INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR FALL 2015

Welcome to the Class of 2019!

Here is a checklist of what to expect in the enrollment process. If you plan to be an entering freshman in fall 2015, you will need to complete the following steps before fall classes begin. Let us know if you have any questions.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

IMPORTANT! To reserve your place in the incoming class, we ask that you submit a $300 enrollment fee post-marked on or before May 1, 2015, to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OAFA). The enrollment fee is a combined $200 tuition deposit/$100 PittStart fee. It is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Your enrollment fee can be submitted in the form of a check or money order made payable in U.S. dollars to the University of Pittsburgh and mailed, or paid with a credit card online:

University of Pittsburgh
Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
Alumni Hall, 4227 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

www.oafa.pitt.edu/pay-your-tuition-deposit

IMMIGRATION PROCESS

Immigration specialists in the Office of International Services (OIS) handle the immigration process for international students. You will need to provide:

1. Certification of Financial Responsibility. If you have already sent a completed Certification of Financial Responsibility Form and/or other financial documents to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OAFA), that information will be made available to OIS by OAFA. If you have not already done this or if your information needs to be updated, you will be contacted by OIS. This form is available online at: www.oafa.pitt.edu/pdf/IntlFinSupport.pdf and should be sent to oisnew@pitt.edu.

Note: OIS will issue an immigration document (Form I-20 or Form DS-2019) to you, if applicable, only after you have been offered admission and paid your enrollment deposit.

2. Passport/visa information. If you have already sent this information to OAFA, it will be made available to OIS. OIS will contact you if they need more information.

Note: International students living outside of the U.S. will need to provide a copy of their passport, if it has not already been sent. Those living in the U.S. must submit a copy of their passport, visa, Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record and Form I-20, Form DS-2019, or Form I-797 (if applicable) to oisnew@pitt.edu.

In all correspondence, please use your name as it appears on your passport.

PITTSTART PROGRAM

Beginning in late February, if you have completed the two steps above, you will begin to receive PittStart information. Once you receive the PittStart registration e-mail on the PittStart Program, you need to:

- visit www.pittstart.pitt.edu to learn more about the PittStart program and,
- register for a preferred summer PittStart session online.

PittStart sessions occur throughout the summer and give you an opportunity to interact with Pitt Pathfinders (current students), participate in academic advising meetings, become familiar with the Pitt system, and register for fall term classes. As part of PittStart, students can also take placement
exams for placement in, or exemption from, required courses. **Attendance at one PittStart session is mandatory for all incoming freshmen.**

International students coming to the United States from abroad can register for the last PittStart session of the summer, occurring at the end of August. If you are an international student currently residing in the United States you may attend an earlier PittStart session.

Contact information:
412-624-7488
www.pittstart.pitt.edu
pstart@pitt.edu

**FINANCIAL AID**
International students are not eligible for financial aid or academic merit scholarships.

**UNIVERSITY HOUSING**
Starting in mid-February, Panther Central will begin e-mailing housing contracts to freshmen interested in on-campus housing who have paid their enrollment fee on or before the May 1 deadline. When you receive this, and your student username and password from Computing Services & Systems Development (CSSD), please:

- submit your housing deposit online on or before the date specified on the housing contract, and
- agree to your housing contract and complete the online application.

Note: Housing is guaranteed for three years from the fall term to which you’ve been offered admission, provided your enrollment fee and required financial and/or visa information are received postmarked on or before May 1 and you pay your housing deposit on or before the date specified in the housing contract. After that, accommodations will continue to be offered as space remains available.

Contact information:
Panther Central
412-648-1100
www.pc.pitt.edu
E-mail: pc@pc.pitt.edu

**FINAL SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT/ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**
As noted in your admission letter, your admission is provisional provided you continue to perform satisfactorily in your classes and graduate from secondary school. We will be requesting your final, official secondary school transcript showing your date of graduation. All final records are reviewed carefully. The records of students whose grades drop significantly will be sent to the Dean of the school to which they’ve been admitted for appropriate action, whether that be a warning letter, placement on probation, or retraction of admission. Therefore, it is important that you continue to do well academically.

**PRE-ORIENTATION PROGRAM, ORIENTATION, AND MOVE-IN**
- **International Student Welcome & Check-in Programs**—Once you have paid your enrollment fee and provided all required documentation, OIS (www.ois.pitt.edu) will send you immigration documents needed to apply for your student visa, if applicable. Along with these documents, you will receive information about the welcome and check-in programs. Information about these programs and other arrival activities will also be posted on the OIS web site (www.ois.pitt.edu/new-here/new-international-students). All new international students are required to attend a welcome session and complete a check-in, as well as attend the PittStart academic orientation (www.pittstart.pitt.edu)
- **English Language Proficiency**—You may be required to take a language proficiency exam when you arrive on campus and comply with any recommendations for additional English as a Second Language study, if your test results indicate the need for it.
- **Move-in**—International students will be allowed to move into their residence halls prior to “Arrival Survival” (the domestic freshman move-in dates) so that they may attend the Pre-Orientation Program. Move-in dates for international undergraduate students with on-campus housing will be mailed with detailed schedules in July.
- **New Student Orientation**—A full five days of exciting activities and programs to welcome you and ease your transition to Pitt! Details will be available at www.orientation.pitt.edu. New Student Orientation is a program of the Division of Student Affairs.

**FALL TERM**
- **Classes Begin**—Monday, August 31, 2015.
- **Family Weekend**—The date will be announced in early summer. Visit www.familyweekend.pitt.edu for registration and information. Family Weekend is an Office of Student Life program.

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