon 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.

### Special Administration Results during COVID-19

If your AP or IB tests were impacted by COVID-19, you may still be able to receive credit. Carnegie Mellon will accept official test results from AP special testing administrations offered during COVID-19 and taken at home. We'll also accept calculated official IB results if your IB tests were canceled because of COVID-19. For more information, visit [cmu.edu/hub/registrar/registration/ap-transfer-credit.html](http://cmu.edu/hub/registrar/registration/ap-transfer-credit.html).

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 our website's Fine Arts Admission page.

**The Schools of Architecture, Art, Design, Drama and Music require a pre-screening, 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-screening, audition or portfolio review. Audition and portfolio review dates fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Deadlines

- **Early Decision** applicants must submit their Common Application, supporting application materials, and any fine arts-specific requirements on or before 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 4 and will need their Common Application ID in order to register for all pre-screening, audition or portfolio reservations. CFA applicants don't have the option to switch their applications from Regular to Early Decision.
- **Regular Decision Drama and Music** applicants must submit their Common Application and supplemental materials by December 1, although we recommend that applicants to these programs apply soon after September 1 in order to secure audition/portfolio reviews.

## Communication of Information and Admission Decisions

- In order to register for a pre-screening, audition or portfolio review, you must first submit the Common Application to Carnegie Mellon.
- Once you've registered for the appropriate pre-screening, audition or portfolio review on our website, you'll receive further information by email.
- Final admission decisions aren't made at the time of auditions or portfolio reviews. We'll consider the artistic evaluation as part of your application along with your other credentials and notify you by the appropriate notification date (listed on page 6 or page 9).

## SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE Admission Procedures

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 [soa.cmu.edu/undergraduate-admissions](http://soa.cmu.edu/undergraduate-admissions). The portfolio must be submitted by January 15.

Additionally, applicants are strongly encouraged to register for a formal portfolio review session as a valuable supplement to the portfolio submission. During this session, you'll converse with an architecture faculty member about your previously submitted portfolio; you'll also have the opportunity to engage with students and learn more about the school. The formal portfolio 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 admission to the School of Architecture is limited to the fall semester. Therefore, transfer applicants are required to complete the Office of Admission's transfer application requirements and submit a portfolio of creative work by January 15.

Architecture transfer applicants are required to schedule a transfer interview with the School of Architecture. Interview appointments can be conducted remotely. For more information on portfolio requirements and other review opportunities, please visit [soa.cmu.edu/undergraduate-admissions](http://soa.cmu.edu/undergraduate-admissions).

## SCHOOL OF ART Admission Procedures

Combining a renowned studio program with the interdisciplinary resources of a cutting-edge research university, the school of Art bridges traditional studio practice with the experimental practices of new and unconventional media. The school serves students with diverse interests, fostering unique opportunities for collaborations that bridge the arts, humanities and sciences unlike any other program in the nation.

All applicants to the School of Art must submit a portfolio of creative work for review online by January 15. This is done exclusively through SlideRoom at [cmu.slideroom.com](http://cmu.slideroom.com).

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, online submission recommendations and FAQ, please review the school's portfolio review preparation and tips page: [art.cmu.edu/admissions/bfa](http://art.cmu.edu/admissions/bfa).

## Transfer Applicants

Transfer applicants to the School of Art must complete all admission requirements, including a portfolio review. Transfer students have first-year status for at least the first semester at the School of Art. Transfer credit is evaluated prior to registration for the spring term, and the student's class status is adjusted.

## SCHOOL OF DESIGN

### Admission Procedures

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.

Toward this, there are three required components for application: 1) a portfolio of creative work, 2) a video and 3) an essay. Together these components enable you to share your creative experiences, your interests and who you are. For more information, visit [design.cmu.edu/apply/undergrad](http://design.cmu.edu/apply/undergrad).

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. All digital portfolios are due by January 15.

For portfolio preparation tips and submission FAQ, please visit the School's portfolio page at [design.cmu.edu/node/111](http://design.cmu.edu/node/111).

### Transfer Applicants

Whether you're transferring from another university or from one of Carnegie Mellon's other colleges, you'll be classified as a first-year student 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

The School of Drama at Carnegie Mellon is a member of the Consortium of Conservatory Theater Training Programs. Pre-screening, auditions and/or interviews/portfolio reviews are required for students applying to Acting, Design, Directing, Music Theater or Production Technology and Management. All applicants who wish to be considered for any degree program within or associated with the School of Drama must complete their Carnegie Mellon and School of Drama applications by December 1.

**The School of Drama requirements vary by major.** Acting and Music Theater applicants must submit pre-screening materials to [getacceptd.com/cmudrama](http://getacceptd.com/cmudrama) between September 1 and December 1. Design/Production applicants register for a portfolio review on [getacceptd.com/cmudrama](http://getacceptd.com/cmudrama) between September 1 and December 1. Directing applicants must register for an audition/interview on [getacceptd.com/cmudrama](http://getacceptd.com/cmudrama) between September 1 and December 1. Dramaturgy applicants don't have an audition/portfolio review requirement but must submit additional documentation to the School of Drama by December 1.

For specifics about auditions or reviews, including detailed requirements for each major, visit [drama.cmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate](http://drama.cmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate).

**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. Applications received after December 1 may not be considered due to limited availability.

### Acting

Applicants to Acting must complete a pre-screening process in order to be considered for an audition at [getacceptd.com/cmudrama](http://getacceptd.com/cmudrama). The pre-screening and audition are 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-screening and audition will be sufficient to address the needs/requirements of both programs. The audition consists of performing two contrasting monologues.

### Directing

Applicants to The John Wells Directing Program must fulfill two distinctive requirements beyond the initial application, an audition and an interview, which are the main basis for admission.

For the audition, you'll perform a one-minute-long monologue, provide a written reasoning behind that choice of monologue and have an opportunity to demonstrate collaboration skills in a workshop setting.

For the interview, you'll engage in an artistic conversation and answer faculty interviewer questions, submit an additional written statement describing their interest in and perspective on directing and provide an original critical analysis of a play of their choice. You should also bring evidence of your creative life, which may include examples of any kind of artistic endeavors such as a portfolio of directing, producing or choreography work, either on stage or for film/video. You can also include examples of performances, dramatic writings, short stories, essays, poetry, other creative writing, photography, designs, music compositions, paintings, sculpture, art installations and creative research.

### Design/Production

Applicants to Design/Production will show a portfolio of work, demonstrating a basic proficiency in drawing, painting and/or design, and may also show ability in technical theater, project planning and management. The portfolio should include at least 15 items of work or supporting documents highlighting your talents in the aforementioned areas. Not all samples of work have to pertain to theater. If you're applying Regular Decision, you must submit a pre-screen portfolio to be considered for an interview. Early Decision Design/Production applicants are exempt from the pre-screen process. During the interview, you'll answer questions regarding your work and make artistic conversation with the faculty interviewers in areas of drive, aptitude and fit for this rigorous program.

## 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 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).

## Music Theater\*

Applicants to Music Theater must complete a pre-screening process in order to be considered for an audition at [getacceptd.com/cmudrama](http://getacceptd.com/cmudrama). The pre-screening and 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-screening and audition will be sufficient to address the needs/requirements of both programs. The audition consists of performing two contrasting songs and two contrasting monologues.

\* 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 [drama.cmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate](http://drama.cmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate).

## Transfer Applicants

Transfer applicants to the School of Drama follow the same procedures as first-year applicants. Transfer students in Acting and Music Theater are classified as first-year students in the program.

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC

### Admission Procedures

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

Applicants will audition by recorded audition via Acceptd. All recordings will be due by January 4. Please visit [cmu.edu/cfa/music](http://cmu.edu/cfa/music) for a complete list of audition requirements as well as recording information.

For audition/portfolio review instructions for the following majors, please visit [cmu.edu/cfa/music](http://cmu.edu/cfa/music):

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

### Composition

Composition students will be invited to interview via Acceptd. Interview confirmations will be sent no fewer than two weeks before the scheduled date. For further details, visit [cmu.edu/cfa/music](http://cmu.edu/cfa/music).

### Technology

The Bachelor of Science in Music & Technology (M&T) is an interdisciplinary degree designed for students who would 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 to be performed and recorded. Students who wish to pursue the music or composition track must complete an audition or portfolio review as part of their application process and will be expected to follow the same pre-screening and audition/portfolio requirements as music majors. 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.

Applicants to M&T will indicate their desired track on the School of Music online application but don't need to indicate this track preference on the Common Application. M&T students may be invited to interview via Acceptd. If selected, interview confirmations will be sent no fewer than two weeks before the scheduled date.

# College of Fine Arts Admission Deadlines

## College of Fine Arts Admission Deadlines

School/Application Plan	What's Due	Deadlines
<b>SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE</b>		
Early Decision	1. Application 2. Formal portfolio review registration 3. Portfolio submission <sup>a</sup>	1. November 1 <sup>c</sup> 2. November 1 3. November 1
Regular Decision	1. Application 2. Formal portfolio review registration 3. Portfolio submission <sup>a</sup>	1. January 4 <sup>c</sup> 2. January 4 3. January 15
Fall Transfer	1. Application 2. Formal portfolio review registration 3. Portfolio submission <sup>a</sup> 4. Transfer interview registration	1. January 4 <sup>c</sup> 2. January 4 3. January 15 4. January 15
<b>SCHOOL OF ART</b>		
Early Decision	1. Application 2. Online portfolio review submission <sup>a</sup>	1. November 1 2. November 1
Regular Decision and Fall Transfer	1. Application 2. Online portfolio review submission <sup>a</sup>	1. January 4 <sup>c</sup> 2. January 15
<b>SCHOOL OF DESIGN</b>		
Early Decision	1. Application 2. Online portfolio & materials submission	1. November 1 <sup>c</sup> 2. November 1
Regular Decision and Fall Transfer	1. Application 2. Online portfolio & materials submission	1. January 4 <sup>c</sup> 2. January 15
<b>SCHOOL OF DRAMA</b>		
<i>Early Decision isn't available for Acting, Directing, Dramaturgy or Music Theater.</i>		
Early Decision for design/production	1. Application 2. Interview/portfolio review registration <sup>a</sup>	1. November 1 2. November 1
Regular Decision and Fall Transfer	1. Application 2. Pre-screening, audition or interview/portfolio review registration <sup>a</sup>	1. December 1 2. Soon after September 1 <sup>a</sup>
<b>SCHOOL OF MUSIC</b>		
<i>Early Decision isn't available for School of Music applicants.</i>		
Regular Decision and Fall Transfer	1. Application (Composition and technology applicants upload portfolios, media and supporting materials.) 2. School of Music audition requirements <sup>b</sup>	1. December 1 2. December 1

<sup>a</sup> We honor audition or portfolio review appointments on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register as soon as possible to secure a pre-screening/audition or portfolio review appointment at [cmu.edu/admission](http://cmu.edu/admission). 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-screening/audition or portfolio review. Audition and portfolio review registration begins September 1.

<sup>b</sup> Visit [cmu.edu/cfa/music](http://cmu.edu/cfa/music) to access the School of Music website and audition requirements.

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

# Applying as a BXA Student

## Admission Procedures

### BXA Intercollege Degree Program Offerings

The BXA programs are intercollege degree-granting programs designed for students who'd like to combine and blend their interests in the fine arts and one of the following academic areas: computer science (BCSA), humanities/social sciences (BHA), or natural sciences/mathematics (BSA).

In order to apply for a BXA program, 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 another school or college, including the School of Computer Science, Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences and 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 for those applying to the School of Drama for Music Theater and Acting.

For more information, visit [cmu.edu/interdisciplinary](http://cmu.edu/interdisciplinary).

### Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA)

- You must apply and be admitted to CFA. Please follow requirements for the particular CFA school/program 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/program of interest.
- You must also note your interest in DC and be admissible to that program.
- Students selected for this program will receive notification in their admission decision letter.

### Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)

- You must apply and be admitted to CFA. Please follow requirements for the particular CFA school/program of interest.
- You must also note your interest in MCS and be admissible to that program.
- Students selected for this program will receive notification in their admission decision letter.

Application components vary somewhat for BCSA, BHA and BSA candidates depending on your intended focus in CFA. You must complete the specific application requirements (portfolio review, pre-screening, audition or interview) for your particular CFA focus.

Students interested in drama may select from three options in the School of Drama and BXA: 1) Design, 2) Dramaturgy or 3) Production Technology & Management. Students interested in music may select from the five options in the School of Music and BXA: 1) Audio Recording & Production, 2) Composition, 3) Music Performance, 4) Musicology or 5) Sound Theory & Performance.

To learn more about the specific application requirements for your CFA concentration within BXA, visit our website's Fine Arts page.

# Applying for Financial Aid

Choosing a college or university should come down to more than just costs. Do the academic programs inspire you? What's student life like? Is the college a good fit for you? Therefore, we'll work with you and your parent(s) or guardian(s) 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 19.

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 20 breaks down the total cost of a Carnegie Mellon education per year.) Once the costs are within your family's reach, it's time to figure out if Carnegie Mellon is the right university for you.

If your financial aid package doesn't meet your needs, there are a few things you can do. 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, consider college financing alternatives including loan programs.

## 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 ability to pay for their education. Applying for financial aid will have no effect on your chances for admission. However, it may affect those students we're able to admit from the waiting list.

## Financial Aid Explained

### What is Financial Need?

Financial need is the difference between your expected family contribution and the total cost of that education. (See page 20 for a breakdown of Carnegie Mellon's cost of attendance.)

### Determining Eligibility for Financial Aid

Eligibility for federal aid programs is determined by using 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.

## Determining Your Expected Family Contribution

We use the information which you and your parent(s) and guardian(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) or guardian(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 or guardian 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 and borrow.

## Financial Aid Offer

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 demonstrated financial need or artistic performance.

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 all 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 FAFSA and complete the financial aid application process (on page 19), we'll determine your eligibility for a Federal Direct Student Loan and will notify you of your eligibility in a financial aid offer.

- The interest rate of subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Direct Student Loans is 4.53% and there's a 1.059% origination fee. Repayment and interest charges on a subsidized loan begins six months after you graduate or cease to be enrolled at least half-time. Interest on a subsidized loan will not accrue while you are enrolled. 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 repay.\*

- 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 7.079% and there's a 4.236% 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.

## Part 3: Work-Study/Employment

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

Federal Work-Study (FWS) is a need-based self-help fund. If you've been awarded FWS, your FWS amount is the total that you can earn during the academic year as a work-study student. If your FWS job(s) have additional funds, you may be eligible to receive greater than your total FWS amount. **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](http://cmu.edu/career/handshake).

## International Students

International students assume the total cost of attendance, as financial aid isn't available to undergraduate international students. Actual costs for 2021-2022 have yet to be determined. In 2020-2021, the cost is \$76,874 (for on-campus students) and may include an additional \$2,603 for health insurance.

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.

\* The above interest rates and repayment information are accurate as of June 2020. For updates, please visit the Student Financial Aid website at [cmu.edu/sfs/financial-aid](http://cmu.edu/sfs/financial-aid).

## Instructions for Applying for Financial Aid for Early Decision, Regular Decision and Transfer Applicants

### U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents

Required Form	Deadlines*	How to Apply/Submit Forms	Helpful Information
<b>2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (required for federal financial aid programs)</b>	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1	Apply at <a href="https://fafsa.gov">fafsa.gov</a> as early as October 1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carnegie Mellon's federal code is 003242.</li> <li>2. Be sure to sign your FAFSA electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) at <a href="https://fafsa.gov">fafsa.gov</a>.</li> </ol>
<b>2021-2022 CSS Profile (required in order to receive consideration for institutional financial aid)</b>	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1	Complete the CSS Profile online at <a href="https://cssprofile.org">cssprofile.org</a> as early as October 1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carnegie Mellon's CSS Profile Code is 2074.</li> <li>2. As soon as you decide which schools you're applying to, you should register for the CSS Profile at <a href="https://cssprofile.org">cssprofile.org</a>. This should be two weeks before the earliest college deadline at a minimum.</li> <li>3. Have your tax returns and financial documents available. You'll also be charged an application fee of \$25 for your first college and \$16 for each additional one. Fee waivers are available by calling the Office of Admission.</li> <li>4. Early Decision students will receive a financial aid offer within a few weeks of receiving an offer of admission if they meet the November 15 deadline.</li> </ol>
<b>2019 Tax Returns &amp; W-2 Forms</b>	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 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 ( <a href="https://idoc.collegeboard.org/idoc/">idoc.collegeboard.org/idoc/</a> ) and login information to securely upload your documents online.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parents and students should submit signed copies of all pages and schedules of their 2019 federal tax returns, W-2s and tax schedules.</li> <li>2. If you or your parents are required to file an Income Tax Return in a country other than the U.S., you must provide us a copy of your foreign tax return and may be asked to provide tax information translated into U.S. dollars on a U.S. tax return.</li> </ol>
<b>IRS Tax Return Transcript Request</b>	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1	If requested by Carnegie Mellon, we recommend requesting your transcript online. To request a transcript, go to <a href="https://irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript">irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript</a> .	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 may be required to submit an IRS Tax Return Transcript.
<b>Additional Information</b>	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1	If your family has special circumstances, please complete our Special Circumstances form after you've submitted all required financial aid documents. Visit <a href="https://admission.cmu.edu/register/specialcircumstances">admission.cmu.edu/register/specialcircumstances</a> .	

\* Deadlines listed here are preferred deadlines by Carnegie Mellon. Students who require financial aid information prior to making the enrollment deposit should adhere to these deadlines. You may submit financial aid forms after this deadline without impacting your eligibility for financial aid; however, late submissions may impact our ability to provide you with timely information.

# Return on Investment

## Socioeconomic Diversity

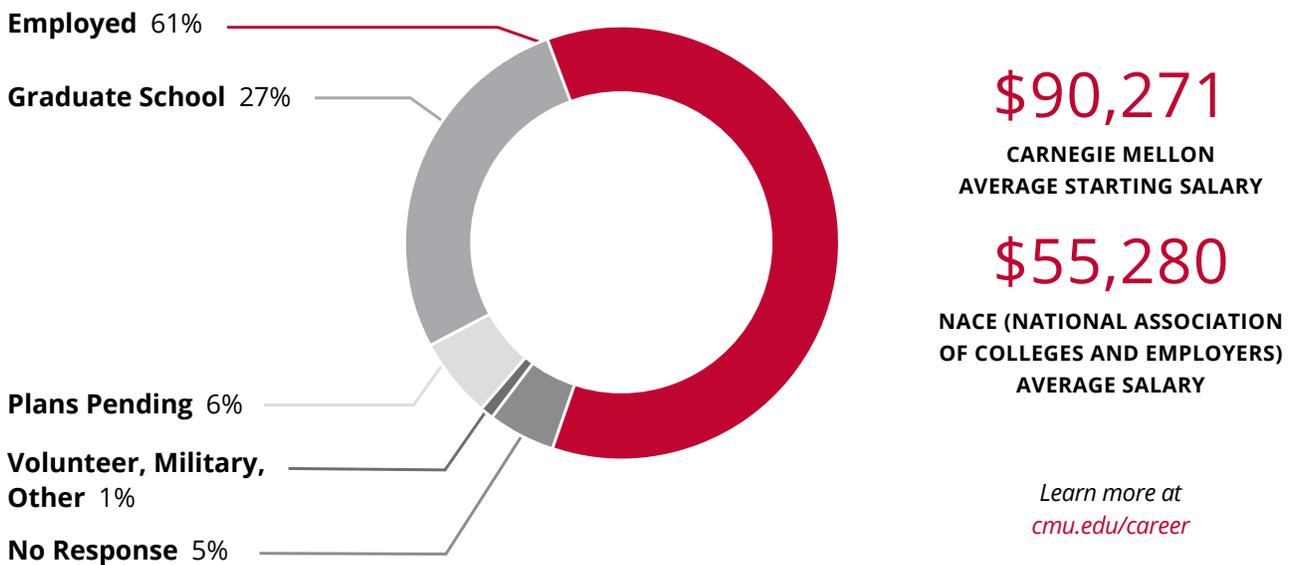
Carnegie Mellon is proud that families from all walks of life are able to afford our transformative education.

Here you can see the average expected family contribution (EFC) and demonstrated financial need for various household income ranges. Families in higher income ranges with financial need tend to have larger household sizes and/or multiple students enrolled in college at the same time. Please note that EFC and demonstrated financial need vary based on a variety of factors beyond just income.

Income Range	Average Institutional EFC	Average Financial Need
\$0 – \$24,999	\$10,145	\$69,495
\$25,000 – \$49,999	\$13,693	\$65,635
\$50,000 – \$99,999	\$25,728	\$54,241
\$100,000 – \$149,999	\$41,856	\$41,832
\$150,000 – \$199,999	\$62,561	\$24,121
\$200,000 – \$249,999	\$87,268	\$9,821

## Post-Graduation Outcomes

as of January 2020



## Cost of Attendance of an Academic Year

The cost for entering first-year students at Carnegie Mellon for 2020-2021 academic year:

	Resident	Commuter
Tuition	\$ 57,560	\$ 57,560
Fees	1,364	1,364
Room and Board	15,550	3,170
Books/Miscellaneous (Est.) <sup>1</sup>	2,400	2,400
Transportation (Est.) <sup>2</sup>	varies	680
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 76,874+</b>	<b>\$ 65,174+</b>

- 1 These expenses won't appear on your Student Account invoice.
2. Transportation for resident and off-campus students varies based on home state.

**Note:** In addition, health insurance coverage is required at an estimated cost of \$2,603/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 at [cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance](http://cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance).

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

# Undergraduate Programs of Study/Majors

## Integrative Design, Arts and Technology Network (IDeATe)

IDeATe offers eight undergraduate concentrations and minors in new creative industry themes: Game Design, Animation & Special Effects, Media Design, Sonic Arts, Design for Learning, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Intelligent Environments and Physical Computing. Pursuit of these programs is open to all students, and begins by discussion with your advisor. IDeATe activities also synergize with a number of intercollege undergraduate and graduate degrees spanning technology and the arts.

## Enhance Your Undergraduate Education

**Additional Majors, Degrees and Minors** allow you to explore new ideas and experience interdisciplinary options available to you.

Please note you're not able to apply for minors or additional majors right when you apply to Carnegie Mellon. You can add these academic options once you are a student.

### Five-Year Bachelor/Master Program

Some undergraduate programs offer this option to qualified students.

**Cross-Registration with Pittsburgh Colleges** allows Carnegie Mellon students to take one course per semester at a neighboring college or university.

## College of Engineering (Engineering)

[engineering.cmu.edu](http://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](http://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](http://cmu.edu/dietrich)

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)  
Humanities Scholars Program (HSP)  
Quantitative Social Science Scholars Program (QSSS)

Economics Program

Economics (BA or BS)

English Department

Creative Writing (BA)

English (BA)

Film and Media Studies (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)

# Undergraduate Programs of Study/Majors (continued)

## **Mellon College of Science (MCS)**

[cmu.edu/mcs](http://cmu.edu/mcs)

Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA)

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](http://cs.cmu.edu)

Artificial Intelligence (BS)\*\*

Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts (BCSA)

Computer Science (BS)

Computational Biology (BS)

Human-Computer Interaction (BS)

Robotics\*

## **Tepper School of Business (Tepper)**

[tepper.cmu.edu](http://tepper.cmu.edu)

Business Administration (BS)

\*May be taken as an additional major only.

\*\*May be taken as a primary major only.

# Carnegie Mellon's Commitment to You

Joining Carnegie Mellon means you won't have to travel on your educational journey alone. You'll have a network of support to guide you every step of the way with a team of staff, faculty and advisors to help you. What's more, many of these resources are completely free for current students.

## Access and Equity in Your Application

Our office strives to treat your application fairly and equitably. From policies removing demonstrated interest from admission consideration to remote application info events accessible across the globe, we want to ensure you have the same opportunity as others to submit a great application. For more information, visit our website's resources on access and equity.

## Study Abroad Programs

Students may study abroad for a semester, academic year or during the summer in various countries around the world. 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. [cmu.edu/studyabroad](http://cmu.edu/studyabroad)

## Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Students may apply to the Undergraduate Research Office (URO), as early as their first year, for a Small Undergraduate Research Grant (SURG) or a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) to support projects in any discipline. [cmu.edu/uro](http://cmu.edu/uro)

## Pre-Law Program

The Pre-Law Program consists of two main components: a pre-law advising program (directed by the university's pre-law advisor) and the student pre-law society. 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. [cmu.edu/pre-law](http://cmu.edu/pre-law)

## Health Professions Program

The Health Professions Program provides individual advising and 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.

[cmu.edu/hpp](http://cmu.edu/hpp)

## Student Academic Success Center

The Student Academic Success Center offers a wide variety of opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of who they are as a learner, communicator and ultimately a scholar. This center supports student success by providing academic coaching, tutoring, supplemental instruction, accommodations and support for students with disabilities and language support for English language learners.

[cmu.edu/student-success](http://cmu.edu/student-success)

## 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. [cmu.edu/career](http://cmu.edu/career)

## The Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion (The Center)

The Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion 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. [cmu.edu/student-diversity](http://cmu.edu/student-diversity)

## Computing Services

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.

[cmu.edu/computing](http://cmu.edu/computing)

## Counseling and Psychological Services

The Carnegie Mellon Counseling and Psychological Services provides a variety of 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. [cmu.edu/counseling](http://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 types of food we're proud to offer. Our priority is to provide the Carnegie Mellon community with healthy options, a convenient and fun dining experience, and, most importantly, delicious, quality food.

Visit [cmu.edu/dining](http://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](mailto: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.

# Carnegie Mellon's Commitment to You (continued)

Visit [cmu.edu/housing](http://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](mailto:housing@andrew.cmu.edu).

## **International Education**

The Office of International Education (OIE) serves international students as the primary contact point for immigration-related advising, documents and information, and serves all students as the primary contact point for study abroad opportunities.

[cmu.edu/oie](http://cmu.edu/oie)

## **Residence Life**

Residence Life provides resident assistants (RAs) for all campus housing and programs within the residence halls and Greek advising. Students are also supported by Community Advisors (CAs) and housefellows through residential life.

## **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. Students may identify themselves as having a disability at any time but should keep in mind that accommodations aren't retroactive.

[cmu.edu/disability-resources](http://cmu.edu/disability-resources) or email [access@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:access@andrew.cmu.edu).

## **University Health Services (UHS)**

At University Health Services, our professional ; provides high-quality care in an open and safe setting to all enrolled students. We offer medical care, health promotion and insurance services.

[cmu.edu/health-services](http://cmu.edu/health-services)

