Exchange Student Housing & Health Insurance Information

On-Campus Housing Application Process
We recommend that incoming Undergraduate Exchange Students seeking housing on campus follow these steps:

- Go to the Carnegie Mellon Housing Services page: http://www.cmu.edu/housing
- Go to Incoming Students, International Students, Exchange Students
- Complete the On-line Upper-Class Housing Application

Undergraduate exchange students are guaranteed housing as long as their housing applications are received by July 1. All assignments are based upon availability. There is no guarantee for exact preference matches.

Note: The Andrew ID is needed to complete the housing form. Students will receive their Andrew ID in a letter included with the DS-2019.

Health Insurance Policy

**The Office of International Education recommends that Exchange Students apply for Carnegie Mellon Student Health Insurance. Most international plans do not meet the insurance requirements mandated by the university.**

General Requirements
All exchange students must complete the Medical History Form in advance of arrival and receive proper immunizations in order to move into on-campus Housing. Visit http://www.cmu.edu/health-services/healthconnect for instructions on how to access the form or to send questions using HealthConnect’s secure messages.

All full-time students must carry health insurance and will be assessed a charge for the individual standard plan offered through the university student health insurance program. The charge will appear on the invoice of the first semester of attendance in the academic cycle. Within that semester’s insurance open enrollment period, the student must:

- Enroll in the basic plan as charged; or
- Upgrade the benefit plan by enrolling in the enhanced student health insurance options during the open enrollment period; or
- Apply for a waiver from the mandatory plan.

If no action is taken by the deadline, the student shall be enrolled in the standard plan offered by the university.

Requirements for Waiver
Application for waiver from the university student health insurance plan must be made to University Health Services (UHS) by the last day of the semester’s insurance open enrollment period. Students applying for waiver must provide documentation of continuing coverage verifying that they are enrolled as the dependent, partner/spouse or principal in an employer or government-sponsored insurance plan. Additionally, the plan must meet minimum standards for coverage as set forth below:

- **It must have a United States based claims office and telephone number.**
- It must provide coverage for routine, urgent and emergent care for inpatient & outpatient medical care, mental health and alcohol & substance abuse treatment at a reimbursement rate of at least 70% in the city where they are attending Carnegie Mellon classes.
- The individual deductible must not exceed $1,500 per year.
- It must not have a maximum annual limit.
- It must not contain any clause limiting/excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions.

For complete details on the insurance mandate, deadlines, and benefits information: www.cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance Schedule appointments to discuss insurance, or send secure communications, through the UHS web portal: https://healthservices.andrew.cmu.edu
You can also email general insurance questions to shinsure@andrew.cmu.edu.