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INTERNATIONAL AGENT HANDBOOK

University of
CINCINNATI





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OUR VISION

At the University of Cincinnati, we realize the impact our teaching, research and service can have on our community and the world. So, we don't wait for change to happen. We break boundaries, boldly imagine, and create what's Next.

To us, today's possibilities spark tomorrow's reality. That's why we are leading urban public universities into a new era of innovation and impact.

We're about engaging people and ideas - and transforming the world.

We are UC.
Welcome to what's *Next*.



WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you as an official representative of the University of Cincinnati, one of the premiere urban research universities in the United States. We look forward to developing a strong working relationship and enjoying a prosperous partnership.

This handbook is designed to provide you with an overview of the University of Cincinnati's application processes and key information to help you support students through the application process to our undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Throughout the year, you will receive ongoing support from our dedicated international admissions team, with the aim to assist you in providing comprehensive and quality services to your students. We hope that you will find this information useful and informative.



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WORKING WITH UC

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

A partnership approach to working together to provide the best level of service to our students

A dedicated international admissions counselor for your region who will respond to your queries in a timely manner

Regular email updates, information, and materials about the university, including changes to policies and admissions requirements

Bi-annual online training to ensure you have the knowledge and tools needed to successfully promote UC to your students

When possible, annual visits from a university representative to carry out training, counsel prospective students, and advise on the latest processes

Access to our exclusive agent website, where you'll find online resources and marketing material to support your work

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

Promote UC in a professional, accurate, and ethical manner

Consider "best fit" for your student first and foremost, and to provide reliable guidance on admissions requirements and the application process

Demonstrate clear understanding of UC's academic programs, facilities and services, and ensure any information used in promotional material is up to date

Abide by the terms and conditions of our agreement at all times, and stay up to date with UC's policies and procedures

Notify us immediately of any changes to your agency's name, address, point of contact, banking account, or other company changes

At all times act in the best interest of the student and the University of Cincinnati

OUR ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The University of Cincinnati is committed to best practices and professionalism in working with students and agents. Therefore, we expect our partner agents to always work in a professional manner when representing the University.

We will monitor the performance of your agency each year following the criteria listed below.

- In country visits, when possible.
- Your prompt and professional response to any direct communication.
- Your prompt and accurate submission of invoice payments twice a year.
- Your agency's engagement with the University throughout the year.
- The professionalism of your agency staff and the quality of counseling offered to students.
- Number of students enrolling at UC.
- Quality of applicants being sent from your agency.

If at any time we feel that your agency's performance does not meet our expectations, we will contact you to discuss non-renewal of your agency's contract or potential early termination of your agency's contract.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI



WHY CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI?

There are many reasons why students choose to study with us. You can rest assured that when you recommend the University of Cincinnati, you are offering an institution with a high-quality education and a unique student experience.

- Founded in 1819, UC is one of the oldest universities in the United States
- 46,000 students call UC home
- Located in Cincinnati, Ohio, a thriving metropolitan city
- Over 350 academic programs in 11 colleges and two branch campuses
- UC was named one of the world's most beautiful college campuses by Forbes

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

International students form an integral part of academic and social life at the University of Cincinnati.

- 3,500 international students from 115 countries
- Ranked #5 most welcoming by the International Student Barometer
- 96.4% first-year retention rate for international undergraduate students

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

The University of Cincinnati is committed to the international student community. UC International Services is a separate office from International Admissions with 15 professional staff. They offer a full range of services to support students, including but not limited to:

- Issuing I-20, and providing support and guidance during the visa process.
- Advising on immigration and work authorization (including CPT and OPT).
- Providing social and cultural programming throughout the year.
- Providing other resources and support for living in America.

#1 CO-OPS & INTERNSHIPS

among public universities in the U.S.
— U.S. News & World Report

#64

among public universities
— U.S. News & World Report

#1

return on investment
— PolicyMic

50 PROGRAMS IN THE TOP 50

including highly-competitive programs in our College of Design, College of Engineering and Applied Science and College-Conservatory of Music.



ACADEMIC COLLEGES

The University of Cincinnati has 11 academic colleges which offer 350+ programs at the undergraduate and postgraduate level.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE

Ranked in the Top 100 Engineering Schools in the U.S., our College of Engineering and Applied Science unleashes education by immersing students in a rigorous and innovative curriculum and culture of real-world, experience-based learning. The value of a CEAS degree is unparalleled, providing elevated placement, greater earning potential and unlimited post-graduate options. Popular majors include Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, Freshmen Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering. [Learn more about the College of Engineering and Applied Science.](#)

COLLEGE OF DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE, ART & PLANNING

Named one of the top 5 design schools in the country, DAAP is a dynamic and exciting environment in which to study. Students work closely with engaged faculty members and collaborate with professionals and other students involved in a variety of disciplines. The professional practice program offers students paid, professional-level, real-world experience that supplements a rigorous educational curriculum. Popular majors include Industrial Design, Communication Design, Fashion Design, Interior Design and Architecture. [Learn more about the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning.](#)

COLLEGE-CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Nationally ranked and internationally renowned, the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) is a preeminent institution for the performing and media arts. CCM provides lifechanging experiences within a highly creative and multidisciplinary artistic environment. Popular majors include Musical Theater, Commercial Music Production, Theatre Production, and musicperformance disciplines. [Learn more about the College-Conservatory of Music.](#)

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Through approximately 65 undergraduate majors and 22 graduate programs, UC's College of Arts & Sciences provides a broad platform of scholarly opportunity, led by award-winning faculty. Through internships, foundational career exploration and real-world problem-solving challenges, Arts & Sciences prepares the next generation of explorers and visionaries to make an impact wherever they go. [Learn more about the College of Arts and Sciences.](#)

LINDNER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Ranked in the Top 100 Business Schools in the U.S., Lindner College of Business is committed to developing the next generation of business leaders. Through personalized career coaching and experiential learning, students graduate with a competitive advantage in the workforce and are strongly positioned to address a multitude of today's global business challenges. [Learn more about the Lindner College of Business.](#)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE & HUMAN SERVICES

CECH is dedicated to making a difference in communities through outreach, academic programs, and community partnerships. Students and faculty work side-by-side with educators, athletic directors, community wellness experts, cybersecurity analysts, and local, state and federal law enforcement officials. Current research is incorporated into every course to ensure CECH graduates are prepared to address the most urgent challenges of our society. [Learn more about the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services.](#)

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

The UC College of Allied Health Sciences unleashes education through rigorous academic curricula, community service and experience based learning. A unique collection of professional programs provides a wealth of opportunity to pursue a passion for healing. From the very first year, students are immersed in real world and interdisciplinary experiences, providing an unparalleled advantage in the marketplace. [Learn more about the College of Allied Health Sciences.](#)

PATHWAY PROGRAMS

Designed for students who need additional English support, the International Pathway Program is a two semester program (one academic year) that provides English as a Second Language courses while also allowing major-based classes that will count as credit towards a student's degree. After successfully completing the International Pathway Program, students are guaranteed full admission into their selected major. [Learn more about Pathway Programs.](#)

REGIONAL CAMPUSES

UC has two regional campuses: UC Blue Ash and UC Clermont are both located 20-30 minutes from Main Campus. Our regional campuses are an alternative for students who do not meet the Main Campus minimums for their program, or they want to save money with the lower tuition offered. Students can complete two years of study at UC Blue Ash, then transition to Main Campus. (Not recommended for Engineering programs or DAAP Programs). [Learn more about UC Blue Ash.](#) [Learn more about UC Clermont.](#)

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

The University of Cincinnati invented cooperative education (co-op) in 1906. Co-ops are semesters of paid, full-time work in a student's field.

CO-OP PROGRAMS

- College of Engineering & Applied Sciences (mandatory)
- Design & Architecture (mandatory)
- Information Technology (mandatory)
- College of Arts & Sciences (optional)
- College of Business (optional)

| YEAR 1 | | |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fall school | Spring school | Summer break |

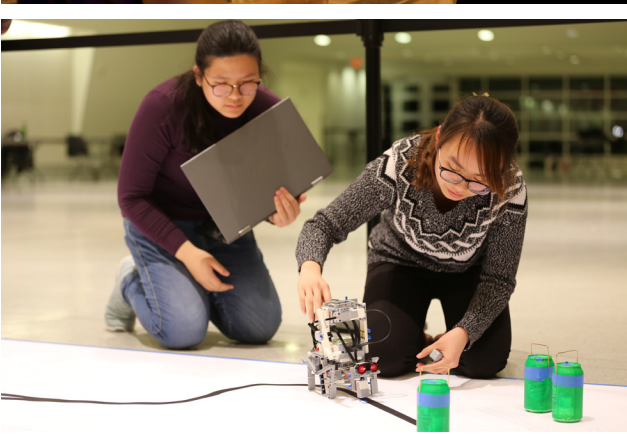
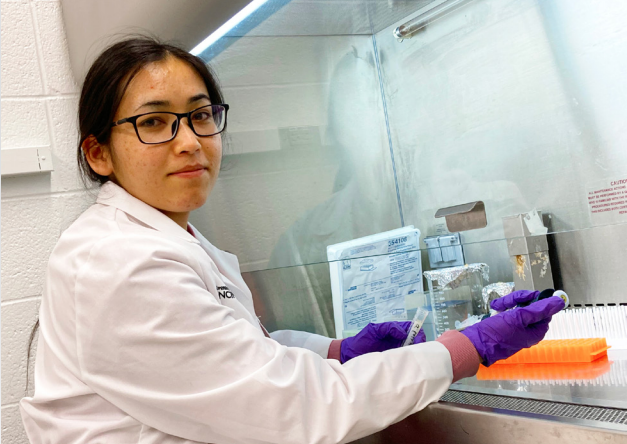
| YEAR 2 | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Fall school | Spring co-op | Summer school |

| YEAR 3 | | |
|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fall co-op | Spring school | Summer co-op |

| YEAR 4 | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fall school | Spring co-op | Summer co-op |

| YEAR 5 | |
|-------------|---------------|
| Fall school | Spring school |

CO-OP SCHEDULE
Undergraduate programs featuring co-op typically take 5 years to complete: 4 years studying at UC (paying tuition) and 12-18 months of employment (no tuition payments).



Our grads step out into the world with a diploma and a résumé, so it's no wonder they're than ready for what's next.

\$10,000 average earnings per co-op semester

Up to **94%** of grads employed full-time accepted a position related to their major

Hired at **TOP** Fortune 500 companies, including:

3M / Apple / Citigroup / Coca-Cola / Dow Chemical / GE / General Motors / Google / Honeywell / IBM / Johnson & Johnson / Kellogg / Kroger / Macy's / Marriott International / Microsoft / Morgan Stanley / Pfitzer / Procter & Gamble / Ralph Lauren / Stryker / Walt Disney

Based on 2018-2019 data, for the 83% of undergraduates that we have information on, 73% were employed with an average starting salary of \$47,132, and 22.6% continued their education.

\$75 million total student earnings in co-op placements. (2019-2020)

1,500+ partnering companies in 16 countries.

100% student participation in experienced-based learning.

LIFE AT UC

ACCOMMODATIONS

UC is proud to offer 12 different residence halls for students to choose from, including themed floors. We offer a range of options to help meet students wants and needs, including traditional halls, multi-bedroom suites, apartment-style living, and living-learning communities.

Over 80% of all incoming freshman live on campus their first year. International students are required to live on-campus their first year.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

Dining services at five different dining halls meet all dietary needs (vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, allergy-sensitive.) First-year students are required to sign up for an all-inclusive meal plan with unlimited dine-in and take-away meals.

Local international **grocery stores** allow students to shop for food on their own. Off-campus dining features a wide range of **international restaurants** including Indian, Ethiopian, Mexican, Syrian, Chinese and more.

Award-winning student **recreation center** (including lap pool and leisure pool, fitness floor, rock climbing wall, basketball courts and more.)

NCAA Division 1 Athletics, Club sports and Intramural sports opportunities.

Over **500 student organizations** including sports, academics, culture and diversity, visual and performing arts, sororities and fraternities and more.

Student safety is our top priority. UC has a **safe campus environment** with 24-hour campus police, shuttles and night ride services, safety apps with emergency contacts, and secure buildings with key or ID required for entry.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI



One of the
WORLD'S
most beautiful campuses
— Forbes



CINCINNATI - OUR HOME

The city of Cincinnati is home for nearly 2 million people. It's our source for professional opportunities, celebrations, and culture. From local shops and ethnic restaurants to big-league sports, arts, and entertainment, there's always something to see and do with friends.

#1 CITY

for college graduates
— SmartAsset

TOP 5

most affordable U.S. cities
— Forbes

More than
400 FORTUNE 500
companies have a presence in Cincinnati.

6 are headquartered here — more per capita than anywhere else in the country.



UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS



- First year direct admits to Main Campus must submit the following items:
- 1. Common Application.**
 - \$100 application fee
 - Essay (topics available online)
 - Personal Statement
 - 1-2 letters of recommendation (optional)
 - 2. Official High School transcripts.** Transcripts must include US equivalent of all four years and must be submitted by a school representative or agent. Transcripts should include a certified English translation, if needed.
 - 3. Test of English.** We accept ACT/SAT, IELTS, TOEFL, PTE, and Duolingo
 - 4. Test of Math.** This is required for the UC Global Scholarship and some selective programs. We accept ACT/SAT or our online math placement test.

Some programs may require additional materials. Please check with your program to ensure you are submitting all necessary items. CCM has their own admissions requirements.

TEST OF ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

| | UNIVERSITY MINIMUM | MOST SELECTIVE PROGRAMS |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| TOEFL* | 66 | 79 |
| IELTS** | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| PTE | 46 | 53 |
| SAT | 520 | 520 |
| ACT | 20 | 20 |
| ELS | 112 | 112 |
| DTE | 105 | 95 |

*All programs require a minimum of 15 on each subsection
**All programs require a minimum of 5.5 on each subsection

DATES & DEADLINES

- August 1st**
Common Application open for the following year's fall admissions.
- December 1st**
Priority Application Deadline for competitive programs (including CCM, DAAP, College of Medicine and select CEAS programs.) The priority deadline for all first-year programs for early decision release and competitive scholarships.
- Early February**
Decision Release Day for applicants who met priority deadline.
- March 1st**
Rolling Application Deadline
- May 1st**
Confirmation Deadline
- July 1st**
Transfer application deadline
Regional Campus application deadline
ACE Pathway Program application deadline



2020-2021 TUITION RATES

| | MAIN CAMPUS | ACE PATHWAY PROGRAM | UC BLUE ASH CAMPUS | UC CLERMONT CAMPUS |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Tuition | \$28,972 | \$28,972 | \$15,654 | \$13,116 |
| Living Expenses* | \$14,958 | \$14,958 | \$14,958 | \$14,958 |
| Health Insurance | \$2,360 | \$2,360 | \$2,360 | \$2,360 |
| Total | \$46,290 | \$46,290 | \$32,972 | \$31,094 |

*Living expenses include housing, food, books, class fees, and other miscellaneous expenses.

ACCEPTANCE RATE

UC's Undergraduate acceptance rate is 76.6%. This rate varies depending on the program. Our more competitive programs (Engineering, CCM, Architecture, Industrial Design, and Medicine) have a lower acceptance rate. In all cases, we advise students to apply by our priority deadline.

SCHOLARSHIPS

International students are considered for upon submission of a complete application to their selected UC program. The scholarship range is \$1,000 annually to \$20,000 annually. The average scholarship award is \$7,500 per year.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

At the University of Cincinnati, Graduate Admissions and Undergraduate Admissions are separate offices.

Additionally, graduate-level programs are decentralized, which means that requirements and deadlines vary by program and all decisions are made at the program level.

Please refer to our [Graduate Guide](#) and the [Graduate School website](#) for further information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Website: grad.uc.edu

General Email: grad.info@uc.edu

Technical Issues Email: gradhelpdesk@uc.edu

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APPLICATION MATERIALS

The Graduate School uses one online application for all programs.

All documents must be uploaded to the online application. The Graduate School will not process any hard-copy documents received in their office. Incomplete online applications will not be reviewed. Generally, applicants must submit the following materials in order to have a complete application:

1. University transcripts (3.0/4.0 GPA)

Official transcripts are not required at the point of application. Please upload scans of unofficial transcripts to the online application. After a student confirms, the Graduate School will request the student's official transcripts. If a student's undergraduate coursework was completed outside of the United States, a course-by-course evaluation may additionally be required.

2. GRE or GMAT scores (UC College Code 1833)

3. TOEFL/IELTS/PTE scores

The English score needed varies depending on the program, but the university minimums for graduate programs are:

TOEFL: 80 (iBT) IELTS: 6.5 (Overall Band) PTE: 47

4. Letter(s) of recommendation

5. Personal statement

6. Video Essay (optional)

**Some programs may require additional materials. Please check with your program to ensure you are submitting all necessary items*

2020-2021 TUITION RATES

Out-of-state tuition varies by program, however the general out-of-state tuition for the majority of graduate programs for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$29,804 USD.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are three main opportunities for graduate students to receive funding toward their education. All scholarships and assistantships are determined by the individual graduate program.

1. Assistantships (teaching, research, and administrative)
2. Fellowships (university-level and college-based)
3. Tuition Scholarships (Graduate Incentive Award and Graduate Assistant Scholarship)



COMMISSIONS

The University of Cincinnati will process commission payments for students who have applied via our representatives and who go on to register with us. Agencies must be tagged to student's application during their application process, not after.

Students applications can be connected to your agency in one of two ways.

1. Student indicates that they are working with your agency in their admission application.
2. Your agency emails us to connect your agency with the student's application.

COMMISSION PAYMENTS

Payments are made twice a year. The Fee Rate for the Agreement can be found in the signed Agency Agreement.



MARKETING

At UC, we understand the power of marketing through various channels to best fit your needs and the students' needs. We are pleased to provide you with various resources with key information.

WEBSITES + BROCHURES

UC has up-to-date information for agents, counselors and students and families. We also offer brochures in multiple languages. We expect our Agencies to only use material provided by the University of Cincinnati when promoting UC. Visit our exclusive International Agent page here to access these materials.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, our staff will host different virtual events with UC International Admissions staff, International Student Ambassadors, and guest speakers from our different colleges. If you have interest in coordinating any additional virtual events with UC, please contact us to discuss options.

IN-PERSON VISITS + EVENTS

When possible, our staff enjoys visiting your agency for in-person trainings and in-country education fairs. We will contact you should a UC staff member be visiting your country.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage you and your students to follow us on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and YouTube. Along with informational videos, come see what UC is all about from a student's point of view!





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