Dear Colleague,

As our educational partner, we rely on you to help recruit and identify potential students for the University of Pennsylvania. We aim to bring in a transformational class each year which will define the pulse of campus. We are dedicated to working closely with you to find scholars who will leave a meaningful imprint on our beautiful campus here and throughout the city of Philadelphia.

The University of Pennsylvania was founded by Benjamin Franklin, and his spirit of innovation is central to our academically flexible curriculum, one that empowers students to explore new ideas in real world settings. Penn students are inspired by our foundation in the liberal arts and sciences to think critically by drawing interdisciplinary connections with a drive to make an impact intellectually and civically.

Penn’s founder once said, “weighty questions ask for deliberate answers.” For students embarking on their college search, we encourage you to help them to frame their discussions in self-reflection. What is the best education for them? How will they make it happen? Where will it inspire them to go? When it comes time for us to evaluate candidates, our holistic review process aims to get to the heart of their personal voice and who they will become in our community. Working together, we can help your students define the answers to their own weighty questions and find a college environment which is truly compatible with their interests.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda C’87
Dean of Admissions

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**Class of 2019 Applicant Pool**

37,268 APPLICANTS

- **Early Decision**: 5,488
  - Early Decision Admitted Students: 1,313
- **Regular Decision**: 31,780
  - Regular Decision Admitted Students: 2,468

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

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**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.

**College of Arts and Sciences**

- **Target Freshman Cohort**: 1,444

**School of Nursing**

- **Target Freshman Cohort**: 85

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

**Penn Engineering**

- **Target Freshman Cohort**: 353

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

**The Wharton School**

- **Target Freshman Cohort**: 388

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**

- **Combined Freshman Class**: 150

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**

- VIPER: Roy and Diana Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research

**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

**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

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

On average, families with incomes below $140,000 will receive aid to cover tuition.

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

Penn is one of only a few universities that meet full demonstrated need with all-grant financial aid packages. Financial aid offers should be used with 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.

This information is confirmed as of August 17, 2015.