WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY
Welcome to Our University

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 child 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.

Ambition Can’t Wait
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 child 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/undergrad/academics.

Cooperative Education (Co-op)
At Drexel, your child 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 paid and, of those that are, the median six-month salary is more than $18,000.

Find out more at drexel.edu/co-op.

11:1
student to professor ratio

19
median class size
DREXEL CENTRAL
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 child’s time at Drexel through graduation.

Find out more at drexel.edu/drexelcentral.

Financial Aid Options
A significant consideration for parents 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 child’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. 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 2017–18

98.2%
co-op employment rate

1,566
unique co-op employers

48% 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 2017

$59,557
average full-time annual salary of a Drexel graduate one year after graduation

96% of graduates are working or enrolled in graduate or professional education.

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

Residence Halls
Drexel’s residence halls are more than a place for your child 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.

Student Life
With more than 15,000 undergraduates, Drexel has a diverse student body — and our community offers your child the chance to explore an array of interests. There are over 350 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 child to continue going above and beyond.

Find out more at drexel.edu/studentlife.

Safety
Drexel’s University City Campus is in the University City neighborhood of Philadelphia, which is among the safest in the city. With three police forces, campus shuttles, and walking escort services, as well as call boxes and 24-hour staff patrols, we make sure your child has everything needed to stay safe on campus.

Find out more at drexel.edu/publicsafety.

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.
Health
We offer plenty of options to help keep your child healthy while attending Drexel. The Drexel Student Health Center provides a range of services — everything from allergy shots to immunizations to sports medicine to counseling — in a confidential environment. Even better? The 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 child commutes to Drexel, he or she 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 in the life of the University. Commuting students have access to lounges, cafes, 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.

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 child for global citizenship. When it’s time for you to visit your child, make sure to take advantage of all Philadelphia has to offer, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Rittenhouse Square, and the Kimmel Center, just to name a few.

Find out more at drexel.edu/difference/city-living.
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
On-campus housing contracts are due.

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.

Want to find out more about important dates for admitted students and parents, including Family Weekend? Find out more at [drexel.edu/fye](http://drexel.edu/fye).

VISIT DREXEL
It’s a great time to schedule a visit for you and your child and get a true sense of everything Drexel has to offer.

Find out more at [drexel.edu/undergrad/visit](http://drexel.edu/undergrad/visit).