A Message from the Director

Spring has arrived in Tallahassee, and the 2018 freshman admission cycle at Florida State is coming to a close. We will release our final decisions on Thursday, March 29 and students can check their application status at connect.fsu.edu/status.

This year we received a record 51,065 unique applications for an anticipated summer/fall freshman class of 6,200. Because summer enrollment is already so full, we could only admit approximately 100 students for this term. Slightly fewer than 8,000 decisions will be released today, which will include general acceptance, Seminole Pathways Program (for those that did not meet our fall or summer accepted student profiles but were close—see detailed information about the different pathways on page 2), Spring Transfer Option (for those that were close to the Seminole Pathways Program options—see detailed information on page 2), and denials. The mid-ranges for the fall, summer, and the Seminole Pathways Program are below:

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I suspect you may receive some inquiries about how to submit an appeal. Detailed information about this process and associated deadlines can be found at http://admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/appeal/.

We strongly believe different pathways to Florida State are available to those students who have their heart set on attending FSU. We have a close relationship with Tallahassee Community College (http://www.tcc.fl.edu/) and have established a TCC2FSU pathway program that allows juniors to seamlessly transition from TCC to FSU.

Tonight, our office will stay open until 9:00 p.m. to answer phone calls and emails from students and parents who may have questions. You are welcome to email me at hferguson@fsu.edu, or call me at 850.644.1389 should you have any questions regarding your students. I’m providing my direct line so that I can assist you in a timely fashion so please do not forward this number.

From all of us at Florida State, thank you! It has been a crazy busy year, but your continued support and confidence in FSU is heart-warming and much appreciated. Now, on to the class of 2019…

Warm regards,
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

As our office prepares to put the finishing touches on the 2018-19 admission cycle, we are already making plans to welcome a new group of first-year applicants for the 2019-20 academic year.

Florida State University will continue with two admission notifications next year.

Those deadlines are as follows:

- **First Application Deadline**
  - November 1, 2018 ....Application Deadline
  - January, 31, 2019 ....Decision Notification

- **Second Application Deadline**
  - February 7, 2019 ....Application Deadline
  - March 28, 2019 .........Decision Notification

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**APPLICATION UPDATE**

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**SEMINOLE PATHWAYS OFFER**

Students that were given a Seminole Pathways offer will be able to join us at the Tallahassee campus after completing one of the four pathways outlined below:

- **FSU Panama City Summer & Fall Pathway**
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- **FSU Panama City Summer & Fall Pathway**
  - Students who choose this pathway start their FSU experience in the summer and continue in the fall at our bay-front campus in Panama City, Florida.
  - After the fall term, students are welcome to continue their education through graduation in one of FSU Panama City’s diverse and growing academic programs or transfer to the FSU Tallahassee campus.
  - More information on this Pathway is available on the FSU Panama City website at http://pc.fsu.edu/seminole-pathway

- **FSU International Programs First Semester Abroad Pathway**
  - Students who choose this pathway start their FSU experience in the summer term by completing an online course offered through International Programs.
  - In addition to successful completion of the online course, they will enroll for the fall term at one of our study abroad centers in London, England; Florence, Italy; Valencia, Spain; or Panama City, Republic of Panama.
  - Following the fall term, they would be eligible to join us in Tallahassee in January.
  - More information on the First Semester Abroad program is available on the International Programs website at https://international.fsu.edu/FYA.aspx
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- **Transfer Pathway**
  - Students who choose this pathway start their college career at an accredited college and transfer to Florida State University for the spring term (January). They must complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of approved college coursework in the Fall term and earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Their coursework must include ENC 1101 (English Composition) and either MAC 1105 (College Algebra), MGF 1106 (Mathematics for Liberal Arts), or MGF 1107 (Topics in Practical Finite Mathematics) depending on math placement and major, unless they have already earned course credit through an accelerated mechanism such as AP, IB, AICE, or dual-enrollment. While students can transfer from any accredited college, we highly recommend that they consider transferring to us from Tallahassee Community College.

**SPRING OFFER**

Students that were given a Spring offer will be able to join us at the Tallahassee campus after completing the fall semester at an accredited college and meeting the minimum requirements stated below.

- **Spring Offer**
  - Students must complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of approved college coursework in the Fall term and earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Their coursework must include ENC 1101 (English Composition) and either MAC 1105 (College Algebra), MGF 1106 (Mathematics for Liberal Arts), or MGF 1107 (Topics in Practical Finite Mathematics) depending on math placement and major, unless they have already earned course credit through an accelerated mechanism such as AP, IB, AICE, or dual-enrollment. While students can transfer from any accredited college, we highly recommend that they consider transferring to us from Tallahassee Community College.
**Scholarship Criteria**

Admitted students who were awarded a scholarship from the Office of Admissions were notified at the same time decisions were released. These awards were posted as a letter on the Application Status Check page. All first-year applicants were considered for the following scholarships:

- **University Freshman** - $9,600 over four years.
- **OOS Waiver 50%** - 50% reduction of OOS portion of tuition - $7,222 savings per year/$241 per credit hour.
- **OSS Waiver 100%** - 100% reduction of OOS tuition portion - $14,444 in savings per year/$481 per credit hour (does not equate to in-state tuition).

**NOTE:** Admitted students must have a strong academic performance in the classroom AND strong test scores. Students must complete 30 hours per academic year and maintain a 3.0 cumulative FSU GPA to renew the scholarship each year.

**Schedule Changes/Term Changes**

Admitted students must notify the Office of Admissions regarding any possible changes to their high school schedule by contacting our office via phone at 850.644.6200 or email admissions@fsu.edu.

Students who wish to change their admission term from **Summer to Fall** must do the following:

- Be formally admitted for the Summer (this includes accepting the non-binding summer offer).
- Update their SSAR with mid-year grades (if applicable).
- Contact the Office of Admissions via phone 850.644.6200 or email admissions@fsu.edu to request a term change.

Due to space limitations, the Office of Admissions is no longer accepting term changes from Fall to the Summer term.

**Conditions of Admission**

If a student earns a grade(s) below a C during their senior year, they must immediately contact the Office of Admissions. Any grade(s) below a C is subject to the offer of admission being rescinded. A cumulative college GPA below 2.0 (dual enrollment) will result in the offer of admission being rescinded. Students who don’t meet the conditions of admission(s) should contact our office as soon as possible (850.644.6200).

Admitted students should update their SSAR to include first-semester grades ASAP. They will need to log in to the SSAR website (https://www.selfreportedtranscript.com/ssar/login.aspx) and submit the updates by clicking the Complete button at the bottom of the Review/Submit section. Students must re-lock their SSAR or Florida State will not receive their updated information.

After graduation, students must send the Office of Admissions their final, official high-school transcript with their graduation date and senior grades posted; final, official dual enrollment transcript(s); and all final, official ACT and/or SAT scores. All transcripts and test scores must be received in our office no later than July 18, 2018.

**Appeals**

Students who did not receive a favorable admission decision and who wish to appeal may submit a formal appeal. Detailed information about our appeals process can be found at http://admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/appeal/.

To submit an appeal, students must do the following:

1. Update SSAR with mid-year grades.
2. Send an email with a statement explaining why he/she wishes to appeal. The email should be sent to admissions@fsu.edu with Appeal in the subject line.
3. Request official high school and college (if you dual enrolled) transcripts be sent to Florida State.
4. Students submitting a medical or disability appeal must provide relevant medical documentation or psychoeducational evaluation.
5. Letters of Recommendation can be submitted, but it is not required.

The deadline to receive all documents is April 11. Students will receive a final decision by April 27.

All appeals are reviewed by the University Admissions Committee and all decisions are final.
University Housing

University Housing offers you a diverse living and learning community with suite-style and apartment-style residence halls. Each residence hall has unique characteristics. Detailed information on each hall can be found at the University Housing website (housing.fsu.edu).

Fall/Spring housing contracts for students admitted for the summer and fall term are currently open and are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Summer housing contracts for students admitted for the summer are also currently open.

Once a housing contract is completed, admitted students have seven days to pay the $225 deposit. Summer housing-contract deposits are $100.

Accepted students are also encouraged to check out the different Living-Learning Communities (LLC) offered at Florida State. An LLC consists of a small group of students who live together, share an interest, and take one or two of their classes together, usually in a small classroom inside their residence hall. Detailed information about each Living-Learning Community can be found at the following website https://housing.fsu.edu/living-learning-communities

Financial Aid

To apply for Financial Aid, admitted students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- Summer 2018 admits must complete BOTH the 2017-18 FAFSA & 2018-19 FAFSA.
- Fall 2018 admits only need to complete the 2018-19 FAFSA.

Students should use the 2015 tax form to complete the 2017-18 FAFSA, while the 2018-19 FAFSA requires the use of the 2016 tax form.

If a student will be receiving Florida Bright Futures, or any other state-of-Florida scholarship, ensure that FSU’s school code (371) is listed on the state scholarship application. Students can update this information online at http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ or by calling the State of Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance at 1.888.827.2004.

Financial aid award notification began in February. To view their financial aid award package, students must first activate their permanent FSUID and then log in to their myFSU portal. Visit the Office of Financial Aid website financialaid.fsu.edu for more information.

Honors Program

The Florida State Honors Program admitted over 900 students to participate for the Fall 2018. This year’s applicant pool for the honors program was very competitive. The accepted mid-range profile was:

Accepted Honors Mid-Range Profile
- Academic Core GPA: 4.3-4.6
- SAT: 1440-1520
- ACT: 32-34

The Honors Program is no longer accepting applications at this time. Freshmen may be eligible for admission to the University Honors Program via the lateral admission process. Lateral admits join the program in the spring semester following their first fall semester, and they are held to the same retention requirements as students admitted by standard admission.

Detailed information about the Honors Program and the lateral admission process can be found at honors.fsu.edu.
HOW TO PAY A DEPOSIT

Below is essential information that students will need to pay their deposit at Florida State University:

1) Log in to fees.fsu.edu.
2) Click on the I do not have an FSUID but do have a Customer Number button.

3) Enter the EMPLID/Customer Number in the space provided and then click the Make A Payment button. A student’s EMPLID will be on the acceptance letter located on their Application Status Check page.

4) On the Make A Payment screen, students will select the deposit description charge that reads Adm Deposit Undergrad; the item term will either read Summer 2018 or Fall 2018; and the outstanding charge will be $200.

5) Check the Select to Pay box next to the outstanding charge; the deposit payment amount of $200 will appear; students will then click Continue.

6) On the Payment Method screen, students can choose to pay by either credit card or electronic check.
   • Paying by credit card will add a $4.60 service fee for total of $204.60.
   • Clicking Continue will take them to the Student Tuition Fees screen.
   • Fill in the credit card payment information.

Please Note: If a student has already created their FSUID, they will click the I have a permanent FSUID button, enter their FSUID and Password and click Sign In. Then proceed to step 4.

Please Note: If a student needs their EMPLID, they can click the Application Status Check link below the Make A Payment button to access their nine-digit number.

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- Paying by electronic check will not add a service fee charge.
- Clicking Continue will take them to the Student Tuition Fees screen.
- Select the account type—personal or business—then click Next.
- Fill in the bank account information.

7) After filling in all the required fields on the billing address payment screen, click Next.

8) Next, verify that the billing address, payment method, and payment amount is correct. Then click Pay Now.

9) A screen with red text appears. Students must select the check box on this page and click Submit to proceed.

10) If payment was accepted, students receive the following confirmation screen.

Please Note: If you do not see the above screen saying that payment was successfully processed, do not pay again. For any questions on whether payment was successfully processed, students should call Student Business Services at 850.644.9452.

11) After the admission deposit is paid, students should create their FSUID. Please see the How To Create An FSUID tidbit page.

Payments made electronically may take up to 24 hours to post to a students’ myFSU account. **DO NOT** attempt to pay the same charges multiple times if you do not see your payment posted to your account. If your payment does not appear within 24 hours, please contact Student Business Services at 850.644.9452 or studentbusiness@fsu.edu.

Students can also pay their admission deposit via mail by sending a check or money order, made out to Florida State University, to Student Business Services. Students should include their EMPLID on their payment.

Address:
Student Business Services
Florida State University
A1500 University Center
Tallahassee, FL 32306

Students can also pay their admission deposit in person with cash or check at Student Business Services, located at A1500 University Center. Payments must be received in the Office of Student Business Services by May 1.
Students who are admitted to FSU and plan to attend the University must create a permanent FSUID. The FSUID is a unique login that provides students with an official FSU email account, access to the University network, Canvas, myFSU portal, and course registration. Students will also need an FSUID to complete a housing contract and to register for orientation.

Students who accept a Summer, Seminole Pathways or Spring offer from FSU should wait two business days before trying to activate their FSUID.

Below is essential information that students must follow to activate their permanent FSUID:

1) Log in to my.fsu.edu.
2) Under the garnet Sign In button, click on Activate Your FSUID.
3) On the FSUID Activation screen, complete all five fields that are listed and click Submit.
4) Read and accept the following guidelines then click Submit.
5) Create a password following the requirements that are listed, then click Submit.
6) If the password is accepted, you will receive confirmation that your FSUID has been activated. You will also be given your new FSUID as well as your FSU email address located next to the Windows Live ID (myFSU).

Students with questions about their newly created FSUID and/or password, should contact the ITS Service Desk at 850-644-HELP.