A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PROVOST AND DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Philadelphia. Last week, I had the opportunity to welcome the Penn Class of 2025 as they began their college journey. As I stood in front of them at Convocation, I felt deeply connected to their hopefulness, their joy, their anxiety, and their overall feelings of ‘newness.’ I feel those same things myself after moving from coastal Maine to Philadelphia this summer to take on my new role as Vice Provost and Dean of Admissions at the University of Pennsylvania.

In my last thirty years of admissions work, I have focused on creating opportunities that broaden the pathway to college by making information more accessible and processes less complicated. I am eager and inspired to continue that work at Penn. Already I am energized by Penn’s history of — and commitment to — creativity, access, and innovation. In the Penn Admissions Office, we will continue to create opportunity, to minimize complicated processes, and to invite talented young people into this dynamic community that is buzzing with excitement.

This newsletter is the first of several updates you’ll receive from Penn Admissions this year. I hope you’ll take the time to browse and follow along when our news hits your inbox.

As we begin another school year marked by uncertainty and unusual challenge, I wanted to share my gratitude for the support you provide to your students throughout their college application journey. I am grateful for your partnership and I look forward to connecting (or reconnecting!) with many of you in the months to come.

With appreciation,
Whitney Soule
Vice Provost and 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: The College of Arts and Sciences, Penn Engineering, The 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

College of Arts and Sciences and the Wharton School
• Huntsman: Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business

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

School of Nursing and the Wharton School
• NHCM: Nursing and Health Care Management
Early Decision applications due \textbf{NOVEMBER 1}

Regular Decision applications due \textbf{JANUARY 5}

Transfer Decision applications due \textbf{MARCH 15}

Visit Opportunities

Penn offers a variety of ways for prospective students and families to explore campus and get to know the Penn community. From in-person tours to live virtual events and student chats, we offer something for everyone regardless of where they are in their college search process. To learn more about ways to engage with Penn, please visit: 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 2020-2021 was $54,543 -- greater than the cost of tuition. 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

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

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admissions.upenn.edu/counselors

Take a virtual tour:
admissions.upenn.edu/virtual-tour