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APPLYING TO CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

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.
- We accept fee waivers from students who meet one of the indicators of economic need as outlined on the Common Application. If you have questions about Common Application fee waivers, please contact our office.

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 cmu.is/wai for more information.

CONNECT WITH US
Please add 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/ 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 2).
- Common Application and essay
- Official secondary school transcript
- TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo official score reports, if applicable (see page 8)
- Secondary school counselor evaluation
- Teacher recommendation
- Carnegie Mellon writing supplement
- College of Fine Arts additional requirements (see pages 11-12)

Application Deadlines

Early Decision 1
- Deadline: November 1
- Enroll by: December 15

Early Decision 2
- Deadline: January 3
- Enroll by: February 1

Regular Decision
- Deadline: January 3
- Deadline, Drama and Music: December 1
- Notified by: no later than April 1
- Enroll by: May 1

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Fall 2023 FAQ
We hope you find these pages helpful as you submit your application for the fall 2023 academic year. However, you may have specific questions about the application process that you can’t find the answer for here. If this is the case, our website’s Fall 2023 Frequently Asked Questions page is a great additional resource. Learn more at cmu.is/admission-faq.

Deferral Requests
If you’re admitted to Carnegie Mellon and wish to defer your admission, you must submit your $800 enrollment deposit and submit your defer request in writing in order to confirm enrollment for the following year. You must agree not to apply or enroll in a full-or part-time degree program at another institution during the year you defer.

Application Misrepresentation
We value academic and artistic integrity and authenticity in the admission process. Furthermore, Carnegie Mellon assumes that lists of activities, accomplishments, awards, essays and recommendations are authentic, original and accurately reflect student achievements. We reserve the right to launch an investigation when falsified transcripts, artistic submissions of work or misrepresentation of credentials that are not accurate, original and authentic representations of a student’s ability and level of accomplishment are suspected. A student’s admission status will be placed on hold during an investigation and can result in the cancellation of an application or the withdrawal of an offer of admission. Carnegie Mellon does report confirmed cases of misrepresentation to the Common Application.

All offers of admission are based on the assumption that students will maintain the level of academic performance and community conduct that has resulted in admission to Carnegie Mellon. Admitted and enrolled students are expected to abide by Carnegie Mellon’s code of conduct, found within our student handbook, The Word.

APPLYING AS A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

Admission Consideration
At Carnegie Mellon University, we select our first-year class from a large group of very qualified candidates. 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. 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. We treat every applicant as an individual, taking great care to make fair and thorough admission decisions in context.

Your non-academic interests, including extracurricular involvement, part-time jobs, family commitments, hobbies and community engagement play a very important role in the admission process. We also consider collaboration, perseverance, passion, advocacy for others and self-direction when making admission decisions. We’re interested in students who can be successful at Carnegie Mellon while fully engaging in the university community.

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:

Schools of Architecture, Art, Design, Drama and Music: Portfolio review, pre-screening or audition, as well as academic performance.

Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences Information Systems: 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.

College of Engineering: 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.

Mellon College of Science: 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.

Tepper School of Business: 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.

Apply here at cmu.is/admission.
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Standardized Testing
Recognizing that standardized testing opportunities may not be available equally to all potential applicants, Carnegie Mellon is extending our test-optional policy through fall 2023 to accommodate students who are unable to take either the SAT or ACT or choose not to submit scores. While we encourage those who have been able to take the SAT or ACT to submit their scores, we also recognize that candidates who do submit test scores may not have been able to take the SAT or ACT more than once as planned. SAT Subject Tests are no longer offered and aren’t considered in our admission process.

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, personal websites 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 include a description of the experiences, while 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 focused 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’ve used a consistent update topic over the past few years and will release it a few weeks before it’s due.

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 admitted. 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 one college/program. If applying to more than one college, you must detail your multiple interests in the Carnegie Mellon short response questions. Be sure to review the admission requirements for each college/program.

3. Follow these guidelines for each specific area of interest:

ALL COLLEGES AND PROGRAMS EXCEPT COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (CFA)
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’ve had to limit access to certain departments.

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 11-12.)

4. Send a non-refundable application fee of $75 electronically as you complete the Common Application. This fee is required. However, 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. Only U.S. citizens, permanent residents or DACA students are eligible for fee waivers. 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.

For School of Music applicants, the additional audition fee is $50. For School of Drama applicants, the pre-screening fee is $115. These fees are payable at the time of reserving a pre-screening, audition or portfolio review online on the Fine Arts Applicants page of our website. For applicants to the Schools of Art, Architecture or Design, there is a $15 fee to submit the portfolio. Fee waivers are available for all auditions and portfolio reviews. Please contact the program you’re applying to for more information.

5. If you choose to have your scores considered, you’re required to submit all official results of either the SAT or the ACT. While we’re interested in the general pattern of your scores, we give most weight to the highest score you’ve received on the SAT. On the ACT, we give most weight to the set of scores corresponding to the highest composite score. Carnegie Mellon doesn’t superscore the ACT. Please refer to our Standardized Testing Policy on page 2.

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’ve 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, the accuracy of that level of knowledge degrades over time and may not 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.

First-Year Student Application Deadlines

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If you choose to submit test scores:
• You must submit all official scores electronically through College Board, ACT or the Educational Testing Service (ETS). When you register for the test, request that an official score report be sent directly to Carnegie Mellon. Make sure your name, address and birthdate on the application matches the information used to register for these tests. The Carnegie Mellon SAT code is 2074 and the ACT code is 3534.
• You can submit your official score reports before or after your application, but no later than January 6.
• 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 1 and November or December for Early Decision 2 and 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), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the Duolingo English Test (DETT). To learn more about these tests, please see page 8.

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 Common Application ID before registering for a pre-screening or audition, or before submitting a portfolio. Early Decision 1 is not available for acting, directing, dramaturgy, music theater or the School of Music. Early Decision 2 is not available for the Schools of Art, Design, Drama or Music.

If you’re applying Regular Decision 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 3 for admission deadlines. Please note that Carnegie Mellon reserves the right to verify original work in admission essays using Turnitin.com.

8. Skip 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 1: November 1
• Early Decision 2: January 6
• Regular Decision: January 6

Enrollment Deposit
If you’re offered admission and wish to enroll, you must pay a non-refundable deposit of $800 by:
• February 1 for Early Decision 1
• February 15 for Early Decision 2
• May 1 for Regular Decision

You need to pay this deposit even if you’re receiving financial aid. However, if this deposit presents a barrier to enrollment, please contact our office. 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, community conduct, honesty, maturity and moral character which resulted in admission. Failure to do so will result in our cancellation of your admission.

Mid-Year Enrollment
Carnegie Mellon doesn’t accept applications for mid-year students looking to start mid-year. Occasionally, Carnegie Mellon accepts a very small number of spring semester transfer applicants who have already completed at least a semester of college by the application deadline.

Application Plans
Carnegie Mellon offers the following application plans: Regular Decision, Early Decision 1 and Early Decision 2 for high school seniors. Please note: Carnegie Mellon doesn’t offer Early Action.

EARLY DECISION PLAN
Early Decision is a binding application plan for students who view Carnegie Mellon as their first choice university. This means if you’re accepted through Early Decision, you’re committed to attending Carnegie Mellon and must withdraw any applications you may have submitted to other institutions.

There are two plans that you can choose from. Early Decision 1 is for those applying by November 1, while Early Decision 2 is for those that may decide Carnegie Mellon has become their first choice after November 1.

If you’re admitted under Early Decision, you’ve agreed to enroll, so this isn’t the best plan if you want to compare financial aid offers from other institutions. Early Decision isn’t available if you’re under the age of 17 or if you’re applying Early Admission as a high school junior. Early Decision 1 isn’t available for acting, directing, dramaturgy, music theater or the School of Music. Early Decision 2 is not available for the Schools of Art, Design, Drama or Music.

We give three admission decisions for students applying Early Decision: admit, not admit or, in some cases, defer to Regular Decision. Students who receive a “not admit” decision during Early Decision aren’t eligible to apply for Regular Decision.

If you apply Early Decision, we encourage you to submit non-Early Decision 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 for Early Decision 1 and January 3 for Early Decision 2.

If applying to the College of Fine Arts, complete all program-specific fine arts requirements outlined on the Fine Arts Applicants page of our website and by the School you’re applying to.

If you’re admitted under Early Decision, you’ll be notified officially by mail and in your Where Am I in the Process? portal no later than December 15 for Early Decision 1 and February 1 for Early Decision 2. If accepted, you must submit your online reply form along with an $800 enrollment deposit by February 1 for Early Decision 1 and February 15 for Early Decision 2. If your admission offer will be canceled.

If you’re applying for financial aid, you can find more information on our website at cmu.sc/applyforaid.

• You must withdraw all admission applications to other colleges/universities.
• Candidates who are denied admission or deferred to regular decision are notified on the Where Am I in the Process? portal only.

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

Regular Decision application instructions:
• Submit your application by January 3 and all other required documents by January 6.
• 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, submit an $800 enrollment deposit and complete the enrollment reply form by May 1.
• If your program participates in Early Decision, you can switch your application to Early Decision 1 by November 1. You can also switch your application to Early Decision 2 through January 3.

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 school’s 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 home stay programs. Carnegie Mellon does not offer Early Action.

Early Admission application instructions:
• Follow the same procedures as Regular Decision applicants.
• Early Admission candidates aren’t eligible for our Early Decision plans.

Note that Carnegie Mellon accepts Early Admission applicants only on rare occasions.
APPLYING AS A TRANSFER STUDENT

If you're interested in transferring to Carnegie Mellon, 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, your professor's recommendation, secondary 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.
   - Fall transfer is possible if space is available.
   - Spring transfer may be possible for some colleges, but is extremely limited due to space constraints. CFA applicants can't apply for spring admission.
   - External transfers are unable to apply to BXA programs.

2. Send a non-refundable application fee of $75 electronically as you complete this form. Your dean or advisor should return the form directly to the Office of Admission.

3. Send all college/university and secondary/high school transcripts to the Office of Admission. 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. If you're admitted, make arrangements to have a final copy of your college transcripts sent to Carnegie Mellon.

4. Send a copy of course descriptions from a college catalog from each college/university you attended so you can evaluate transferable credits. Course descriptions should be sent through the Common Application or electronically with this form: admission.cmu.edu/register/collegecourses. You should copy and paste your course descriptions into a single document, saved as a PDF that has your name, address and Common Application ID on the first page. If you're applying to Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences for admission to select programs, you may be also asked to submit course syllabi.

5. Sign the "Confidentiality Statement" on the Common Application College 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.

6. Once available, 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 community conduct commensurate with that which resulted in admission. Admission decisions will be rescinded for failure to maintain strong academic performance, community conduct, honesty, maturity and moral character.

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 space at the university and accommodations in university housing if applicable. The deposit will be credited to your 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 Applications to the College of Fine Arts

If you're applying to CFA as an external transfer student, we'll consider you alongside fall 2023 first-year applicants, meaning you must meet our first-year CFA deadlines and you'll likely have first-year status if you enroll.

All CFA applicants must complete additional requirements for their school or program of interest. These may include pre-screening materials, auditions, portfolios and/or interviews. For a complete list of each program's requirements, please visit our Fine Arts Applicants webpage or refer to the links on page 12 of this booklet.

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 offcampushousing.cmu.edu.

Transfer Credit

The college/school to which you're admitted will determine transfer credit for courses you've taken at other universities. We only offer transfer credit evaluations to admitted students. Transfer credit is considered on an individual basis. We may award elective credit for courses with no Carnegie Mellon equivalent.

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*Spring transfers must have completed a semester of college before the application deadline in order to apply for admission.
If you’re an international student (i.e., not a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or DACA recipient), apply to Carnegie Mellon by following the procedures outlined for either first-year (page 1) or transfer (page 6) 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 aid 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), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the Duolingo English Test (DIT).

   TOEFL: We accept three versions of the TOEFL — the iBT, the iBT Home Edition and the Essentials exam. Carnegie Mellon requires scores of at least 102 on the TOEFL iBT or iBT Home Edition or at least 11 on the TOEFL Essentials. Sub-scores are also carefully reviewed, with consideration given to those with sub-scores of 25 or higher on the TOEFL iBT or iBT Home Edition or 11 or higher on the TOEFL Essentials. Carnegie Mellon doesn’t consider TOEFL MyBest results.

   IELTS: Carnegie Mellon requires an overall score of at least 7.5 on the IELTS. Sub-scores are also carefully reviewed, with consideration given to those with sub-scores of 7.5 in each section.

   Duolingo English Test: Carnegie Mellon will accept Duolingo’s English Test. For information about score considerations, please visit cmu.is/standardized-testing.

Regular Decision applicants should arrange to have these scores sent to Carnegie Mellon no later than January 6.

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.

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 degree. 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.

If you’re an international student who plans to enroll at Carnegie Mellon:

- Apply to Carnegie Mellon by following the procedures outlined for either first-year (page 1) or transfer (page 6) students.

For more information about score considerations, please visit cmu.is/standardized-testing.

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.

For information about score considerations, please visit cmu.is/standardized-testing.

To apply for a first bachelor’s degree from a non-traditional background:

- Complete the Common Application for First-Year Students.

For more information, you may also want to schedule an admission counseling session with a member of the admission counseling staff.

Carnegie Mellon welcomes applications from students whose home school is a non-conventional educational setting. Please submit an essay explaining what you’ve done since graduating from high school.

To apply for a bachelor’s degree if your first degree is from another college or university:

- Complete the Common Application for Transfer Students.

For more information, you may also want to schedule an admission counseling session with a member of the admission counseling staff.

Carnegie Mellon welcomes applications from students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. Follow the procedure outlined for either first-year (page 1) or transfer (page 6) 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 undocumented/DACA student 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.

If you've been schooled at home or online, follow the procedure outlined for first-year applicants on page 1.

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’ve met, by the end of May of the year of graduation, all requirements for an official secondary 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 2 for more information.

For more information, you may also want to schedule an admission counseling session with a member of the admission counseling staff.
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.is/credit. If an exam you’ve taken or test score you’ve received isn’t listed, please note that advanced credit won’t be granted. Most course descriptions can be found in the Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Catalog found at coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu.

Please note that this information is subject to change and that 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.

**APPLYING AS A BXA STUDENT**

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), engineering studies (BESA), 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: the College of Engineering, School of Computer Science, the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences or the 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 Acting, Directing or Music Theater or to the School of Music for Electronic Music. Under Early Decision 1, BXA is only available for the School of Drama options in Design/Production and the Schools of Architecture, Art and Design. Under Early Decision 2, BXA is only available for the School of Architecture.

For more information, visit cmu.is/bxa.

Application components vary somewhat for BCSA, BESA, 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 four options in the School of Music: 1) Audio Recording & Production, 2) Composition, 3) Music Performance or 4) Sound Theory & Practice. To learn more about the additional application requirements for your CFA concentration within BXA, visit cmu.is/finearts-app.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

We consider not only College of Fine Arts applicants’ academic performance but also their artistic potential. To assess this, each CFA program requires either an audition or portfolio submission in addition to the Common Application and supporting materials. Submitting portfolios and pre-screening/audition applications are required for each CFA school in addition to the Common App. However, while auditions are required for Music and Drama, portfolio reviews are optional for Art and Architecture. Design does not offer portfolio reviews. In order to register for an audition or portfolio review, an applicant must first submit their Common Application and the application for their fine arts program. It is important that they ensure they have completed the appropriate application for their specific arts area. Applicants 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. Arts applications will open by September 1. For more information, visit cmu.is/finearts-app.

**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 all application materials have been submitted, applicants will be able to register for auditions and portfolio reviews through each fine arts school’s website. The Office of Admission does not host registration. You will instead be contacted with information regarding registration, auditioning and the timing of your review by the specific school you applied to.
- 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 3 or page 7).

Follow specific admission procedures for each school. For more information, visit our website.

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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 BXA interdisciplinary degrees (Bachelor of Computer Science and Arts, Bachelor of Engineering Studies and Arts, Bachelor of Humanities and Arts, Bachelor of Science and Education) must apply and be admitted to one of the five CFA schools and be admissible to their academic choice (e.g., the College of Engineering, Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mellon College of Science or School of Computer Science).

- cmu.is/bxa

All fine arts applicants are required to submit the Common Application in order to submit their portfolio and/or a pre-screening, audition applications. Audition and portfolio review dates fill on a first-come, first-served basis.
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### Additional Information

- Early Decision 1 isn’t available for Acting, Directing, Dramaturgy or Music Theater. Early Decision 2 isn’t available for the School of Drama.
- Early Decision 2 isn’t available for the School of Design.
- Early Decision 1 and 2 aren’t available for School of Music applicants.
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