

International Office

A great resource for international students at Dartmouth is the College's International Office. It provides a number of services and functions including immigration, academic, and personal counseling to all international students and scholars. The most critical function of the International Office is to assist with immigration matters, and it is from this Dartmouth office that the I-20 for potential holders of F-1 student visas, or the DS 2019 for students who hope to enter on J-1 visas is issued. The International Office provides updates on U.S. government regulations and policy to international students, faculty, and researchers. Valuable instruction and guidance given by the International Office aids Dartmouth international students in the maintenance of their U.S. immigration status. International advisors work with international students to assist them in all-important compliance with federal rules and regulations. In promoting international education at Dartmouth, the International Office also helps departments and administrative offices become more aware of the needs of our multicultural student body.

A rapid and smooth adjustment to the United States and Dartmouth in particular is an important goal of the International Office. The Office sponsors an in-depth orientation for all international undergraduate and graduate students before the start of each fall term. This is a three to four day program held in early September and includes events such as a faculty panel, meetings with student mentors, and sessions on immigration advising and financial aid. Attendance is required.



The international student orientation precedes the optional four day wilderness trips for new undergraduates sponsored by the Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC). DOC trip options include kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking, backpacking, or fishing. Today, over 90% of incoming new students take advantage of these experiences, described as unique and memorable opportunities.

Communities in the Upper Valley also play a role in the adjustment of international students to Dartmouth and the U.S. through the International Office Friendship Family Program. New international students are matched with families from the Upper Valley, providing an "insider's view" of U.S. culture for our newest students from around the globe.

Brewster International House is managed by both the International Office and the Office of Residential Life. It is a residence hall that accommodates 26 undergraduates from around the world and the United States. Although first year students are not eligible to live in Brewster, they are welcomed and encouraged to attend many of the International House social and cultural events.

The International Office also sponsors international programming for the greater Dartmouth community. Presentations by Dartmouth international students and scholars have included events ranging from a week long celebration of International Education to country sessions on Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan. Cultural presentations span the spectrum of Bulgarian cuisine to a Japanese tea ceremony. Coverage of these events and news about the Dartmouth international community are covered in the International Office newsletter which is published two to three times each academic year.

To learn more about the International Office, please visit our website at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~intl>.

Admissions

Admission to Dartmouth is highly selective, as every year there are over 16,500 applications for a first-year class of 1,070 students. There is no formula for the admissions process, but we do consider the record of tangible academic accomplishment represented by classroom performance, national exams, and standardized testing. In addition, careful attention is given to intellectual qualities such as curiosity, passion for ideas, and dedication to learning. A full description of the admissions process is outlined in the instructions accompanying the application.

Note: If the applicant attends school where the language of instruction is not English, all academic records should be written or translated into English and signed and stamped by an official of the secondary school. All academic records should be submitted directly to Dartmouth by the school.



Financial Aid

Dartmouth has long been committed to providing access to the broadest possible range of students. The College guarantees to meet the full demonstrated need of those who qualify for financial aid, and the admissions selection process is **need-blind** for all applicants, regardless of citizenship.

International students who need financial assistance to attend the College should apply for financial aid by the deadlines posted at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/apply/financialaid/>. For those who qualify, financial aid eligibility is calculated using a need-based formula to determine the contribution to be made from family resources. Financial assistance in the form of scholarships and campus employment is then awarded to supplement the calculated family contribution. Because all financial assistance awarded is based on a family's need, Dartmouth does not offer any merit scholarships based on academic credentials, athletic talent or other special achievements. Students receiving aid at the time of admission may expect to receive assistance during all of their undergraduate years as long as their demonstrated need (as calculated by Dartmouth) continues and as long as they make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree.

Need may vary from year to year depending on changes in family circumstances. Families must submit an updated International Student Financial Aid Application and current tax returns each year to document the family's financial situation. Students are also urged to seek scholarship support from other sources to help finance their educations.

Since many countries place limitations of the purchase of U.S. dollars, prospective international candidates should consult the proper authorities in their respective countries about the regulations governing foreign exchange of local currency for dollars. Aid applicants should be aware, however, that the family contribution is calculated without regard to these currency restrictions. Applicants and their families are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the procedure for sending money to the United States.

The International First-Year/Transfer Student Financial Aid Application is available on our website at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/apply/financialaid/applying/international.html>



Analyze the possibilities.
Add it up for yourself.

Come see.

Drive in.
Fly in.

Click in:
dartmouth.edu/apply

Learn More

We hope this publication has sparked your interest in Dartmouth. To learn more about our community, resources, programs, and opportunities, we encourage you to visit our campus. A well-planned visit to the Dartmouth campus is the best way to gain first-hand knowledge of the College, its faculty and students, and the exciting range of opportunities that are available to undergraduates. Whenever possible, we suggest that you take advantage of the programs offered by the Admissions Office as well as going out on your own. A complete range of programs, including campus tours, information sessions, and student forums are available and we encourage you to check our website at www.dartmouth.edu/apply for the most up-to-date schedules, travel directions, and local accommodations. Prospective students and their families are welcome to explore Dartmouth through our web pages as well. We encourage you to begin your "virtual campus visit" at www.dartmouth.edu/apply.

Apply

Dartmouth seeks to enroll students who have established outstanding records of academic accomplishment and extracurricular leadership. If you would like to be part of a vibrant and dynamic community, we encourage you to submit an application. A complete packet of admissions and financial aid instructions and application forms are enclosed with this mailing. These materials may also be accessed on our website at www.dartmouth.edu/apply.

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The officers of the College believe that the information contained herein is accurate as of the date of publication (August 2008), and they know of no significant changes to be made at the College in the near future. However, Dartmouth College reserves the rights to make from time to time such changes in its operations, programs, and activities as the Trustees, faculty, and officers consider appropriate and in the best interests of the Dartmouth community.



