Applying to Northwestern

Northwestern is always looking for students who have demonstrated unique qualities and contributions. We consider a variety of factors in the admissions process, including academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, essays, letters of recommendation, and standardized test scores. Knowing that opportunities vary based on how you've taken advantage of the academic and extracurricular resources available to you.

Financial aid is offered to all admitted students who are US citizens or permanent residents and demonstrate financial need. Northwestern provides financial assistance in the form of Federal, state, and university funds, as well as student employment. Navy ROTC and JROTC students also receive an additional ROTC program award.

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Financial aid

Northwestern meets full financial need for students who receive need-based scholarships. Financial aid packages for students who receive Pell Grants.

About Northwestern

Northwestern is a private research university dedicated to advancing knowledge and discovery. The university includes nine undergraduate schools and two graduate schools. Northwestern is located in the vibrant city of Evanston, Illinois, just north of Chicago.

Undergraduate programs


Graduate programs

Northwestern also offers graduate programs in areas such as Business Administration, Communication, Economics, Education, Engineering, Environmental Science, History, Law, Medicine, Music, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Public Health, Religious Studies, Sociology, and Urban Planning.

Northwestern is committed to providing a safe environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, and retaliation. Northwestern students are intellectual thrill seekers. They know that self-discovery and innovation take place at the intersections between interests, ideas, and areas of study. So go ahead—explore. And keep in mind that the unexpected turns along the way just might lead to your most remarkable opportunities.
A Northwestern Direction is the ever-growing sum of your experiences, on campus and beyond.

Our people
A diverse community of students and faculty.

- Meet new people: roughly 8,000 undergraduates from all 50 states and 100+ countries.
- Study with 1,200 full-time faculty, including recipients of Pulitzers, Tonys, Emmys, MacArthur “genius” grants, National Science Foundation CAREER awards, and more.
- Get to know your profs: a 7:1 student-to-faculty ratio.
- Be in an intellectual milieu of 67% of students pursue two or more areas of study.

Our setting
Residential life with a view.

- Live in Evanston, Illinois, a vibrant college town with a view of downtown Chicago.
- Dip your toes in Lake Michigan: our 240-acre lakefront campus has a beach and a sailing center.
- Take a quick ride to Chicago via free campus shuttles or public transportation.
- Choose from 27 residence halls and residential communities, including 11 residential colleges.
- Eat in six residential dining halls, our student center, several on-campus cafés, or dozens of local restaurants.

Opportunities
Countless ways to learn—in classrooms, stadiums, theaters, skyscrapers, other countries, and the list goes on (and on).

- Choose from 4,100 courses each year.
- Cheer for Big Ten athletics.
- Get involved: we have 450+ student groups.
- Grow professionally: 4,533 employers posted 15,151 jobs on our Career Advancement website last year.
- See the world: more than 150 Northwestern-sponsored and affiliated study abroad programs.

Our resources
Facilities, funding, and finding that will help you go far.

- Learn in Gothic halls and state-of-the-art buildings.
- Pursue research in one of hundreds of labs, no matter what your major.
- Lean on us: dedicated advisers, welcoming support offices, and an active alumni network.
- Ask big questions, seek answers: $3 million for undergraduate research across disciplines.
- Get personalized internship and career advice from Northwestern Career Advancement.

Class of 2019 profile

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