A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back! “Are you ready for this new admissions cycle?” I often get asked that question. Yes, I am ready with our application updates, new brochures, travel plans, staff training, etc., but this summer has flown by and I wish I had some more time to enjoy the summer months. I am sure many of you feel the same way but I also know that we all get excited as we start working with students again.

We opened our freshman applications on August 1 - all three of them. Students are now able to apply using one of our applications: The Coalition application, The Common Application, or the FSU institutional application. We ask that students only complete one application. While the applications are different, they have similar content and we do not have a preference of one application over another. November 1 is our application deadline for a decision on January 31.

Student success has always been the number one priority at FSU, and our recent four-year graduation rate of 68.4% places Florida State first among all the State University System of Florida institutions. More significantly, it is the highest four-year graduation rate in the SUS's history. It also places FSU among the top 15 public universities nationally. This is the result of careful and strategic investments in areas such as academic advising, tutoring and academic coaching.

Our commitment to student success has also resulted in the introduction of two new programs that are being launched this fall, both designed to connect our incoming students with existing university resources and further strengthen student resiliency.

Engage 100 is designed to set students up for success by having the student be engaged in at least one university organized activity. Detailed information about the Engage 100 initiative can be found at https://engage100.fsu.edu/. The Student Resiliency Project is an online, evidence-based public-health style prevention program for all incoming freshmen. This program is designed to strengthen a student’s emotional and academic coping skills and encourage self-awareness and personal growth. For a quick look at what the students are learning about, see https://strong.fsu.edu/.

As we embark on this new admission cycle together, I wanted to share with you the story of a remarkable woman at FSU who is known for her hugs and cheery “I love you” greeting to all as they enter our dining hall. Mrs. Eva Killings currently serves as the ambassador of Seminole dining after 43 years of working in food service. Her job is to welcome students and faculty members to the dining area and she does so every day with a big smile and hugs. This caring and going-the-extra-mile treatment is what makes FSU so very special, and she serves as an inspiration to all reminding us of the importance of kindness and hugs. To learn more about Mrs. Killings, see https://www.forbes.com/sites/christopherelliott/2018/08/04/she-delivered-award-winning-customer-service-when-no-one-was-looking-heres-what-happened-next/#1dabad5f1960.

Maybe this is the year of hugs? Be well.

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**FSU FACTS**

Total Enrollment ...................... 41,900
Undergraduate Enrollment .......... 32,812
Student-to-Faculty Ratio ............... 22:1
In-State Students .......................... 85%
Out-of-State Students .................... 15%
Retention Rate ................................. 94%
Four-Year Graduation Rate ............. 68%
Six-Year Graduation Rate ............... 80%

**2018 Fall - Middle 50%**
Academic Core GPA .................. 4.1-4.5
ACT Composite .......................... 28-32
SAT Total .................................. 1290-1400

**2018 Summer - Middle 50%**
Academic Core GPA .................. 3.8-4.3
ACT Composite .......................... 25-29
SAT Total .................................. 1210-1310

**Top Five States**
Florida
Georgia
New York
New Jersey
North Carolina

**Top Five Majors**
Biological Science
Business
Engineering
Psychology
Clinical Professions

**Top Five Areas of Employment**
for FSU Graduates
Education
Financial Services
Marketing
Accounting
Clinical Professions

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**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Florida State University will accept one of three applications for 2019 freshman admission: our institutional online application, the Common Application, and The Coalition application. **Students should only submit one application for admission.**

After submitting an application, students should complete the following steps by the application deadline:

1) Create the Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR) at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/ssar using the students’ official high school transcript. To learn more about the SSAR, view our FAQ and watch our how-to videos at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/ssar/videos.

2) Complete the following items on the Application Status Check:
   - Self-report all ACT and/or SAT test scores.
   - Link your SSAR by copying the 32-character code from your SSAR account.
   - Choose one essay question at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/#essay and upload the essay.
   - Upload one resume.
   - Submit the Residency Declaration for tuition purposes found at admissions.fsu.edu/residency.

3) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) found at fasfa.gov using the IRS Data-Retrieval Tool. The FAFSA should be submitted no later than December 1 for priority consideration for financial aid.

Students planning to major in dance, film (animation or production), music or theatre should review the academic department's website for additional information on the admission process.

**APPLICATION Process FAQ**

**Do the Common and Coalition applications have a different application fee?**
Florida State University’s freshman application fee is $30. Both the Common Application and The Coalition application carry an additional $5 processing fee. If a student qualifies for a CollegeBoard, ACT, or NACAC fee waiver, the entire amount, including the processing fee, is waived.

**Are there any differences between the Common Application, The Coalition application, and FSU's institutional application?**
While the visual presentation of the three applications is different, most of the information gathered on them is identical. Additionally, the Common Application has its own set of essay prompts.

**Must students use an outside application to apply to Florida State University?**
No. The Common Application and The Coalition application are two of three ways students may apply to Florida State. Students may also apply using the institutional application located on our website. We have no preference for which application a student chooses to submit, but we do ask that students only submit one application.

**When will students gain access to their Application Status Check (ASC) page?**
Students that submit the Florida State application will gain access immediately. Students that submit the Common Application or The Coalition application will receive an email confirmation from Florida State two business days after submission that will contain instructions on how to access the Application Status Check.
CARE Summer Bridge Requirements

CARE's Summer Bridge Program is designed to motivate, prepare, and recruit traditionally underrepresented and socioeconomically disadvantaged students from Florida through a variety of programs and academic support services. Applicants selected to participate in CARE will be first-generation college students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged and eligible to receive federal financial aid who have demonstrated a strong desire to succeed. In addition, these students must meet the Florida residency requirements.

Students interested in applying to CARE must submit the application and all supporting documents by November 1, 2018. CARE applicants should complete the following steps:

1) Apply online in one of three ways: our institutional application (admissions.fsu.edu/undergradapp), the Common Application (commonapp.org), or The Coalition application (mycoalition.org). Students should submit only one application.

2) Create the Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR) at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/ssar using the students’ official high school transcript. To learn more about the SSAR, view our FAQ and watch our how-to videos at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/ssar/videos.

3) Complete the following items on the Application Status Check by the application deadline:

   • Self-report all ACT and/or SAT test scores.
   • Link your SSAR by copying the 32-character code from your SSAR account.
   • Choose one essay question at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/#essay and upload the essay.
   • Upload one resume.
   • Submit the Residency Declaration for tuition purposes found at admissions.fsu.edu/residency.

4) Complete both the 2018-19 and 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) found at fafsa.gov using the IRS Data-Retrieval Tool. The 2019-20 FAFSA is available October 1. The 2018-19 FAFSA is currently available. All documents must be submitted by November 1, 2018.

Students planning to major in dance, film (animation or production), music or theatre should review the academic department’s website directly for additional information on the admission process.

Students should log in to their Application Status Check regularly at admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck to monitor the status of their application and to upload application materials.

Scholarship Opportunities

University Freshman Scholarship
Admitted students are automatically considered for this scholarship. There is not a separate scholarship application. Priority consideration is given to those admitted in the first admission notification. The award is $2,400 per year distributed over four years for a total amount of $9,600.

Presidential Scholars Program
Students admitted to FSU’s Honors Program are invited to submit an application to the Presidential Scholars Program. This highly competitive program draws critical and innovate thinkers who want to use their talents to make meaningful contributions to society. Students admitted to the Presidential Scholars Program are eligible to take advantage of honors curricula and high-impact educational and creative endeavors, service-learning projects, public-service internships, and entrepreneurship development. The total award for this scholarship is $31,200 plus an out-of-state tuition waiver scholarship for non-Florida residents. Detailed information about this premier undergraduate merit scholarship can be found at presidentscholars.fsu.edu/scholarship-benefits.

Benacquisto (National Merit Finalist) Scholarship
Admitted students who list FSU as their first choice with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation are eligible to receive this scholarship. The award is equal to the institutional cost of attendance for an in-state student, minus the sum of the Bright Futures Scholarship and the National Merit award.

Non-Florida residents will receive an award that is equal to the institutional cost of attendance, including a waiver of the out-of-state tuition cost, minus the National Merit award. National Merit Finalists are guaranteed admission to the University Honors Program.

Out-of-State Tuition Fee Waivers/Scholarships

Full Waiver of Out-of-State Tuition Fees
The total amount of this award is a 100 percent reduction (waiver) of the out-of-state portion of tuition, valued at approximately $481 per semester hour ($14,444 based on 30 semester hours for the academic year).

Partial Waiver of Out-of-State Tuition Fees
The total amount of this award is a 50 percent reduction (waiver) of the out-of-state portion of tuition, valued at approximately $241 per semester hour ($7,222 based on 30 semester hours for the academic year).

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Students must meet the minimum requirements for both GPA and ACT or SAT scores. Students cannot have any D/F throughout high school career. Student must complete 30 hours an academic year and maintain 3.0 FSU cumulative GPA to renew.

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NEW ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES
This year, Florida State added the following undergraduate majors to our existing 160+ offerings:

- Biomedical Engineering (College of Engineering)
- Cell & Molecular Neuroscience (College of Arts & Science; Department - Psychology)
- Behavioral Neuroscience (College of Arts & Science; Department - Psychology)
- Physics & Materials (College of Arts & Science; Department - Physics)
- Retail Entrepreneurship (Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship)

Also, please note that Retail Merchandising & Product Development is moving from the College of Human Sciences to the Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship in the Fall 2018. **This school is the first stand-alone Entrepreneurship School at a public university in the U.S.**

REGIONAL RECRUITER FOR MIAMI-DADE AREA
The Florida State Office of Admissions is excited to announce the addition of another regional recruiter for the Miami-Dade area. This will be FSU’s fourth regional recruiter in the state of Florida adding to existing areas in Central Florida, Tampa Bay and South Florida.

What’s New At FSU?

Florida State University is excited to introduce the FSU Student Resilience Project. All incoming freshmen, transfer, and CARE students will be required to participate in this project.

The FSU Student Resilience Project is an online, evidence-informed universal public-health style prevention program. The project is designed to strengthen a student’s emotional and academic coping skills; intended to encourage self-awareness and personal growth, whether or not students have experienced any prior trauma; created to increase connection of students with valuable FSU and community resources; designed to supplement University educational and counseling interventions; intended to destigmatize mental health issues and encourage help-seeking.

Visit [https://strong.fsu.edu](https://strong.fsu.edu) for more information.

Engage 100

Engage 100 is designed to connect, engage, and challenge students during their first semester at FSU, as well as pave the way to future success in college. These are small, mentor-guided group experiences centered on a particular topic or curriculum that will assist the student in acclimating to university life.

**What will first-year students gain from participating in an approved experience?**

- Join a formal community and form meaningful peer relationships
- Develop personal, social and professional awareness and skills
- Engage in an activity that aligns with your academic and personal goals
- Learn how to continue to be engaged throughout your college career
- Help make the most of your FSU experience

Approved experiences within Engage 100 include College Life Coaching, CARE, Freshman Interest Groups (FIG’s), Honors Program, Living-Learning Communities (LLC’s) and Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP). Visit [https://engage100.fsu.edu](https://engage100.fsu.edu) for more information.