



Penn
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



**WHO IS WISE?
HE THAT LEARNS FROM EVERYONE.**

Benjamin Franklin



A current student in the Huntsman Program, Alejandra came to Penn with hopes of one day becoming an agent of change for her home country of Ecuador through her interests in economics, public policy, and international affairs. In 2022, Alejandra traveled to Paris to represent Ecuador at the Women's Forum for the Economy and Society. There, she was able to apply concepts she learned through the Huntsman Program and her campus experiences in order to contribute to new solutions to facilitate change in her country and worldwide.

The University of Pennsylvania has one of the largest international populations among the Ivy League:

13% INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

100+ COUNTRIES



David Kato, Rwanda

College of Arts and Sciences

David built community on campus by joining student groups, becoming a peer mentor, volunteering in West Philadelphia, and conducting academic research. He also developed leadership skills as the Undergraduate Chair of the International Student Advisory Board. In his role as a Perry World House Student Fellow, he traveled to Geneva twice with his peers in the Global Perspective Program. This experience was one of many that have enriched David's time at Penn, providing him with exposure to a diverse range of people, experiences, and journeys. For David, the vast network and strong community at Penn make his experience even more meaningful.



Alejandra Soria Andrade, Ecuador

Huntsman Program for International Studies and Business

Coordinated Dual Degree from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Wharton School



Travel Times to Philadelphia: (by train):

New York: 1.25 hours | Washington, D.C.: 2 hours | Boston: 5 hours

Travel Times to Campus (by car):

30th Street Train Station: 6 minutes

Philadelphia International Airport: 20 minutes



CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

Penn's beautiful campus is located in University City, an energetic, diverse neighborhood in Philadelphia. The campus is home to Penn's twelve academic schools and many of its research centers and hospitals, meaning students frequently make intellectual connections in unexpected ways.

Only a 15-minute walk from campus, Center City Philadelphia is full of cultural, culinary and professional opportunities for Penn students.

THE PENN EXPERIENCE

Penn is a place where you can do the things that matter to you, and opportunities outside of class form an essential part of the educational and social experience. There are hundreds of clubs, organizations and activities, many catering specifically to students from abroad. In fact, there are so many ways to get involved, you could be engaged all day and night if you chose to be!

*...BUT WE RECOMMEND SLEEPING
ONCE IN A WHILE, TOO!*

Perry World House

Perry World House's mission is to bring the academic knowledge of Penn to bear on some of the world's most pressing global policy challenges and to foster international policy engagement within and beyond the Penn community.

global.upenn.edu/perryworldhouse



Learning at Penn

Penn is a university known for nurturing innovative thinking. Find out about our four undergraduate schools and countless research and professional development opportunities.

admissions.upenn.edu/academics

Living at Penn

Penn is an integrated living-learning community with students from every background imaginable. Find out more about residential living, athletics, student activities and diversity.

admissions.upenn.edu/student-life

International Student & Scholar Services

This office advances global engagement on campus by offering inclusive, innovative and impactful immigration and integration services.

global.upenn.edu/iss

APPLICATION & TESTING REQUIREMENTS

EARLY DECISION DEADLINE

November 1

REGULAR DECISION DEADLINE

January 5

ACCEPTED FORMATS

Common Application or
Coalition Application

- Update on Testing: Applicants are required to submit SAT or ACT scores for the 2025-2026 application cycle. Learn more at: admissions.upenn.edu/testing

- Applicants are only required to submit TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test scores if English is neither the applicant's native language nor the primary language of instruction.

admissions.upenn.edu/international-applicant-guidelines



Ricardo del Rio, Mexico

School of Engineering and Applied Science

Ricardo was initially drawn to Penn because of his interests in entrepreneurship and engineering. After arriving on campus, Ricardo joined Penn Electric Racing where he designed, built, and tested a fully electric racecar. This gave him the opportunity to apply the knowledge he acquired in his electrical engineering classes and accelerated master's program in robotics. In between his extracurricular and academic endeavors, Ricardo also took his studies abroad for a semester in Switzerland.



Rina Nagatani, Japan

College of Arts and Sciences

While majoring in neuroscience and minoring in design, Rina got involved in a variety of activities like competing on the varsity swim team and singing in Keynotes A Cappella. Her passions also include creating welcoming environments for all students, which has led to her involvement with New Student Programming and panels. These opportunities have opened her up to so many different perspectives on international student life, further encouraging her work in creating spaces where everyone can reach their full potential, personally and professionally.

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