WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY
Congratulations on a job well done. Yes, we think you deserve recognition, too. You have played a key role in the success of your newly admitted Dragon, and we are excited for you to join the Drexel community.

In the months ahead, you and your student will likely work together to prepare for their time at Drexel. These are important conversations that no glossy brochure can replace.

But we do want you to know that you’re part of the Drexel family now, and we have plenty of resources to help you along the way.

This is your moment too!
drexel.edu/moment
We’re sure you have a lot of questions about what life is like at Drexel and what your student can expect. In this brochure, we’ve collected a number of resources.

Learning at Drexel

A Drexel education provides students with a dynamic curriculum that combines world-class academics with real-world experience.

Academics

As you know, Drexel offers an extensive variety of academic opportunities. Our classes emphasize experiential learning, which means your student will gain hands-on experience in the classroom and out in the real world. They will have access to state-of-the-art labs and facilities where they can assist professors in their research or conduct studies of their own.

Find out more at drexel.edu/academics.

At Drexel, your student will have the opportunity to combine classroom learning with real-life experience through co-ops at major corporations as well as startups, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations. Many co-ops are six-month positions that complement classroom learning, allowing your student to gain up to 18 months of experience while applying their knowledge in the professional world. And when they return to class, they will be able to share their enhanced insights and perspectives with their classmates and professors. Not only that, the majority of co-ops are full-time and paid, and those that are carry a median six-month salary of over $19,000.

Find out more at drexel.edu/co-op.
Drexel Central is your one-stop for the Offices of the Bursar, Financial Aid, and the Registrar. Drexel Central will be an important resource that will help you and your family from the very beginning of your student’s time at Drexel through graduation.

Find out more at drexel.edu/drexelcentral.

Financial Aid Options

A significant consideration for families is the financial investment of a college education. The Drexel Central website has all the information your family needs to navigate and understand every aspect of the financial aid process so you can determine the steps that are right for you.

From scholarships to loans to payment plans and more, there are many ways to fund your student’s education. We’ve compiled resources to help you make the most of these opportunities.

Find out more at drexel.edu/drexelcentral/financing.

Student Privacy

The privacy of a student’s education record is protected by rights provided under a federal law known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). At any time, a student can complete a FERPA Waiver so that parents, guardians, or other appropriate third parties are able to discuss the student’s information with Drexel. Once access is granted, family members and guardians may directly access their student’s billing information, financial aid, grades, class schedules, and more through the Drexel University Family Portal. Further detail regarding student record privacy is available on Drexel Central’s website.

Find out more at drexel.edu/drexelcentral/records/ferpa.

The Value of a Drexel Undergraduate Degree

On Co-op at Drexel

Co-op Employment Records for 2020–21

94% co-op employment rate

1,748 unique co-op employers

44.9% of co-op participants working full-time had received a job offer from a former co-op employer.

Graduating from Drexel

One-Year-Out Alumni Survey, graduating class of 2021

$64,774 average full-time annual salary of a Drexel graduate one year after graduation

97% of graduates are working or enrolled in graduate or professional education.

For more information, visit: drexel.edu/value
We know many parents have two big questions about any college: “Where will my student live?” and “Where will my student eat?” Don’t worry, we’re here to paint a clear picture of what your Dragon can expect on Drexel’s rapidly growing campus.

Residence Halls
Drexel’s residence halls are more than a place for your student to rest their head. In fact, our residence halls offer convenience, comfort, and a place to study, with several halls featuring Living Learning Communities, which are areas dedicated to common academic or social interests. Housing and Residence Life provides 24-hour security, resident assistants on each floor, and frequent social activities. Per Drexel policy, first-year students are required to live on campus or with a parent or legal guardian whose permanent address is within a 10-mile radius for their first year. In their second year, students can opt to continue to live on campus or in affiliated housing (or continue to live at home).

Find out more at drexel.edu/housing.

Dining
The University City Campus has plenty to choose from when it comes to food. The Handschumacher Dining Center and Urban Eatery both offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner. But the options don’t stop there. There are restaurants, snack bars, food trucks, and cafés all over campus, offering everything from frozen yogurt to sushi.

Find out more at drexel.edu/dining.

Student Life
With more than 14,000 undergraduates, Drexel has a diverse student body — and our community offers your student the chance to explore an array of interests. There are over 300 student clubs and organizations on campus plus 18 Division I sports teams, as well as professional development and networking opportunities. We know college is about more than just getting a diploma, and these options are a great way for your student to continue going above and beyond.

Find out more at drexel.edu/studentlife.

Safety
Drexel’s location in the great city of Philadelphia enhances the student experience by offering a vibrant and thriving hub of education, industry, and culture. We take a holistic, community-oriented approach to maintaining a safe environment for all Dragons; with three police forces, campus shuttles, and walking escort services, as well as call boxes and 24-hour staff patrols, we make sure your student has everything needed to stay safe on campus.

Find out more at drexel.edu/publicsafety.
Philadelphia

Philadelphia is well known for its history, sports teams, and cheesesteaks. But there's so much more than that in the City of Brotherly Love. Philadelphia is a major international city. From arts to culture to cuisine and industry, we've got what it takes to prepare your student for global citizenship. When it's time for you to visit your student, make sure to take advantage of all Philadelphia has to offer, such as the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Rittenhouse Square, and the Kimmel Center.

Find out more at drexel.edu/philly.

Health

We offer plenty of options to help keep your student healthy while attending Drexel. The Office of Counseling and Health Services provides a range of services — everything from allergy shots to immunizations to sports medicine to counseling — in a confidential environment. Even better, the Drexel Student Health Center is staffed by faculty physicians from the Drexel University College of Medicine, so you can rest assured your child is in good hands.

Find out more at drexel.edu/counselingandhealth.

Commuter Life

If your student commutes to Drexel, they won't miss out on all of our on-campus opportunities. With the help of the Community Student Association (CSA), we ensure commuting students are fully integrated into the life of the University. Commuting students have access to lounges, cafés, computer labs, and study areas throughout the campus, plus special events during the year to make sure they're part of our community.

Find out more at drexel.edu/studentlife/commuters.
Visit Drexel
It’s a great time to schedule a visit for you and your student and get a true sense of everything Drexel has to offer.

Find out more at drexel.edu/undergrad/admitted.

Important Dates to Remember

January — April
Join us for an Admitted Students event, where your student can explore Drexel University and meet potential classmates. Events include our New Dragon Days and Admitted Students Days. Keep an eye on your mailbox for invitations and feel free to join your student.

January 15
Drexel’s confirmation deadline for Early Decision. Students must declare their intent to enroll by submitting tuition and housing deposits.

February 15
Drexel’s priority deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

May 1
Drexel’s confirmation deadline for Early Action and Regular Decision. Students must declare their intent to enroll by submitting tuition and housing deposits.

May 15
Priority deadline for on-campus housing applications.

June 14
I-20 application forms and accompanying bank letters are due for international students.

September
Welcome Week is Drexel’s new student orientation event and takes place the week before classes begin.

Looking for additional information about important dates for admitted students and parents?
Find out more at drexel.edu/fye.