Welcome to the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Class of 2019!

Now that you’re admitted to Texas A&M, here are your next steps:

1. **Register for a New Student Conference.**
   Accept your offer of admission to Texas A&M University by registering for a mandatory New Student Conference (NSC). See detailed NSC information on page 4.

   Using your NetID, sign on to howdy.tamu.edu, select the Applicant Tab and enter the Applicant Information System (AIS). Once in AIS, follow the instructions for registering for a conference. The fee for a conference is $100 and is nonrefundable. No waivers are offered; however, if you have utilized an application fee waiver for your Texas A&M application for admission, you qualify for an NSC fee deferral, which means the fee will be billed to the first tuition payment. This payment option will appear online during NSC registration allowing you to register without making payment.

   **Spring Admits**—Your two-day conference will be held in early January.

   **Summer and Fall Admits**—New Student Conference dates have been set for late May-August (see page 4).

   If you DO NOT register for an NSC by the deadline we will assume that you have declined our offer of admission and cancel it. Please note, accepting your financial aid package or registering for on-campus housing does **NOT** mean that you have accepted your offer of admission. Those processes are independent from NSC Registration.

   For more information, contact Aggieland Customer Service at 979.845.1060.

2. **Apply for On-Campus Housing.**
   Where you choose to live is another important decision to make in your college life.

   Living on campus is more than just a place to lay your head at night. It is a community where students can be a part of the unique student body and establish life-long friendships, all while balancing the demands of college life. Besides the convenience of walking to class, studies show that students living on campus are, on average, more likely to maintain a higher GPA, be more involved and graduate on time.

   Texas A&M wants all freshmen to have the opportunity to live on campus, which is why we have established priority housing for all incoming freshmen.

   Texas A&M will give priority to admitted freshmen who apply for housing within 30 days of being admitted to the university, while space is available. Those that apply for housing after 30 days of being admitted will be considered for on-campus housing AFTER all other priority students have been placed. The sooner you apply, the better your opportunity to get your top choice. Housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis determined by a student’s housing application date.

   Students can apply for housing at reslife.tamu.edu.

3. **Submit your Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Record.**
   **BEFORE** you come to your NSC, you need to submit your bacterial meningitis immunization records. Upload your evidence of vaccination documents in AIS on the My Documents tab. Notarized Affidavits to Decline Vaccination must be mailed.

   TEC 51.9192 (amended by SB 62) requires all students under age 22 entering an institution of higher education to provide current proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis (an immunization given within 5 years of the date of intended enrollment) or meet certain requirements for declining such a vaccination. Declining the vaccination requires completing an original Texas Department of State Health Services Vaccine Exemption Affidavit form that can only be provided by the TDSHS office and takes a significant amount of time to obtain. Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation will have a meningitis deficiency hold placed on their account. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided to Texas A&M. The meningitis deficiency hold will prevent you from checking in to your NSC and registering for classes, so it is imperative you fulfill this requirement prior to arriving at your NSC. For more information about this requirement, please visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis.
All students are required to take the MPE unless noted as exempt in the table below. You will not be permitted to register for any mathematics course until you have completed the MPE.

### Additional Steps for International Students

**Full English Proficiency Requirements.**
Texas A&M requires all admitted students from non-English speaking countries demonstrate their ability to speak, write and understand the English language. Please be aware English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements for enrollment are different from admissions requirements.

To demonstrate your ability, you must fulfill one of the following:
- Submit an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 100 iBT, 600 pBT or higher or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of at least 7.0 overall band.
- Submit an official score of at least 21 on the ACT English or 500 on the SAT Critical Reading section.
- Attend all 4 high school years at a school in the U.S.

If you do not meet one of the above conditions, you must take the English Language Proficiency Examination (ELPE) upon arrival. The ELPE evaluates English grammar, writing, vocabulary, reading, listening and speaking skills. A score of at least 70 is required on each ELPE area to meet English Proficiency requirements. You will be required to enroll in ELI courses in each skill area for which you score below 70. For testing schedules, please visit the Data and Research Services (DARS) website at [http://dars.tamu.edu](http://dars.tamu.edu).

**Obtain Appropriate Immigration Documents.**
The Certificate of Eligibility Center (CEC) in the Office of International Student Services (ISS) will issue the appropriate documentation needed to apply for a visa after you complete and submit several forms to their office. Important information about your arrival, including these forms, CEC contact information and an online immigration document tracking process, can be accessed at [http://iss.tamu.edu/people/newstudent.asp](http://iss.tamu.edu/people/newstudent.asp).

You should complete the mandatory online orientation before arriving at Texas A&M University. The online orientation can be accessed at [http://iss.tamu.edu/checkin/orientation/orientation.asp](http://iss.tamu.edu/checkin/orientation/orientation.asp). Upon arrival, you must attend the mandatory ISS Check-In. You will not be able to schedule your Check-In appointment until you complete the online orientation. During Check-In, you may have the opportunity to meet with several offices to remove your registration holds. You may need to meet with the Office of Admissions during or after your ISS Check-In if the following services are needed:
- resolve transfer credit or other admission issues, or
- fix a discrepancy in the spelling of your name.

You are highly encouraged to attend the one-day, on-campus International Student Conference (ISC) specifically developed for international students. Note: The ISC is different from the mandatory New Student Conference (NSC) that freshmen students are required to attend. For information concerning online orientation, the dates of Check-In and/or the ISC, please visit [http://iss.tamu.edu](http://iss.tamu.edu).

### HEALTH INSURANCE
International students are automatically enrolled in and charged for comprehensive health insurance and repatriation evacuation coverage while in the U.S. and enrolled at Texas A&M University. For more information on International Student Health Insurance, visit [http://iss.tamu.edu/insurance/insurance.asp](http://iss.tamu.edu/insurance/insurance.asp).

**Sponsored Student Programs**
979.845.3550 Arrival Information
979.862.7170 Fax
[http://sap.tamu.edu](http://sap.tamu.edu)
To accept your offer of admission, you must register for a New Student Conference (NSC).

WHAT HAPPENS AT YOUR NSC?
At your NSC you will learn how to take full advantage of all the academic programs, student services and extracurricular activities Texas A&M University has to offer. Your orientation process begins with your NSC, and it’s a critical component of your future success at Texas A&M. Over the course of your NSC you will participate in sessions and programs that have been designed to assist you with the transition to Texas A&M.

NSC REGISTRATION AND DATE SELECTION
NSC registration is available for students immediately through June 18 & 19. Students are allowed to change their NSC date at any time. There is an electronic confirmation before you assume your registration was made. Make sure you see an NSC Confirmation Page and you receive an email address you have provided during the process. If this does not happen, your confirmation registration did not go through and you will need to try again. There are times that the system will not complete registration because the payment was not successful or the registration process has timed out.

NSC AUGUST DATE REMINDERS
The following issues are important to note when registering for the August NSC. None of the reasons below are valid reasons to request an appeal to change an NSC date:
• Fish Camp dates may conflict with the August conference.
• Sorority recruitment conflicts with the August conference.
• Freshmen Orientation Week (FOW) with the Corps of Cadets conflicts with the August NSC date. We recommend that a student schedules their NSC at another time if other dates are available. There are students who do attend their NSC during FOW each year. Transportation is provided to the NSC for these students.

2015 NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE DATES

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*Conference is a hybrid conference, including freshmen and transfer students.

CHANGING YOUR MAJOR
Freshmen admitted to Texas A&M are admitted to a specific major and will select an NSC date based upon that major since not all colleges participate in each conference. Admitted students may request a change of major via the Howdy Portal, howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab under ‘Manage Applications.’ Some majors have enrollment limits and may not accept a change of major, such as the College of Architecture (all majors); the College of Engineering (all majors); Mays Business School (all majors); Biomedical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine; Biology, Molecular, and Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Zoology in the College of Science; Psychology, Communications and Journalism Studies–College of Liberal Arts; Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Zoology in the College of Science; Psychology, Communications and Journalism Studies–College of Liberal Arts; Fish Camp; and the Corps of Cadets. If you have been designated to attend an NSC other than the major you are interested in and want to change your major, you may do so at any time before your NSC occurs. If you are currently registered, please call 979.458.4900.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
To arrange for disability accommodations during your NSC, contact Disability Services at 979.845.1637. disability.tamu.edu

CORPS OF CADETS
You will have several opportunities to learn more about the Corps of Cadets during your NSC. If you intend to join the Corps, you and your family will attend the Corps orientation and registration on the first day of your NSC. If you have additional questions regarding participation in the Corps of Cadets, contact the Corps Recruiting Office at 800.TAMU. AGS, corps.tamu.edu or aggiecorps@tamu.edu.

Congratulations on your admission to Texas A&M University. We are so happy to have you join our Aggie Family!

Share a pic of yourself with your I Got In Banner. #Aggiebound

More info for newly admitted students is available at admissions.tamu.edu/igotin.
Domestic & International Pre-Enrollment Checklists

The checklists on this page will help you prepare for your first year. Items are in chronological order and are required for successful enrollment.

DOMESTIC FRESHMAN STUDENTS
- Secure your offer and register for a New Student Conference (NSC).
- Complete NSC Family and Guest Registration.
- Apply for Fall/Spring on-campus housing. residlife.tamu.edu
- Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) by March 15. financialaid.tamu.edu/undergraduates/apply-for-aid
- Apply for scholarships by December 1 (Admissions files must be complete by December 1, 2014 for scholarship consideration).
- Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password at google.tamu.edu.
- Upload your proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis in AIS.
- Verify residency in AIS.
- Complete the Texas A&M Math Placement Exam at howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab (if applicable).
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment at howdy.tamu.edu.
- Complete Foreign Language Placement Tests (if applicable).
- Send your final official high school transcript via TREx or mail.
- Send your AP/IB scores to qualify for and claim college credit (if applicable).
- Send your final official college transcript(s) (if applicable).

INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN STUDENTS
- Secure your offer and register for a New Student Conference (NSC).
- Apply for Fall/Spring on-campus housing. residlife.tamu.edu
- Learn about international student visa information.
- Complete the International Student Services (ISS) Online Orientation.
- Schedule your ISS Check-In Appointment.
- Submit the required paperwork to ISS.
- Review the university policy requiring all international students to maintain health insurance, available at https://sis.tamu.edu/insurance/insurance.asp.
- Apply for financial aid (DFASA) by March 15. financialaid.tamu.edu/international/apply-for-aid
- Apply for scholarships by December 1 (Admissions files must be complete by December 1, 2014 for scholarship consideration).
- Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password at google.tamu.edu.
- Review English Language Proficiency (ELP) information.
- Upload your proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis in AIS.
- Learn about other immunization recommendations at shs.tamu.edu/TB.
- Complete the Texas A&M Math Placement Exam at howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab (if applicable).
- Complete Foreign Language Placement Tests (if applicable).
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment at howdy.tamu.edu.
- Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement at dars.tamu.edu/Texas/TSI-QUESTA/Texas-Success-Initiative (if applicable).
- Send your final official high school transcript (and diploma if issued by a foreign institution).

Learn more about:
- The International Student Conference (ISC).
- http://sis.tamu.edu/isc/events/isc.asp
- Short-term and emergency tuition and fees loans at shs.tamu.edu/loans.
- student employment at jobs.tamu.edu.
- credit by examination at dars.tamu.edu/exam.
- services for students with disabilities at disability.tamu.edu.
- recommended immunizations at shs.tamu.edu/immunizations.
- health insurance at shs.tamu.edu/insurance.
- extended orientation programs like Fish Camp at fishcamp.tamu.edu.

General Information

APPLICANT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THE HOWDY WEB PORTAL

The Applicant Information System (AIS) has been created to take you through the admission process, from application, admission decision and registration for an NSC. Howdy is a “one-stop shop” for your student information and university resources. Howdy provides helpful information, such as guidance in applying for financial aid, locating housing, class registration information, payment deadlines and more. Check Howdy regularly for important announcements, news and event information. Questions or problems concerning the Howdy Portal should be directed to 979.845.8300 or howdydesk@tamu.edu.

ACTIVATE YOUR TEXAS A&M EMAIL ACCOUNT

Once you have registered for your NSC, a Texas A&M email account is created for you. Your email address will be your NetID@tamu.edu. This email address will be used for all official school correspondence. It is important to activate this account and check it regularly. Activate your account at google.tamu.edu.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships & Financial Aid would like to assist you in finding a financial solution for your education. We understand that choosing a college/university is a tough decision. Financial aid can be one of the most influential factors affecting this decision, but before you decide, let us help by providing a financial aid package that best meets your financial needs.

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, you must first submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is used to award grants, loans and work-study programs. It is available online at fafsa.ed.gov. There is no cost to submit the FAFSA, and it must be renewed every year. Although there is no deadline for submitting the FAFSA, we recommend Fall admits complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by March 15, 2015. Spring and Summer admits should complete the 2014-2015 FAFSA as soon as possible. The FAFSA school code for Texas A&M University is 003632. Once we have received your information, you will be able to check your status and your financial aid options online at howdy.tamu.edu. Click on the My Finances Tab, and enter the Scholarships & Financial Aid Portal.

International students may qualify for financial aid depending on their visa status. More information can be found at financialaid.tamu.edu/international.

Veterns, or dependents of veterans, who plan to utilize military benefits should contact Veteran Services. For information, visit veterans.tamu.edu.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with a financial aid advisor, please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979.845.3236. financialaid.tamu.edu

INCOMING FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships & Financial Aid offers academic scholarships for incoming freshmen. Students apply for all university-level scholarships by submitting the scholarship module along with the ApplyTexas Admissions Application.

In the scholarship competition, a student’s test score is only one of many components considered in the review process. Consideration is given to academic achievement in a college preparatory curriculum within the context of a student’s academic environment. Additional factors for selection include, but are not limited to, leadership, community service, special talents, first-generation college status and academic achievement under difficult circumstances. Some scholarships also have a financial need component. scholarships.tamu.edu

* Neither biological nor stepparent has a bachelor’s degree.
Campus Resources

Adult, Graduate and Off-Campus Student Services
979.845.1741
studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss

Association of Former Students
979.845.7514
aggienetwork.com

Becky Gates Children's Center
979.438.5437
childrens-center.tamu.edu

Career Center
979.845.5139
careercenter.tamu.edu

Corps of Cadets
979.845.9232
800.TAMU.AGS
corps.tamu.edu

Data and Research Services (DARS)
979.845.0532
dars.tamu.edu

Department of Recreational Sports
979.845.7826
recreationsports.tamu.edu

Disability Services
979.845.1637
disability.tamu.edu

Financial Aid
979.845.3236
financialaid.tamu.edu

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
979.862.5636
greeklife.tamu.edu

Honors and Undergraduate Research
979.845.1957
hur.tamu.edu

International Student Organizations
studentactivities.tamu.edu/app/search
(Click on 'Cultural/International' under ‘Search by Classification’)

International Student Services
979.845.1824
http://iss.tamu.edu

Memorial Student Center
979.845.1515
msc.tamu.edu

Money Wise Aggie
979.845.3236
moneywise.tamu.edu

Multicultural Services
979.862.2000
dms.tamu.edu

Office of Professional School Advising
979.847.8938
opsa.tamu.edu

Academic Success Center
979.458.4900
successcenter.tamu.edu

Scholarships
979.845.3236
scholarships.tamu.edu

Student Activities
979.845.1133
studentactivities.tamu.edu

Student Business Services
979.847.3337
sbs.tamu.edu

Student Counseling Service
979.845.4427
scs.tamu.edu

Student Employment
979.845.0686
jobsforaggies.tamu.edu

Student Health Insurance
979.458.8310
shs.tamu.edu/insurance

Student Health Services
979.458.8316
shs.tamu.edu

Texas A&M Foundation
979.845.8161
giving.tamu.edu

Transportation Services
979.845.9700
transport.tamu.edu

University Police Department
979.845.2345
upd.tamu.edu

University Writing Center
979.458.1455
writingcenter.tamu.edu

Veteran Services
979.845.8075
veterans.tamu.edu

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979.845.3712
aglifesciences.tamu.edu

College of Architecture
979.845.1144
arch.tamu.edu

Mays Business School
979.862.3850
mays.tamu.edu

College of Education & Human Development
979.845.5311
education.tamu.edu

College of Engineering
979.845.7200
engineering.tamu.edu

College of Geosciences
979.845.3651
goesciences.tamu.edu

College of Liberal Arts
979.845.5143
liberalarts.tamu.edu

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979.845.2387
sph.tamhsc.edu

College of Science
979.845.7361
science.tamu.edu

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
979.845.4941
vetmed.tamu.edu/bims

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