



2020-2021

# UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA, PA

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

Dear Colleagues,

Since March, we have all experienced many challenges and disruptions to our lives.

In this new reality in which we find ourselves, and with a new academic year underway, I wanted to take a moment to directly acknowledge the importance (and uniqueness) of this year, for both you and your students, and to address some of the questions that are most topical for this year's group of secondary school seniors.

As you prepare your students for the class of 2025 application process, I encourage you to consider some recent updates and reflections that I shared on my blog, [www.page217.org](http://www.page217.org). Here, you will find candid insight on topics that address standardized testing, gap year requests, waitlisted candidates, and the importance of reflection for the 2020-2021 application cycle.

I invite you to stay connected with Penn as you move through this process, and I hope that this newsletter along with our many online resources provide support to you and your students during this time. Thank you for the incredible work that you do to ensure that your students are informed and supported throughout this part of their high school journey.

With my sincerest gratitude,

Eric J. Furda, C'87  
Dean of Admissions

## GET TO KNOW PENN

90+  
undergraduate majors

800  
major & minor combinations

6:1  
student to faculty ratio

A place that's known for firsts. For greats. For sparking revolutionary ideas. For Ivy League tradition and Philly spirit. And for nurturing innovative thinkers who see that the way things are isn't the way things have to be.

Penn is home to four undergraduate schools: College of Arts and Sciences, Penn Engineering, School of Nursing, and The Wharton School. Regardless of school or major, all Penn undergraduates are able to investigate and understand our world through the liberal arts and sciences foundation.

When applying to Penn, applicants are asked to choose one of the four undergraduate schools or coordinated dual-degree, accelerated, or specialized programs that will serve as home base throughout their academic journey.

## THE FOUR SCHOOLS



### THE 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

### 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



### SCHOOL OF NURSING

We would like to see:

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

### 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

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

### 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 Wharton School

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

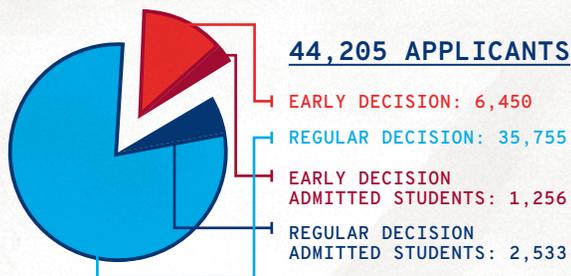
### School of Nursing and the Wharton School

- **NHCM:** Nursing and Health Care Management

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

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

## CLASS OF 2024 APPLICANT POOL



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

## ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE

### STUDENT GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Members of the admitted class of 2024 hail from all 50 states, including Puerto Rico, D.C., Guam, USVI, and 98 countries. *(Listed by home address, not filtered by citizenship)*



In the eleventh year of our partnership, 238 admitted students applied through Questbridge, a national program that aims to increase undergraduate enrollment of high-achieving, low-income students at top universities. Additionally, nearly 500 admitted students are affiliated with community-based organizations

### DIVERSITY

**International Students:** 14% (by Home Address)

**Students of Color:** 54% (US Citizen/Permanent Residents)

**First-Generation:** 14%

**Pell Grant Recipient:** 20%

Apply through the **Common Application** or the **Coalition Application**.

## VIRTUAL VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

While Penn's campus in Philadelphia is temporarily closed, there are many ways for you and your students to engage with Penn online. Our virtual visit opportunities provide many ways to connect — from live virtual information sessions and application workshops to student-led panels and on-demand videos.

To learn more about ways to engage with Penn, please visit:

[admissions.upenn.edu/visit](https://admissions.upenn.edu/visit)

## FINANCIAL AID

Penn is a need-blind institution for students that are citizens or permanent residents of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. That means that financial need will not be considered when making admissions decisions.

The average financial aid package for a first-year student in 2019-2020 was \$58,399.

Penn is one of only a few universities that meets full demonstrated need with grant-based financial aid packages. Families should use our Net Price Calculator or MyinTuition to review an estimate of their financial aid package and total cost of attendance. To learn more about our calculator tools, please visit:

[www.srfs.upenn.edu/estimate-your-costs](https://www.srfs.upenn.edu/estimate-your-costs)

When financial circumstance warrants, applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to request an application fee waiver.

For more information, please visit the financial aid website:

[srfs.upenn.edu](https://srfs.upenn.edu)

Early Decision applications due **NOVEMBER 1**

Regular Decision applications due **JANUARY 5**

Transfer Decision applications due **MARCH 15**

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

In response to COVID-19, Penn will not require applicants to submit the SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Tests for the 2020-21 application cycle. This applies to first-year and transfer applicants. Applicants who do not submit standardized test scores will not be at a disadvantage in the admissions process.

For more information on testing, please visit:

[admissions.upenn.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/what-penn-looks-for/testing](https://admissions.upenn.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/what-penn-looks-for/testing)

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)



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This information is accurate as of October 2020.