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UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

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Dear Colleague,

It is with a great sense of purpose that we approach the charge of helping students find the right college “fit”—a sentiment that we know you share. Working closely with you, our goal is to identify those students most likely to thrive in and contribute to the Penn community.

Benjamin Franklin founded this university, the nation’s first, on the principle that all the best minds should have access to the finest education, regardless of their families’ ability to pay. Some 270+ years later, Franklin’s principle, and his vision of Penn as a university committed to service to society, remains our focus.

The Penn community is remarkably dynamic—and the resources of our Philadelphia hometown are wide ranging—but in case you only have a few minutes, here are three important points:

- At the core of Penn’s Ivy League education is a rich exploration of the liberal arts and sciences alongside preprofessional studies.
- Penn provides students with the intellectual flexibility, practical skills, and real experiences needed to thrive in an increasingly complex world.
- Penn meets a family’s demonstrated financial need without the use of loans, empowering students to graduate free of debt.

With gratitude for all that you do and best wishes for your students’ success,

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Dean of Admissions

OUTCOMES

12,000+

Interviews conducted annually on campus by more than 400 employers

86

Percent of students in the Class of 2012 who interned during their undergraduate careers

81

Percent of those applying to medical school from the Class of 2012 who were accepted (compared to 45 percent nationally)

96

Percent of those applying to law school from the Class of 2012 who were accepted (compared to 84 percent nationally)

One University, Four Schools

When applying to Penn, applicants are asked to choose one of four undergraduate schools or programs. While gaining a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, all students have the ability to take classes in all four schools.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

freshman class size: 1,449

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

SCHOOL OF NURSING

freshman class size: 85

We would like to see:

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

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

freshman class size: 350

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

THE WHARTON SCHOOL

freshman class size: 388

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

combined freshman class size: 148

Students with highly developed academic interests can apply to programs that allow them to earn more than one degree or delve deeply into their particular area of interest.

Huntsman: Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business

LSM: Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management

M&T: Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology

NHCM: Nursing and Health Care Management

VIPER: Roy and Diana Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research

Computer & Cog. Sci.: Computer and Cognitive Science: Artificial Intelligence

Bio-Dent: Seven-Year Bio-Dental Program

NETS: Rajendra and Neera Singh Program in Networked and Social Systems Engineering

DMD: Digital Media Design major, School of Engineering and Applied Science

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