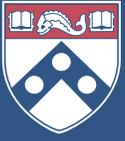


2016-2017



**Penn**  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

Colleagues,

As the University of Pennsylvania community welcomes 2,445 new Quakers, I am eagerly anticipating the impact that these students will have as scholars, citizens, leaders, and change-makers during their time on campus. The coming year promises to be exciting and my thoughts for this letter focus on the admissions landscape and Penn Admissions policies.

• The Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success will launch its application platform in 2016. Although Penn will not accept applications through the platform this academic year, we will continue to work on an implementation plan for students graduating from high school in 2018.

• The Common Application has launched a new feature that allows students to begin their application at any time and rollover their account from year to year. I will also remain on the board of the Common Application for one more year.

• Starting in October 2016, students will complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using tax information from two years prior to their anticipated college entrance date. Having the prior-prior year tax numbers included can help families receive an earlier and more accurate idea of their anticipated financial aid and college costs. We do not anticipate this change will alter any Penn Financial Aid deadlines.

• Penn will continue the practice of allowing Early Decision applicants to also apply to other institutions through their respective non-binding early admission processes, as we have in years past.

• Penn's campus continues to grow with the opening of Perry World House, the Pennovation Center, and a new College House. These new innovative and inclusive spaces would make our founder, Benjamin Franklin, proud.

My staff and I are dedicated to being a resource to you. We look forward to continuing to partner with you in the year ahead to serve the students and families for whom we undertake this important work.

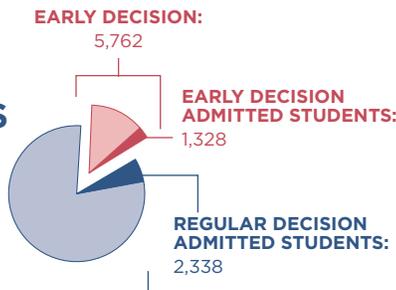
My thanks and best for the new academic year,

Eric J. Furda C'87  
Dean of Admissions

### CLASS OF 2020 APPLICANT POOL

**38,918**  
**APPLICANTS**

**REGULAR DECISION:**  
33,156



**EARLY DECISION ADMITTED STUDENTS:**  
1,328

**REGULAR DECISION ADMITTED STUDENTS:**  
2,338

Penn evaluates all applications holistically, considering qualitative factors alongside measures of academic preparation.

## Academics: One University, Four Schools

When applying to Penn, applicants are asked to choose one of the four undergraduate schools or specialized programs that will serve as home base throughout their academic journey. All students gain a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences and have the ability to take classes in all four schools. Penn seeks to enroll a class of 2,445 students across the four undergraduate schools and the coordinated dual degree, accelerated, and specialized programs.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

We would like to see:

- a curiosity in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences
- an ability to apply classroom knowledge to the real world
- a strong preparation in a balanced and advanced college preparatory curriculum

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

We would like to see:

- a commitment to patient care
- a desire to explore issues in health care
- a strong preparation in the sciences, particularly in chemistry

### PENN ENGINEERING

We would like to see:

- an ability to innovate, design, and practically apply scientific discoveries
- expressed reasons for pursuing an engineering education
- a strong preparation in physics and mathematics, particularly calculus

### THE WHARTON SCHOOL

We would like to see:

- an interest in business to fuel positive change to advance the world's economic and social well-being
- demonstrated leadership
- a strong preparation in mathematics, particularly calculus

### COORDINATED DUAL-DEGREE, ACCELERATED, AND SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

Penn offers unique opportunities to pursue intensive integrated study across multiple schools. Applicants should articulate a strong understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of the intended program.

#### College of Arts and Sciences and Penn Engineering

- Computer & Cog. Sci.: Computer and Cognitive Science: Artificial Intelligence
- VIPER: Roy and Diana Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research

#### College of Arts and Sciences and the Wharton School

- Huntsman: Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business
- LSM: Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management

#### School of Nursing and the Wharton School

- NHCM: Nursing and Health Care Management

#### Penn Engineering and the Wharton School

- M&T: Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology

#### Penn Engineering

- DMD: Digital Media Design
- NETS: Rajendra and Neera Singh Program in Networked and Social Systems Engineering

#### College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Dental Medicine

- Bio-Dent: Seven-Year Bio-Dental Program

# 6:1

Student-to-faculty ratio

# 90

Undergraduate majors

# \$68,152

Average salary of a Penn undergraduate after graduation

# 100

Percent of undergrads able to take classes in more than one of Penn's schools

# 800

Major and minor combinations

# 83

Percent of students in the Class of 2015 who interned during their undergraduate careers

# 96

Percent undergraduate graduation rate

# 73

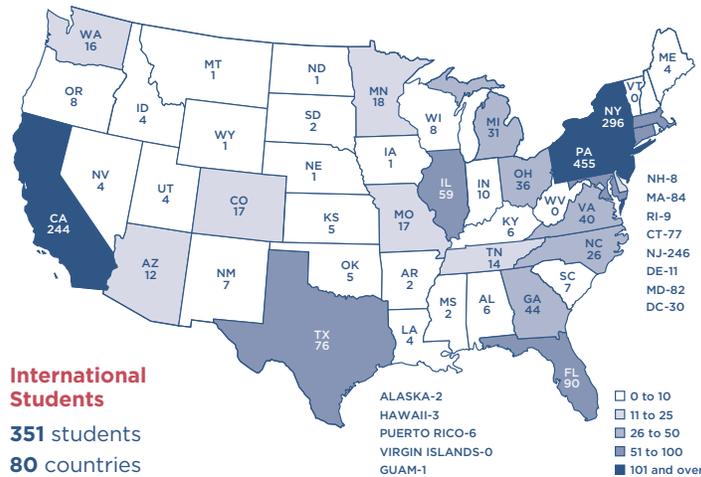
Percent of Penn graduates earn or pursue an advanced degree within 10 years of graduating

# \$49,815

Amount of financial aid, on average, awarded to aided freshmen in 2016

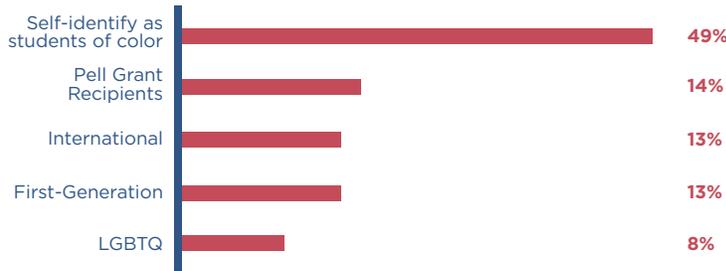
## UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA STUDENT PROFILE

### Student Geographic Distribution, Incoming Class of 2020



### Diversity

Percentage of 2020 class



## FINANCIAL AID

Penn practices need-blind admissions for citizens and permanent residents of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico—so admissions decisions are not affected by a family's ability to pay.

**\$206 million** was devoted to undergraduate aid in 2015-2016.

Penn is one of only a few universities that meet full demonstrated need with grant-based financial aid packages. Families should use our Net Price Calculator to receive an estimate of the total cost of attendance.

When financial circumstance warrants, applicants are encouraged to request a fee waiver.

### NEED BLIND

Admission decisions made without regard for how much a family can pay



### FULL NEED

Met by your financial aid package



### GRANT BASED

Aid that doesn't need to be repaid



### YOU CAN DO THIS

### Standardized Testing

**Penn requires the SAT or ACT, and recommends two SAT Subject Tests.**

For candidates interested in the following subject areas, suggested SAT Subject Tests are:

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics	Math Level 2 and Science (Physics preferred for Engineering)
Wharton	Math Level 2
Nursing	Science (preferably Chemistry)

**The middle 50 percent of scores** on the two SAT components and the ACT for the incoming class of 2020:

SAT Reading: 680 to 770  
SAT Math: 700 to 800

ACT Composite: 32 to 35

## DEADLINES

Early Decision: **November 1**  
Regular Decision: **January 5**  
Transfer: **March 15**

THE COMMON APPLICATION

## CONTACT US

We're here to support you throughout this process.

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