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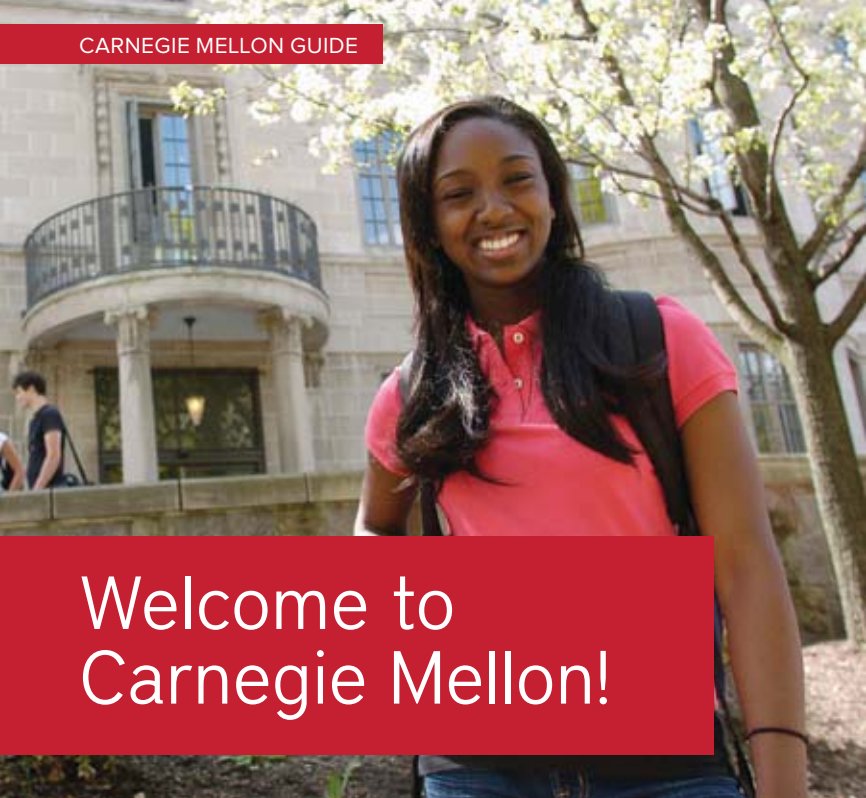
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# Welcome to Carnegie Mellon!

**Carnegie Mellon is the university that spans the arts to technology, creating innovation with impact. Music, engineering, analysis, languages, chemistry and robotics weave in and out of the lives of our students, creating a foundation of knowledge that will reveal itself in exciting and unexpected ways.**

Students who are looking for an intellectual environment that blends academic and artistic richness with classroom innovation, should explore Carnegie Mellon. Consistently ranked as a top-25 institution, Carnegie Mellon is world-renowned for its unique approach to education and research. Left-brain and right-brain thinking unite within our collaborative culture, and is the foundation of learning here.

In a community rich with seven colleges (six undergraduate), the academic options can be as varied as the students who pursue them.

We have 5,800 undergraduate students and 3,200 graduates, with students from

all 50 states and more than 40 countries, and a diverse freshman class that is 17% African American, Hispanic/Latino American and Native American, 26% Asian American and 11% international.

We have 1,368 faculty members that balance teaching and research, with a student/faculty ration of 10:1. We're big believers in giving our students experiences that add to what they are learning in the classroom—experiences that are marketable upon graduation.

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# Academics

## First-Year Orientation

Going away to college is a big transition and the Orientation program at Carnegie Mellon is designed to make that transition easier. Orientation is a weeklong program organized by current Carnegie Mellon students to introduce incoming students to each other, the campus and local community. Over 115 current students will welcome new students to campus and will work hard throughout Orientation to make sure it is a memorable week and a great introduction to life at Carnegie Mellon.

## Study Abroad

Carnegie Mellon offers a number of ways for students to study abroad. There are different options depending on major, financial situation, and semester of study. Any field available at Carnegie Mellon can be studied abroad, provided the department or college approves the credit. While many departments approve core course work abroad, some departments prefer that students do elective courses while overseas.

Past study abroad experiences have included: economics classes at London School of Economics, biology research in Mexico over the summer, language study in Japan by a computer science major who also interned with a local company, art studios at City University in Hong Kong, the study of drama and social change in South Africa by an international relations and drama Bachelor of Humanities and Arts student, an internship with a US design firm in Germany, computer science courses in Switzerland, chemistry classes in Australia, business courses and a related internship in Australia, and Spanish language study by a psychology major in Costa Rica.



Carnegie Mellon defines study abroad as any one or combination of the following activities completed in another country: study, research, work/internships and volunteer/service learning.

## International Education

The Office of International Education (OIE) serves as the primary contact point for international students, providing immigration-related advising, documents and information. For more details visit [www.cmu.edu/oie](http://www.cmu.edu/oie).

## Academic Development

Academic Development is the place to

go for help with your academic work. Our services are designed to help both students who are having academic difficulties and those who just want to improve their performance. We offer everything from academic counseling in study skills to peer tutoring; as well as supplemental instruction and EXCEL collaborative learning groups for select courses. Our mission is to assist students in developing the skills, strategies, and behaviors needed to perform as confident, independent, and active learners.

## Carnegie Mellon Advising Resource Center (CMARC)

The Carnegie Mellon Advising Resource Center (CMARC) is an advising and information center that assists students and connects them to appropriate communities, services and opportunities by providing academic planning and one-on-one counsel. Its primary purpose is to build a supportive, intellectual and social community across diverse cultures.

## Career and Professional Development Center

Serving as a bridge from our hands-on classroom environment to opportunities that exist beyond graduation, the Career Center further prepares you for the real world. It offers career counseling and graduate school planning services, and also coordinates student employment, internships and mentorships. Over 800 corporations and businesses hold 10,000 on-campus job interviews and there are several on-campus job fairs each year. The Career Center also provides informational workshops on resume-writing and interviewing techniques to help you land your dream job when you graduate. ■



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**Carnegie Mellon Housing & Dining Services provides quality accommodations for undergraduate students in a variety of settings.**

Traditional and suite-style living, apartment buildings and houses are available in the Carnegie Mellon community. Living arrangements include single-gender and co-educational residence halls. First-year undergraduate students are required to live on campus and housing is guaranteed for four years. Nearly 75 percent of students remain on campus throughout their undergraduate experience. Some of the services we provide are laundry facilities, dry cleaning, 24-hour service desks, room assignments and summer housing. For more information about housing, visit [www.housing.cmu.edu](http://www.housing.cmu.edu).

For your convenience, our dining venues are located across campus, in residential houses, academic buildings and the University Center. Many of our on campus dining service providers are Pittsburgh entrepreneurs and proprietors of successful restaurants off campus. These vendors are uniquely qualified to provide a variety of high-quality cuisine to match the tastes and lifestyle of our customers. We place an emphasis on healthy and diverse choices. Carnegie Mellon Dining concepts include an all vegan/vegetarian location, kosher dining options, authentic international cuisines, wood-fired pizza and a growing local produce and organic foods section in Entropy+, our convenience store. Weekly specials, dining plan details and location profiles are available at [www.cmu.edu/dining](http://www.cmu.edu/dining).



# Health, Wellness and Safety

## Health Services

Carnegie Mellon Health Services offers general medical care, allergy injections, first aid, gynecological care, referral to specialists and on-site pharmaceuticals and is staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners and registered nurses. For more details, visit [www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/HealthServices](http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/HealthServices).

## Counseling and Psychological Services

The Carnegie Mellon Counseling and Psychological Services provides many free and confidential services including individual and group therapy, consultation and educational programs, qualified professionals on campus, and a 24-hour crisis intervention phone line. For more information, visit [www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/counseling](http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/counseling).

## University Police

The Carnegie Mellon University Police Department, with its staff of police officers and security guards, patrols the campus 24 hours a day on foot, by car and bicycle.

The Police Department offers late-evening escort service to academic and residence buildings on campus and official university housing locations within 1.5 miles of campus, regular shuttle bus service to university apartments in Oakland, campus emergency telephones, a free program for registering personal property, monthly tips on crime prevention and safety and security seminars. For more information, visit [www.cmu.edu/police](http://www.cmu.edu/police).



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# Campus Resources, Organizations and Activities

## The University Center

The University Center, or UC (as it's commonly known), features abundant recreational and social opportunities for everyone. When you're visiting Carnegie Mellon, be sure to check it out!

Hungry? Make a pit stop at the Dining Gallery which offers various cuisines, such as Italian, Mexican, breakfast items, sushi, salads, desserts, gourmet coffee and more! Or you can pick up the essentials at Entropy+, our on-campus convenience store.

Our fitness center is also located in the University Center. Swim and dive in the aquatics center. Take a yoga, spinning or aerobics class every day of the week. The center also features racquetball courts, squash courts, a double-size gymnasium, Cybex strength-training equipment, treadmills, ellipticals, bicycles and stair climbers, full locker facilities, and even whirlpools and steam rooms!

Make sure to take a look at the rotunda and the mural depicting the history of Pittsburgh painted by a Carnegie Mellon faculty member. Don't forget to grab a Carnegie Mellon t-shirt, window sticker or mug from the Bookstore. And while you're at it, take a peek at our game room (Scotland Yard), art store, radio station, postal services station and student activities rooms. On the lower level, you will also find The Career Center and our full-service post office.

## Athletics

Just as Carnegie Mellon has evolved into one of the nation's leading private research universities, its athletic program has developed and extended

its successes over the years. While early successes in the 1900's were primarily in football, baseball and track, many of the most recent achievements have been in such sports as soccer and swimming, among the 17 intercollegiate sports sponsored by the university. Carnegie Mellon is a member of the Division III in the NCAA and of the University Athletic Association. It operates its sports programs in the belief that athletics are an integral part of the student experience. The lessons learned on the practice and playing fields and arenas are permanent ones and often have more impact because of the nature of sports.

## Club Sports

Club sports offer members of the community the opportunity to participate in non-Varsity intercollegiate athletic competition and formalized group instruction. Club Sports are recognized student organizations that establish their own leadership, structure, membership requirements, competition schedules, dues, and fundraising events. The clubs provide social, competitive, instructional, and safe environments based on the common interests of the participating members.

## Intramural Sports

The goal of our program is to establish fun and inviting playing environments for all skill levels. Various leagues and tournaments are offered to the entire university community each year. Through participation in this program, students are able to remain physically fit and develop leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship and other important life skills. Intramural Sports are also a proven social networking opportunity.



## Student Organizations

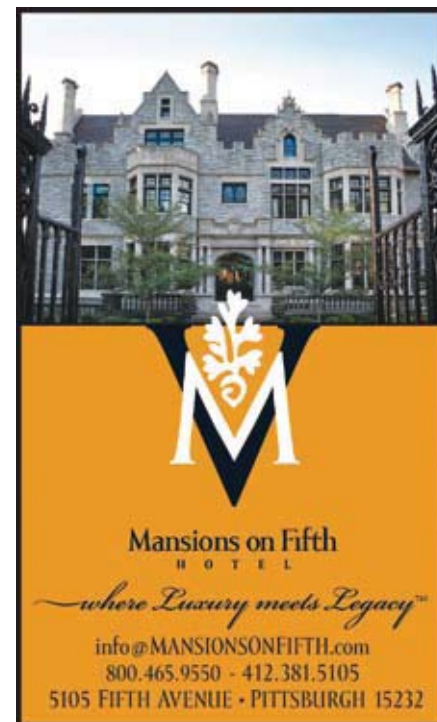
With over 225 Student Government recognized student organizations on the Carnegie Mellon campus, there are many opportunities to get involved in creating your college experience. Our organizations represent various social, service, media, academic, spiritual, recreational, sport, religious, political, cultural, and governance opportunities for all students. You can search the student organization directory at [www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/studentactivities](http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/studentactivities).

## Fraternity & Sorority Life

The Greek community at Carnegie Mellon University consists of 24 diverse and dynamic fraternities and sororities that are dedicated to scholarship, service, leadership and personal development. Carnegie Mellon is proud that over 1,044 students (over 18% of the undergraduate population) come together in brotherhood and sisterhood to comprise our community.

Fraternity and sorority members are involved in many of the university-wide events such as spring Carnival (booth and sweepstakes), Dancer's Symposium, and Lunar Gala, as well as Greek sponsored programs such as the Role Model Reception, Greek Week,

Greek Sing, Panhellenic Pride Week, and the Almost Midnight Breakfast. Greeks are also involved in many of the leadership opportunities in other student organizations, as well as university committees and task forces. ■





## Financial Aid

**Meeting the cost of an undergraduate education is a significant investment. We are committed to providing a comprehensive financial aid program that makes it financially possible for admitted students to attend Carnegie Mellon.**

Carnegie Mellon follows a need-blind admission policy, which means we do not admit U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. based on their families' ability to pay for their education. Applying for financial aid will have no effect on your chances for regular admission. There is no financial assistance for international students.

Carnegie Mellon has multiple types of financial assistance available to students who qualify. Approximately 56 percent of our students receive financial aid. Our financial aid program is need-based, meaning that all aid eligibility is determined by a student's family's financial circumstances. While a student and his/her parents have the primary responsibility for paying

for college, financial aid can bridge the gap between the total costs and the family's ability to pay. The types of aid offered to undergraduate students include Federal and State Grants, Federal Loans, Student Employment and the Carnegie Scholarship. Carnegie Mellon requires the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the CSS Profile and Tax Returns & W-2 Forms from all students who wish to apply for financial aid, by our preferred deadline of February 15.

For more information on applying for financial aid visit [my.cmu.edu/portal/site/admission/aid](http://my.cmu.edu/portal/site/admission/aid). ■

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# Admission Process

At Carnegie Mellon, we select our freshmen class from a large group of very qualified candidates. We don't use a calculation to arrive at our admitted class. Calculations can't take into account all of the factors we like to consider when making admission decisions. We treat every applicant as an individual, taking great care to make our admission decisions fair, thorough and sensitive. We're interested in students who can be successful at Carnegie Mellon, while taking full advantage of all the university has to offer and enriching our campus community.

We use a variety of factors to select our first-year class from those admissible candidates. In the admission process we review:

- **Secondary School Performance & Standardized Testing**

The most important information you will submit for admission is your high school transcript. We will look for evidence that you have challenged yourself with a rigorous curriculum. We will also consider your grades and trends, GPA, counselor and teacher recommendation letters and class rank (for those schools that rank students). You should plan to submit all SAT Reasoning Test scores or ACT with Writing scores. In addition, most programs require you to take SAT Subject Tests.

- **Non-Academic Information**

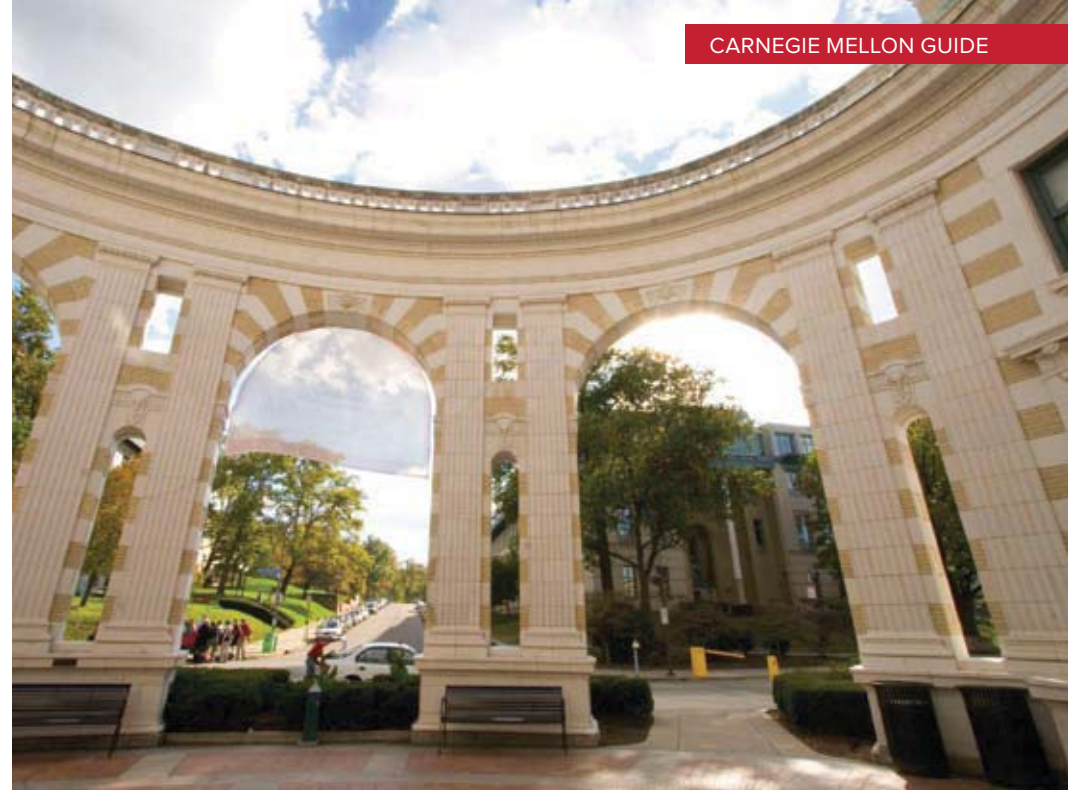
We will also consider non-academic information such as lists of extracurricular contributions, demonstrated interest, out-of-class recognition, leadership and service experience, a personal statement (choices are listed on the Common Application) and an essay that explains why you've decided to pursue Carnegie Mellon and the academic area(s) to which you're applying.

Applicants must apply online by completing the Common Application and Carnegie Mellon Common Application

Supplement at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). Request that your secondary school counselor send all high school transcripts, including senior year courses and mid-year grades, and a school profile to the Office of Admission as close to January 1 as possible. We require ALL score reports for standardized testing and a chart with the required tests, including Subject Tests, can be found at [my.cmu.edu/portal/site/admission/academic\\_req](http://my.cmu.edu/portal/site/admission/academic_req). Applicants can also check what documents the Office of Admission has received at [my.cmu.edu/site/admission/page.where](http://my.cmu.edu/site/admission/page.where).

Students can apply to up to four colleges or programs. Our colleges are Carnegie Institute of Technology (CIT), College of Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS), Information Systems (IS), Mellon College of Science (MCS), School of Computer Science (SCS) and Tepper School of Business (Tepper). We strongly urge you to indicate a program and/or major preference at the time you apply. You can read more about our colleges and program at [my.cmu.edu/portal/site/admission/programs](http://my.cmu.edu/portal/site/admission/programs).

Students applying to the College of Fine Arts should visit [www.cmu.edu/admission/finearts](http://www.cmu.edu/admission/finearts) to review audition or portfolio requirements for each school. ■

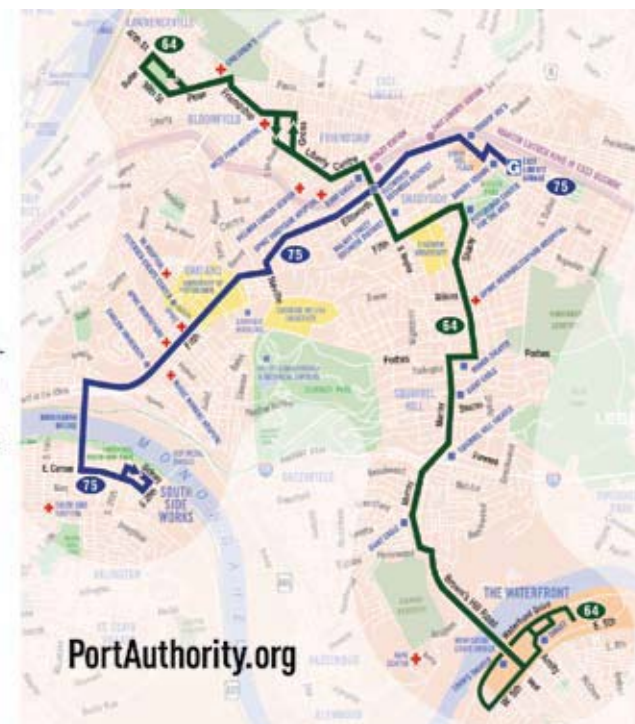


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# Welcome to Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh has evolved from a steel town to an internationally recognized city, known for its research and industry, medical facilities, corporate headquarters, cultural community and professional sports teams.

As a student in Pittsburgh, you can explore internship and mentorship opportunities in the corporate and nonprofit sectors, sample courses through cross-registration with nine other institutions in the Pittsburgh Council of Higher Education and experience the arts in the Cultural District.

Carnegie Mellon's 150-acre campus is a short ride from downtown. It borders the residential, educational and shopping neighborhoods of Oakland, Shadyside and Squirrel Hill and the 500-acre Schenley Park. Within walking distance of campus are coffee shops, restaurants, movie theaters, shops and galleries. Also close by are places of worship for many different religions as well as opportunities to get involved in community service.

### Pittsburgh Fast Facts

- Downtown Pittsburgh is 5 miles from campus
- Pittsburgh Metro Area Population: 1.5 million
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- One of the safest cities in America
- Global Fortune 500 companies
- Pittsburgh is a true college town—with more than 10 colleges and universities. ■

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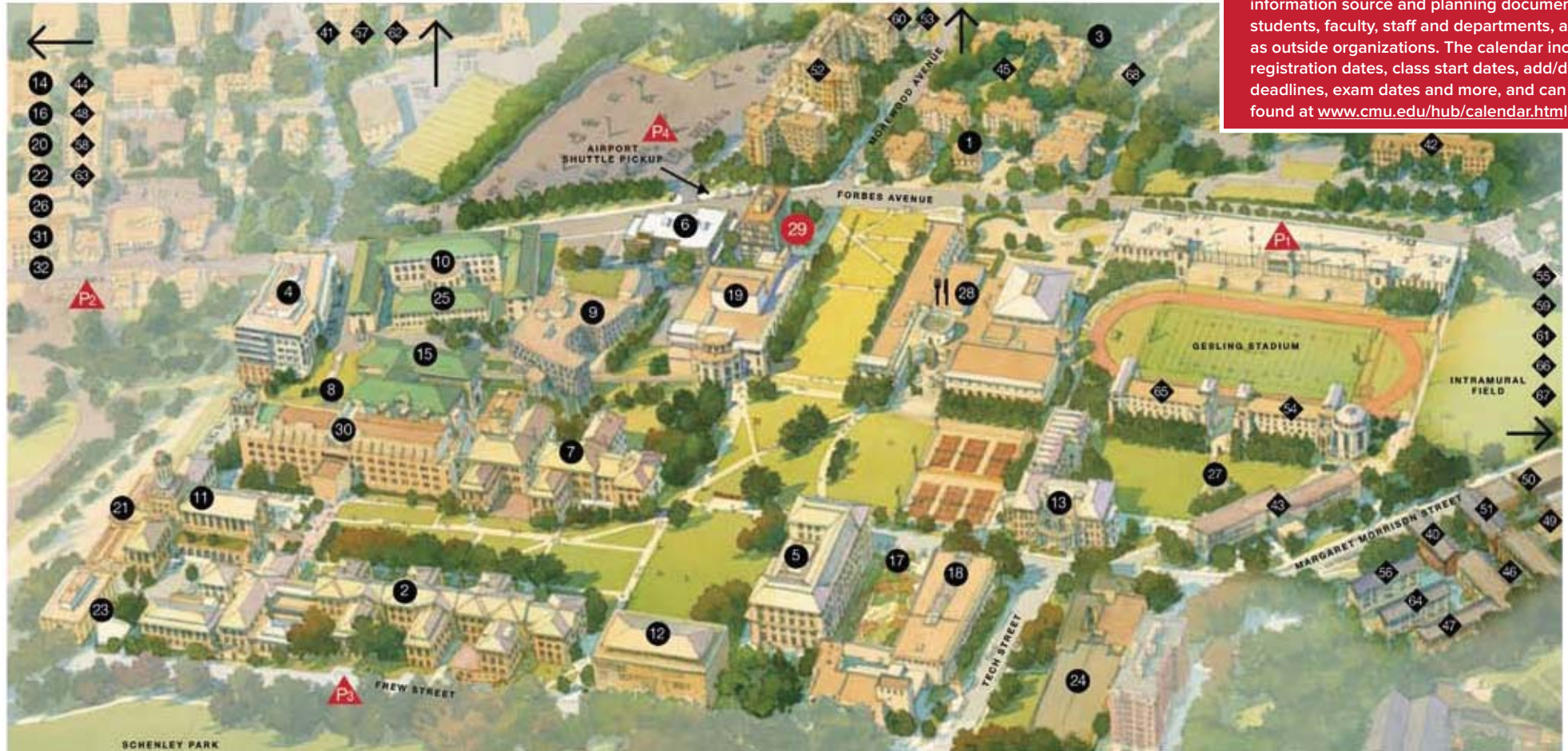
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**Academic/Administrative**

- 1 Alumni House
- 2 Baker/Porter Hall (H&SS)
- 3 Bramer House
- 4 Collaborative Innovation Center
- 5 College of Fine Arts (CFA)
- 6 Cyert Hall
- 7 Doherty Hall (MCS/CIT)
- 8 Facilities Management Services Building
- 9 Gates Center for Computer Science and Hillman Center for Future-Generation Technologies
- 10 Hamburg Hall (Heinz)
- 11 Hamerschlag Hall (CIT)
- 12 Hunt Library

- 13 Margaret Morrison Carnegie Hall (CFA)
- 14 Mellon Institute\*
- 15 Newell-Simon Hall (SCS)
- 16 Pittsburgh Technology Center\*
- 17 Posner Center
- 18 Posner Hall (Tepper)
- 19 Purnell Center for the Arts (CFA)
- 20 Rand Building\*
- 21 Roberts Engineering Hall
- 22 Robotics Engineering Consortium\*
- 23 Scaife Hall (CIT)
- 24 Skibo Gymnasium
- 25 Smith Hall
- 26 Software Engineering Institute\*

- 27 Solar Decathlon House
- 28 University Center II
- 29 Warner Hall (Office of Admission)
- 30 Wean Hall
- 31 Whitfield Hall\*
- 32 300 South Craig\* (Police)

**Residential**

- 40 Boss House
- 41 Cathedral Mansions\*
- 42 Doherty Apartments
- 43 Donner House
- 44 Fairfax Apartments\*
- 45 Fraternity Quadrangle
- 46 Hamerschlag House
- 47 Henderson House

- 48 London Terrace Apartments\*
- 49 Margaret Morrison Apartments/Plaza
- 50 Margaret Morrison Sorority Houses
- 51 McGill House
- 52 Morewood Gardens (Housing Offices)
- 53 Mudge House\*
- 54 Resnik House & Tartans Pavilion
- 55 Roselawn Houses\*
- 56 Scobell House
- 57 Shady Oak Apartments\*
- 58 Shirley Apartments\*
- 59 Spirit House\*
- 60 Stever House
- 61 Tech House\*
- 62 Veronica Apartments\*

- 63 Webster Hall\*
- 64 Welch House
- 65 West Wing
- 66 Woodlawn Apartments\*
- 67 99 Gladstone\*
- 68 1094 Devon

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