



Application Guidelines for International Students

Application Deadlines

Early Decision: Common Application and Cornell Supplement: November 1

Regular Decision: Common Application and Cornell Supplement: January 2

This sheet gives ILR-specific information for international students. You will also want to read more general international student information at the Undergraduate Admissions Office website.

<http://admissions.cornell.edu/apply/international/index.cfm>

Academic Qualifications

International students applying to Cornell should have completed a strong university preparatory curriculum, including English and Mathematics.

Freshman applicants will also need to take the standardized tests that United States colleges and universities use to evaluate candidates for admission. When applying to ILR, you will need to take either the SAT I and the SAT II Subject Tests in Mathematics (any level), or you will need to take the ACT.

If you are an international student, and English is not your first language, you are required to submit the results of either the TOEFL or the IELTS. Cornell's recommended minimum TOEFL score is 100 (internet-based) or 600 (paper-based), and the recommended minimum IELTS score is 7.

We will waive the TOEFL and/or IELTS requirement for students who have achieved a score of 670 or higher on the

Critical Reading section of the SAT Reasoning Test. We will also waive the requirement for students who have been attending school in the U.S. (or other nations where English is the primary language spoken) for at least 4 years.

To be certain that Cornell receives your test scores, the name you use for the test registration must match exactly the name used on your passport and on your admissions application.

Request that the testing agencies send your scores directly to Cornell's Undergraduate Admissions Application Center; scores that appear on secondary-school transcripts are not considered official.

Applying for Admission: International Application Procedures

Details on the required application materials can be found here:

<http://admissions.cornell.edu/apply/applications.cfm#international>

International applicants need to complete and submit:

- the Common Application
- Supplement to the Common Application, which is required of all applicants. It includes important Cornell-specific information and required essays.
- International Financial Aid Application:
<http://admissions.cornell.edu/apply/international/InternationalFinancialAidApplication.pdf>

- \$70.00 application fee

About Your Status

You apply to Cornell as a freshman if you will complete secondary school during the current academic year, if you are seeking admission after your junior year, or if you've graduated from secondary school but have been enrolled full-time at a college or university for less than half a year.

You apply to Cornell as a transfer student if you have graduated from secondary school and have been enrolled full-time in a university-level program for at least one semester (half a school year) at the time you apply to Cornell. We have a publication for transfer students that tells you all you should know, and includes the transfer application; write for a copy or obtain it at <http://admissions.cornell.edu/contact/request.cfm/>.

If you already have the equivalent of a United States bachelor's degree, you should apply directly to a graduate program. See <http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/gradDegreePrograms/>. You would not be eligible to apply for a second bachelor's degree.

Selecting a College within Cornell

At Cornell University, there are seven undergraduate colleges, and you will want to select one of the seven colleges that best meets your academic interests. As soon as you know you want to apply to the ILR School at Cornell, be sure to check ILR as the college at Cornell you are applying to, and write code number 701 as your major. ILR has only one major: Industrial and Labor Relations.

The Application Process

All application forms are online at <http://admissions.cornell.edu>

Here are the steps you should take to complete your application:

1. Complete the Common Application and

the Cornell Supplement to the Common Application using the information on the instruction sheet. These forms ask for basic information such as your name, address, educational background, and the college at Cornell to which you are applying.

2. As soon as possible, submit the Common Application online (www.commonapp.org), or send the completed Common Application forms to the Undergraduate Admissions Office, Cornell University, P.O. Box 516, Ithaca, NY 14851-0516, U.S.A., along with the payment of \$70.00 application fee (in the form of a check, a draft, or an international money order-drawn on a United States bank).

3. Next, send all supporting materials (Teacher Evaluations (1 and 2), School Report and Standardized test scores if you are applying as a freshman) to the Undergraduate Admissions Processing Center, East Hill Plaza, 349 Pine Tree Road, Ithaca, NY 14850-2899, U.S.A.

4. Have your school send the midterm report as soon as those grades are available to the address listed above in #3.

If it appears from the application that you haven't completed the equivalent of a United States high school education, or haven't completed the minimum course requirements, we'll tell you quickly and return your payment of the application fee.

A fee must accompany your application. The Common Application and Supplement will not be considered without the \$70.00 application fee or a documented fee waiver request.

The deadline for submitting the fee or fee waiver request, and both the Common Application and the required Cornell Supplement is January 2. Supporting documents may follow shortly after.

Fee Waiver Requests

You may send a brief letter requesting a fee waiver for economic hardship. The

letter must be signed by a school official and must include parents' employment, annual salaries, and the number of people dependent on those salaries. Fee waivers are not granted because of currency restrictions.

International Financial Aid Availability

Cornell University is pleased to provide financial aid to students who are not citizens of the United States. Financial aid for international students is made available from university funds as well as from scholarships that include (but are not limited to) the Cornell Club of Hong Kong Scholarship, the Robert and Wendy Purcell Scholarship for students from the Philippines and Thailand, and the Tata Scholarship for students from India. To apply for international financial aid, you should submit the Cornell University International Financial Aid Application and the College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE. Both forms should be submitted by November 1 for early decision and January 2 for regular decision. International financial aid decisions are determined after admission decisions are made. Criteria include academic excellence, geographic diversity, and potential for campus participation and/or leadership.

U.S. Citizens Living Abroad

United States citizens living abroad receive the same financial aid as United States citizens living in the U.S. To apply for financial aid you will need the following:

- Freshman Financial Aid Application (included in Cornell Application booklet)
- A College Scholarship Service (CSS) financial aid PROFILE
- A copy of your parents' federal income tax return
- Free Application for Federal Student

Aid (FAFSA)

- Declaration of Finances

Several Cornell scholarship programs recognize achievement and can help finance your education. See the Office of the Cornell Commitment for details.

In addition, the U.S. Air Force, Army, and Navy branches of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) offer attractive financing options for some students. For more information see, for example, the Cornell Army ROTC website at <http://armyrotc.cornell.edu>.

General information about financial aid for international students at United States colleges and universities is available at <http://www.finaid.org>.

Resources for International Students

The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) is the campus center for international students. ISSO can advise you about immigration regulations and forms and can refer you to various campus services for counseling, financial matters, medical care, and housing. See <http://www.isso.cornell.edu>.

If you have specific questions about applying, you can write to our International Mailbox at intl-inquiry@cornell.edu. Messages sent to this mailbox are answered by staff members each day.

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