

A GUIDE TO NAVIGATING YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH

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COLLEGE NAME: _____

TYPE OF SCHOOL (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 2 year Institution 4 year Institution
- Commuter School Residential Campus
- Liberal Arts College Research Institution

LOCATION

- What part of the country? _____
- Campus is: Urban Suburban Rural

SIZE

- Number of undergraduate students: _____
- Number of graduate students: _____
- Student-Faculty Ratio: _____

COST

- What is the full cost of attendance? _____
- Financial Aid packages are awarded on the basis of:
 - Need Merit
- Does the school meet full demonstrated financial need for all 4 years? Yes No

CAMPUS LIFE

- What backgrounds are represented on campus?

- What clubs or activities interest you?

- Are students required to live on campus?

- What is the on-campus residential experience like?

NOTES:

BONUS! Go to the next page for Penn's answers 



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COLLEGE NAME: UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

TYPE OF SCHOOL (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 2-year Institution 4-year Institution
- Commuter School Residential Campus
- Liberal Arts College Research Institution

BOTH!

LOCATION

- What part of the country? PHILADELPHIA, PA
- Campus is: Urban Suburban Rural

SIZE

- Number of undergraduate students: ABOUT 10,000
- Number of graduate students: OVER 11,000
- Student-Faculty Ratio: 8 TO 1

COST

- What is the average financial aid package? \$56,000+
- Financial Aid packages are awarded on the basis of:
 - Need Merit
- Does the school meet full demonstrated financial need for all 4 years? Yes No

CAMPUS LIFE

- What backgrounds are represented on campus?
CLASS OF 2027 IS 19% FIRST-GENERATION, 57% STUDENTS OF COLOR, 16% INTERNATIONAL
- What clubs or activities interest you?
SPIRITUAL LIFE, CULTURAL ORGS, DIVISION 1 SPORTS, STUDY ABROAD, GREEK LIFE, PERFORMING ARTS HOUSE
- Are students required to live on campus?
YES, FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS
- What is the on-campus residential experience like?
12 UNIQUE COLLEGE HOUSES, EACH WITH ITS OWN PROGRAMMING—INCLUDING ROOFTOP CONCERTS, FIELD TRIPS, AND LATE-NIGHT BRUNCH

NOTES:

KELLY WRITER'S HOUSE LOOKS COOL!
LOVE THE HEY DAY TRADITION! 
TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE IS \$85,738, BUT



PRO TIP: List everything you want to learn from the website before you visit



PRO TIP: Sign up for campus tours, information sessions, and panels



PRO TIP: Sign up for mailing lists, then create inbox folders to organize emails



PRO TIP: Look for student takeovers on social media to see a student's day in the life