



## Preparing for CMU

We're thrilled that you've decided to further your education as a Carnegie Mellon graduate student! Below, you'll find a link to an onboarding checklist to help you prepare for your first semester. We'll be sending monthly reminders and providing additional details to help answer any questions you might have about enrollment-related processes.

### Onboarding Checklist

There are a number of important tasks you'll need to complete before your first day of classes. Our onboarding checklist will guide you through this process. Be sure to complete all required tasks by their due date, and also consider if the recommended tasks would benefit you. Please note that some tasks may be applicable only to specific students, such as financial aid applicants or students studying at our Pittsburgh campus.

[Onboarding Checklist](#)

**Upcoming deadlines:**

- **ASAP** - Visit The HUB's Enrollment & Finances Webpage
- **July 1** - Submit your ID card photo\*
- **July 1** - Manage Student Identity in SIO

*\* indicates a required task.*

### The HUB

The HUB, Carnegie Mellon's one-stop-shop for enrollment services, provides assistance and counsel to students for financial aid, billing and payments, registration activities, and academic records. Based on your college and program, you are assigned a HUB liaison who will serve as your single point of contact throughout your graduate experience. Visit The HUB's Enrollment and Finance Resources page for information on tuition and fees, course planning, health insurance, financial aid, payroll and more.

[Enrollment & Finances](#)

### Student Information Online

Student Information Online (SIO) is a secure website and an essential resource that you will use frequently throughout your academic career. You may access SIO by logging in with your Andrew User ID and password. SIO stores your academic profile, enrollment details, contact information, student account information and more. You can use SIO to complete important activities throughout the year, such as planning future course schedules, ordering transcripts and making payments.

[Access SIO](#)

### Official CMU ID Card & Photo

Please submit a photograph for your official CMU ID Card and SIO account by July 1. Your photo is loaded into your SIO portal, which is viewable by your advisors and professors so they can recognize you once your coursework begins. Your photo will also be printed on your ID Card to be used for building access, checking out books from the library, using your dining plan and more.

[Submit Your Photo](#)

### Managing Your Student Identity

Through SIO, you have the ability to manage your personal identity. This includes designating a preferred first name that differs from your legal name, selecting a @cmu.edu email alias, and recording your name pronunciation and phonetic spelling using NameCoach. You can also indicate your pronouns for use by faculty, staff and teaching assistants. Your identity preferences can be updated at any time through SIO, allowing you to choose how you are identified and addressed across campus systems and offices.

[Manage Your Identity](#)

