

MIAMI UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF ADMISSION

2020-2021 Updates for Counselors

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Key Admission Updates

TEST OPTIONAL

For most students applying to Miami University for Fall 2021, ACT or SAT test scores are optional for admission, scholarships, and honors programs. If a student has test scores, they are not required to submit them for admission. It is up to each student to make this decision based on whether they feel their standardized test scores are an accurate reflection of their academic abilities. Visit MiamiOH.edu/test-optional-faqs for more information.

HONORS PROGRAMS

Students complete one application for all three honors programs. These include our Honors College, Prodesse Scholars, and Presidential Fellows Program. To be considered, students use the Common Application to indicate their interest in honors programs and then complete the supplemental honors application via their Miami application portal. For guaranteed consideration, students must apply for admission by December 1 and complete the supplemental honors application by December 8. For more information on our honors programs, the honors application process, and the essay prompt, please visit MiamiOH.edu/honors-programs.

HONORS COLLEGE: This residential college emphasizes undergraduate research. Students access rigorous honors courses, funding for research and study abroad opportunities, and personalized advising. Honors students also enjoy priority course registration and guaranteed admission to select graduate programs.

PRODESSE SCHOLARS: In their first year, students explore an interdisciplinary area of interest through a seminar course and co-curricular activities. Benefits of this program include faculty mentoring and an annual \$2,000 scholarship.

PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (PFP): The Presidential Fellows Program is a four-year, full-ride scholarship program consisting of tuition & fees, room & board, a one-time academic enrichment fund of \$5,000, and exclusive programming and co-curricular experiences. Finalists are invited to the Presidential Fellows Finalist Showcase in February, and recipients are notified mid-March.

NEW MAJORS

Miami is undergoing the state approval process to offer a new bachelor's degree in Robotics Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing for Fall 2021 and a bachelor's degree in Real Estate in our Farmer School of Business. And Miami's newly-added bachelor's degree in Games and Simulation was ranked the #1 game design program in the U.S. in 2020 by Intelligent.com.

BACHELOR'S + MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Combined bachelor's-master's programs and "+1" programs allow qualified students to complete both degrees in four years or one additional year post-grad. Early in their Miami education, students receive individual advising from the graduate program director within their academic program. For a list of programs, visit MiamiOH.edu/graduate-school/academics/combined-programs. New this year is a +1 Masters in Management for non-business majors.



GUARANTEED MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Miami University offers guaranteed merit scholarships to qualified high school students who apply for Fall 2021 admission by December 1, 2020. To earn a merit scholarship, students must apply by the December 1 priority deadline and meet the minimum academic criteria listed below. No separate scholarship application is required.

WEIGHTED HIGH SCHOOL GPA*	OHIO RESIDENT ANNUAL VALUE**	NON-RESIDENT ANNUAL VALUE**
3.95+	\$13,000 to FULL TUITION	\$21,000 to FULL TUITION
3.75-3.94	\$7,000-\$12,000	\$16,000-\$20,000
3.60-3.74	\$4,000-\$6,000	\$11,000-\$15,000
3.50-3.59	\$1,000-\$3,000	\$5,000-\$10,000

*Miami recalculates each applicant's GPA, adding weight based on coursework difficulty. If your school already weights your GPA, your recalculated and high school GPAs likely will be similar. If your school does not add weight and you have taken rigorous classes, your recalculated GPA likely will be higher than your high school GPA.

**Scholarships are renewable for up to four years, provided students meet renewability requirements.

Applicants who do not meet the above merit scholarship criteria may still be considered for merit and need-based scholarships with values up to full tuition. Factors including diversity, audition, portfolio, academic interest, and athletic ability will be used to award these scholarships.

Scholarship offers and award amounts are determined based on high school transcripts, application materials, and the rigor of high school coursework. Admitted students will have until Feb. 1 to provide new or updated test scores for merit scholarship consideration. Learn more at MiamiOH.edu/merit.

Key Dates

December 1

Early Decision Application Deadline (binding)

- *Decision Notification by December 15*

Early Action Application Deadline (non-binding)

- *Decision Notification by January 15*

FAFSA Priority Deadline I

February 1

Regular Decision Application Deadline (non-binding)

- *Decision Notification by March 15*

FAFSA Priority Deadline II

Please note: December 1, 2020, is the priority deadline to be considered for Miami's most competitive opportunities, such as honors programs and the final deadline for our most selective merit scholarship, the Presidential Fellows Program. Priority means students who provide all required materials by the deadline will receive full consideration. Those who apply later will be considered for these opportunities as space and resources allow.

Admission Statistics for Fall 2020

APPLICANTS

28,472

students applied for
Fall 2020 first-year
undergraduate admission

ADMITS

3.84

average GPA
of the admitted class

25-31

middle 50% ACT
of the admitted class

1180-1380

middle 50% SAT
of the admitted class

CONFIRMS

27.5

average ACT score
of the enrolling class

15.5%

of first-year class represents
domestic diversity



Admission Programs

PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The Pathways Program allows students not offered selective admission to the Oxford campus to take courses on Miami's Regional campuses during their first semester while living on our Oxford campus and participating in student life activities. Students who successfully complete Pathways requirements can transition to Oxford-campus coursework in the spring semester. Please visit MiamiOH.edu/pathways for more information.

BRIDGES PROGRAM

The Bridges Program offers an engaging experience that provides an inside look of Miami University to high-achieving high school seniors from historically underrepresented populations or who have a commitment to promoting a deeper understanding of and appreciation for diversity. The program attracts students who represent diversity of all kinds — racial/ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity, and socioeconomic. This year the program will be held virtually, with access to complete the program starting October 12. The application deadline is October 5, 2020.

Students who complete the Bridges Program, apply, are accepted, and enroll on the Oxford campus for Fall 2021 will be eligible to receive the Bridges Program scholarship. Last year, the scholarship ranged from \$2,500 to \$5,000. It is renewable for four years and is stackable with other scholarships for which a student may be eligible. For more information, visit MiamiOH.edu/bridges.

SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Two sessions of this rich, early college experience for academically talented rising high school juniors and seniors will be offered in July 2021. Students will join an engaged community of learners for an intensive, two-week program on Miami's Oxford campus, exploring a topic of their choice with an acclaimed Miami faculty member. Participants who later choose to apply to Miami will also receive priority consideration for Miami merit scholarships and the University's premier academic programs — the Honors College and Prodesse Scholars. For specific session dates and more information about the program, please visit MiamiOH.edu/summerscholars.

Resources

VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

To explore and register for on-campus tours and virtual events such as Miami's Fall Open Houses, students can visit MiamiOH.edu/visit, or access a self-guided tour at MiamiOH.edu/selfguidedtour.

COUNSELOR RESOURCES

Access key information and materials, as well as Slate.org, which allows school counselors, independent counselors, and community-based organizations to check each student's application status and upload application materials, by visiting MiamiOH.edu/counselors.

ADMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

To find your admission representative, please visit MiamiOH.edu/meetthestaff.

Why Miami?

With a national reputation for undergraduate teaching excellence, Miami hits that “sweet spot” for students of an academic experience much like that of a small, liberal arts college on a vibrant university campus of over 17,000 students in one of the best college towns in America. Yes, it's a stunning place to walk to classes everyday. The classic architecture on Miami's picturesque campus prompted great American poet Robert Frost to describe Miami as “the most beautiful campus that ever there was.” But it's also the center of groundbreaking research and innovation, over 600 clubs and organizations, and the Miami RedHawks. (Is it hockey season yet?)

