Congratulations!

Welcome to the Brown School.
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Congratulations on your acceptance to the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. Our admissions committee has recognized immense promise in you. When our students gather for the beginning of the Fall 2019 semester, we hope to count you among the talented and accomplished MSW cohort.

The opportunities you will find at the Brown School, at Washington University and in our community are unparalleled. Classes are taught by internationally renowned faculty who welcome your contributions to their research. Dr. Fred Ssewamala’s interventions for young people impacted by poverty and HIV/AIDS have helped improve long-term developmental outcomes across Ghana, Kenya and Uganda. In Afghanistan, Jean-Francois Trani is researching how to reduce stigma for persons with disabilities. Dr. Michael Sherraden’s work resulted in the Taipei City government implementing family development accounts to help long-term savings and investment plans. Around the globe, you’ll find important work led by Brown School faculty members.

The Brown School is home to 15 research centers and 3 community-based initiatives, including the Center for Social Development, which promotes economic justice through innovative policy and practice around the world. The SMART Africa Center aims to reduce gaps in child mental health services and research in Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda. Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, the SMART Africa Center utilizes a population approach to child mental health. You’ll have the opportunity to collaborate on these research initiatives through research assistantships, special projects and independent study.

With nine concentrations—including an option to individualize your focus—and six specializations, the Brown School’s curriculum encourages you to find your unique path to impact. Your experience is supported by a three-tiered advising system, including a Faculty Advisor, Academic Advisor and Field Education Advisor. Student support resources, including an Office of Career Services and Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, help each student thrive inside and outside of the classroom.

Brown School students are part of a community leading change in St. Louis. Students make an impact on the local community through intensive, field-based practicums at over 300 sites. You will find opportunities to join your peers as they work alongside professors, researchers and colleagues on serious equity issues, including efforts to dismantle structural racism, address health disparities and gun violence, and enhance social and economic development. We are fortunate to be part of these efforts to truly make a difference, and hold our responsibility to improve outcomes seriously.

The Brown School prides itself on exposing students to all facets of social work, from direct practice to policy work at the macro-level. Whether you wish to pursue a career at direct service agencies, research institutes or government entities, the Brown School has the tools to successfully prepare you for these professional endeavors. Please continue to get to know our programs and take the next steps to join the outstanding community we have created at the Brown School. I look forward to being your dean as you enter graduate school and meeting you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Mary M. McKay, PhD  
Neidorff Family and Centene Corporation Dean of the Brown School  
Washington University in St. Louis
Welcome!

We are thrilled to offer you admission to the Brown School.

In addition to the electronic admission letter available in your Brown School Admissions Portal, this admitted student packet contains valuable information as you prepare to join our community in fall 2019.

As an international student, there are a number of time-sensitive requirements to initiate visa processes and secure your enrollment; each of these is outlined in this packet. We encourage you to review contents carefully and ensure you submit all forms by their deadlines.

You can find additional relevant information on our Admitted Student Resources page at: brownschool.wustl.edu/admitted-students.

Washington University’s Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) will be a resource for you throughout your time at the Brown School. You can begin exploring their services online at oiss.wustl.edu.

Throughout the spring and summer, we will communicate important enrollment information to you. Please keep the Brown School informed of any change of contact information, including email, phone or mailing address by updating the Profile section in your Brown School Admissions Portal. In the meantime, don’t hesitate to reach out to us with any questions at brownadmissions@wustl.edu or +1.314.935.6676.

We hope to see you in the fall!

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The following dates mark important deadlines and next steps to join the Brown School in the fall.

Confirming Your Intent to Enroll - additional information on Page 6

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Important Dates & Deadlines

APRIL 5 & 6: Admitted Students Weekend - optional
MAY 1: Deadline to confirm intent to enroll for Fall 2019 semester and submit DCOF
MID-JUNE: Instructions sent via email for course registration and other enrollment procedures
MID-JUNE: Instructions sent via email for creating a WUSTL Key and accessing University systems
JUNE 18: Fall 2019 course registration opens for incoming students (WUSTL Key access required)
MID-JULY: Instructions to register for New Student Orientation sent via email
EARLY-AUGUST: We recommend arriving in St. Louis at least 2-3 full weeks before the fall semester begins
AUGUST 15 & 16: International Student Orientation - required
AUGUST 19 – 23: Brown School New Student Orientation - required
AUGUST 26: Fall 2019 semester begins
Next Steps for Admitted Students:

This resource outlines the next steps for joining the Brown School community in the fall of 2019. Additional information about each topic is available on Admitted Student Resources: brownschool.wustl.edu/admitted-students.

Right Away:

Check Admitted Student Resources:
The Admitted Student Resources site contains a wealth of information, including deadlines, guidelines and resources to assist on your journey to the Brown School. This page will be updated regularly and we encourage you to take time to carefully review each section brownschool.wustl.edu/admitted-students. Additional information about many of the items below can be found on the Admitted Student Resources.

Review International Student FAQs:
A handful of frequently asked questions for international students are answered on pages 14 & 15 of this packet.

Early-Summer:

Set-Up Your WUSTL Key:
In the early weeks of June, you will receive an email with the subject line Activate Your WashU WUSTL Key & Email, containing instructions for creating a WUSTL Key credential. Upon creating your WUSTL Key, you will be able to access secure Washington University systems, including your student email account (@wustl.edu address) and WebSTAC, the University’s intranet for course registration, billing statements and financial aid, contact information management, etc.

Course Registration:
In the early weeks of June, you will receive the Brown School Enrollment Packet containing detailed information and instructions for the course registration process. You will work with an advisor to ensure that your course selections will satisfy requirements for your first semester by drafting a Registration Worksheet in WebSTAC. The Registration Worksheet must be approved by your advisor before you can register for classes beginning on June 18, 2019.

Consider Taking Proficiency Exams:
Proficiency examinations are offered for select MSW foundation courses to students who have confirmed their intent to enroll and paid their $200 deposit. Proficiency exams do not offer course credit toward your degree; however, passing an exam will exempt you from taking the associated foundation course, therefore allowing the credits to be satisfied with an approved elective course. Proficiency exams will be offered on select dates throughout the spring and summer semesters, as well as at Orientation.

Upon Arrival in St. Louis:

Check-In at Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS):
Upon arrival in St. Louis, you must check in with OISS, located on the Danforth Campus. During this visit, you will learn more about the resources OISS provides. More information about OISS is available on oiss.wustl.edu.

As Soon as Possible:

Submit Your Final, Official Transcript:
Upon accepting your offer of admission, you must provide a final official transcript from the institution at which your undergraduate degree was conferred. Final official transcripts may be traditional paper transcripts or certified electronic transcripts, and must be sent to the Brown School directly by the issuing institution or its authorized agent. Paper transcripts must be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions & Recruitment in an official sealed envelope. Officially transmitted electronic transcripts must be securely routed to brownadmissions@wustl.edu.

Review Housing Resources:
Washington University graduate students live off campus in privately or University owned properties. Most students prefer to live in one of the many unique neighborhoods surrounding campus. If you are relocating to St. Louis, we encourage you to explore the abundant housing opportunities in our area and connect with potential roommates in our Admitted Students Facebook group: Brown School Admitted Students.

Review the Laptop Requirement:
Computer use is essential to the Brown School student’s daily experience. As assignments and projects will require technology access both on and off campus, the Brown School requires that all students own a laptop computer.

Minimum recommendations for laptop’s include: Processor: Intel i5 2.2 GHz; Memory: 8 GB; Operating System: Windows 10 or OSX Sierra (10.11); Hard drive: 250 GB.
Confirming Your Intent to Enroll:

International students must complete the following steps to confirm their intent to enroll and secure their spot in the Fall 2019 cohort:

1. Submit a non-refundable $200 advance tuition deposit, which will be applied to tuition on enrollment.
   - Pay online with credit card: Please follow the link provided in your electronic admission letter in the Brown School Admissions Portal
   - Please submit by May 1 (applicants admitted after April 15 must respond within 30 days or by the deadline provided in their admissions notification)

2. Complete Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCOF) on pages 9-10, including all supporting documents.
   - You can mail the DCOF and supporting documents to the address below or scan all original documents and email to brownadmissions@wustl.edu
   - Photographs and screenshots of original documents will not be accepted
   - If you email scanned copies, OISS reserves the right to request original documentation
   - Important considerations for these documents are outlined on page 8 of this admission packet
   - Once the Brown School receives these documents, your information will be provided to the Washington University Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) to initiate the immigration and visa process
   - If you are currently in the U.S., you must complete the necessary procedures which may include submitting a change of status or transfer
   - Please submit by May 1 (applicants admitted after April 15 must respond within 30 days or by the deadline provided in their admissions notification)
   - Contact the Office of Admissions & Recruitment with any questions about submitting your DCOF
Tuition & Cost Estimates:

To be issued an I-20, international students must provide a Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCOF) form and supporting documents verifying the student has sufficient funds to cover educational and living expenses for a full academic year.

The DCOF must be received by our office no later than May 1, 2019 (or two weeks after admissions notification, if admitted after April 15), though we encourage you to submit as soon as possible. Upon receipt, this information will be provided to the Washington University Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) to initiate the appropriate processes.

Estimated costs of educational and living expenses for one academic year are:

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<td>MSW Tuition, 2019-2020 Academic Year</td>
<td>$42,610</td>
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<td>Student Health Insurance &amp; Wellness Fee</td>
<td>$2,480</td>
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<td>Student Activity Fee</td>
<td>$100</td>
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<th>Living Expenses*</th>
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<td>Estimated cost for room, board, books, supplies, summer expenses and personal expenses.</td>
<td>$23,562</td>
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**Total (DCOF must document this total amount if no dependents**): $68,752

*Amounts listed for living expenses are estimates only based on University-wide averages and may vary.

**DCOF must also demonstrate funds for dependents. Add $8,800 for first dependent. Add $4,900 for each additional dependent.

All graduate student housing at Washington University is off campus. Upon arrival to St. Louis, students should be prepared with sufficient funds to pay for rental deposits, utility deposits and household necessities, such as furnishings. Figures below indicate an approximate range for these monthly expenses:

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<th>Initial Expenses</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>First month's rent and rental deposits (or safety deposits)</td>
<td>$625-$2,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Utility and phone deposits</td>
<td>$150-$300</td>
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<tr>
<td>Household furnishings and necessities</td>
<td>$300-$1,800</td>
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Additional financial resources for international students are provided by the Office for International Students and Scholars at oiss.wustl.edu.
**DCOF Considerations & Required Supporting Documents**

The DCOF must present proof of funding and demonstrate that you possess adequate funds to cover all tuition, health insurance, living and anticipated expenses (as outlined on page 7) during your stay in the U.S. without engaging in unauthorized employment.

Proof of funding may come in the form of a bank statement, bank letter, or letter detailing a scholarship. If you have a sponsor providing funds, a commitment of support from the sponsor will also be required (see template on page 11).

**Bank Statement or Letter from a Bank:**
All documents from a financial institution must meet the following criteria:

- A date which is no older than six months
- The account holder’s full name in English. Initials will not be accepted
- All bank letters must be printed in English and on official bank letterhead and contain an official logo, stamp, seal or signature
- For F-1: The total amount listed per account or a sum of all the accounts equals or exceeds the cost of the first year tuition and living expenses
- For J-1: The total amount listed per account or a sum of all the accounts equals or exceeds the tuition and living expenses for the entire length of the program

**Commitment of Support Requirements (Sponsors):**
Sponsors may include Family, Individual, School or Corporate Sponsors, or sponsorship from Private Scholarship. All sponsors must submit a letter of support (when possible, using the Template Statement of Support provided on page 9). Additionally:

- Individual sponsors must also complete an Affidavit of Support I-134 form, found at uscis.gov/i-134
- Corporate sponsors must complete their letter on company letterhead and include the same content requested on the Template Statement of Support

**Passport Requirements:**
You must include a copy of your passport with your supporting documents.

**Unacceptable Financial Documentation:** The following items will not be accepted as proof of financial support:

- Retirement accounts
- Proof of valuable property
- Tax and income statements
- Photographs or screenshots of bank statements or letters
- Letters authored by the sponsor attesting to their account balance without including certification
- Letters of projected income
Office for International Students and Scholars

Declaration and Certification of Finances
For a Two Year Program

Return this form and supporting documentation to your admitting department contact.

This form must be fully completed before Washington University in St. Louis (WashU) can issue a visa eligibility document (Form I-20 or DS-2019). When completing this form and determining the amount of funding needed, refer to the estimate of expenses provided by your admitting department.

1. Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________
   Last (Family)                      First (Given)                      Middle

2. Permanent Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
   City ____________________________ Province or State ____________________________ Country ________
   Postal Code ____________________________


5. List persons financially dependent on you:

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Date of Birth</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>City &amp; Country of Birth</th>
<th>This person will:</th>
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<td>Join me later</td>
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<td>Stay home</td>
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6. How will you support your dependents if they will be joining you in the United States? ______________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________________

7. In case of emergency, are additional funds available to you once you arrive in the U.S.?  □ YES  □ NO
   If so, give the sources and amounts of money in U.S. dollars: ____________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

8. Does your government impose restrictions on the exchange & release of funds for U.S. study?  □ YES  □ NO
   If yes, describe the restrictions: _______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

ALL STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT MUST:
• Be in English and reflect amount of money being provided in U.S. dollars;
• Indicate relationship between sponsor and student;
• Be specified for studies at WashU and not another college or university.

FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF STUDY AND MUST:
• Be in English or have an accompanied English translation;
• Reflect amount of money being provided in U.S. dollars AND indicate funds are immediately available;
• Be issued/dated within six months of submission to WashU;
• Bank letters must be on official letterhead and signed by a bank official (letters are preferred over statements).
When completing the grid below, please note:

- Funding sources and amounts must be entered below for BOTH years of anticipated study.
- List as many sources as is relevant to your situation.
- The amounts certified as being available to finance your studies must equal tuition, insurance and fees plus living expenses for a twelve month period.
- The documentation required to certify your funding source is indicated in each respective row below.

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<th>SOURCE OF FUNDS</th>
<th>ASSURED 1st YEAR</th>
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<td>PERSONAL SAVINGS</td>
<td>• Bank letter OR certified bank statement</td>
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<td>PARENTS AND/OR RELATIVES</td>
<td>(provide name(s) &amp; relationship(s))</td>
<td>Name: ___________________________________________ Rel. _____________________</td>
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<td>Name: ___________________________________________ Rel. _____________________</td>
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<td>• Letter of support from parent or relative, AND Bank letter OR certified bank statement</td>
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<td>LOANS</td>
<td>Name of Institution: ____________________________________________________________</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Letter, on official letterhead, from lending institution showing amount of funds for student’s expenses and date range.</td>
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<td>SPONSORS AND/OR FRIENDS</td>
<td>(provide name(s) and relationship(s))</td>
<td>Name: ___________________________________________ Rel. _____________________</td>
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<td>• Letter of support from sponsor or friend, AND Bank letter OR certified bank statement</td>
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<td>SALARY OR STUDY-LEAVE ALLOWANCE</td>
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<td>• Letter from employer, on official letterhead, showing funds for student’s expenses and date range covered.</td>
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<td>YOUR HOME GOVERNMENT</td>
<td>Name of Agency: ______________________________________________________________</td>
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<td>• Letter, on official letterhead, from government agency indicating amount and type of financial aid and date range covered.</td>
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<td>WashU AWARD:</td>
<td>Your department will send information on the amount and type of funding awarded to you. You do not need to submit anything.</td>
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Each column must be equal to at least the minimum expense amount specified by your admitting department.

TOTAL $ $

I certify that the information above is correct and complete. I further understand that failure to provide the required certification will delay the processing of my I-20/DS-2019.

Student’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS
OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT/SPONSORSHIP

Date:__________________________________________

Student Name:________________________________________________________________________

Dates student will attend WashU:________________________________________________________________________

I agree to provide financial support for the above-named student while he/she is studying at Washington University in St. Louis. This sponsorship includes, but is not limited to, tuition, fees and living expenses as outlined in the expense estimate provided by the student’s admitting department.

- Amount of support being provided: $________________USD
- Length of time support being provided: ___________ years

I have attached bank certification to demonstrate I have sufficient financial resources, available for immediate withdrawal, to cover the amount I agree to sponsor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact information listed below.

Sincerely,

(Signature required in box)

(Sponsor Name)

(Sponsor’s relationship to the student)

(Sponsor’s e-mail address)
The two-year academic calendar is designed to provide a general overview of key dates, holidays and breaks for Brown School students. Your last day of classes may vary according to your unique exam schedule, but should not extend past dates provided by this calendar.

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<td>First Day of Fall Classes</td>
<td><strong>FALL 2020</strong></td>
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<td>Monday, August 26</td>
<td>Labor Day (No Classes)</td>
<td>Monday, August 24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Monday, September 2</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Break Begins</td>
<td>Monday, September 7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wednesday, November 27</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Break Ends</td>
<td>Wednesday, November 25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sunday, December 1</td>
<td>Last Day of Fall Exams</td>
<td>Sunday, November 29</td>
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<td>Wednesday, December 18</td>
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<td>Wednesday, December 16</td>
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<td><strong>SPRING 2020</strong></td>
<td>First Day of Spring Classes</td>
<td><strong>SPRING 2021</strong></td>
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<td>Monday, January 13</td>
<td>Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)</td>
<td>Tuesday, January 19</td>
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<tr>
<td>Monday, January 20</td>
<td>Spring Break Begins</td>
<td>Monday, January 18</td>
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<td>Sunday, March 8</td>
<td>Spring Break Ends</td>
<td>Sunday, March 14</td>
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<td>Last Day of Spring Exams</td>
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<td>Friday, May 21</td>
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<td><strong>SUMMER 2020</strong></td>
<td>First Day of Summer Classes*</td>
<td><strong>SUMMER 2021</strong></td>
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<td>Monday, May 18</td>
<td>Memorial Day (No Classes)</td>
<td>Monday, May 24</td>
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<td>Monday, May 25</td>
<td>Independence Day (No Classes)</td>
<td>Monday, May 31</td>
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<td>Friday, July 3</td>
<td>Last Day of Summer Classes</td>
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<td>Thursday, August 19</td>
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* Enrolling in summer coursework is optional.
Student Health Care & Insurance

The cost of medical treatment and hospitalization in the U.S. is extremely high. Washington University thus has a mandatory health insurance program.

Medical Insurance:
Students are automatically billed the fee of this insurance. Your enrollment into the insurance is also automatic upon completing your registration for the first semester of each academic year. Coverage runs from August 1 to January 11, and January 12 to July 31. Spouses and dependents are strongly urged to purchase major medical insurance due to the high cost of medical treatment.

Dental & Vision Insurance:
Students in the health insurance policy are eligible to purchase vision and dental insurance at an additional cost. These services are expensive in the U.S.; therefore, you are advised to have this work completed prior to leaving your country.

Types of Health Care Providers:
• For basic care, call a doctor’s office to schedule an appointment. There may be a wait for new patients. You should bring your translated medical records with you.
• Urgent care facilities have extended hours and are best utilized for minor illnesses or injuries, or when you can’t wait for an appointment at the doctor’s office.
• For emergencies, call 911 or go to a hospital’s emergency room.

Health History Form & Immunizations:
New students are required by Washington University’s student health service, Habif Health & Wellness Center, to complete online forms, including:
• Medical/health history
• Immunizations
• Meningitis information

All health history, immunization and meningitis information must be submitted via the Student Health Services Student Portal with your WUSTLKey login (additional information will be provided in June). This information does not need to be completed by a doctor.

Required vaccinations include measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). You should also have a tuberculin skin test. You may complete your vaccinations after you arrive in the U.S.

Additional information about Student Health Insurance is available at:
oiss.wustl.edu/students/sthealth-care-insurance

Habif Health & Wellness Center:
Located on campus, the Habif Health & Wellness center offers a range of medical checkups and mental health services. Learn more about their services on the Habif Health & Wellness site.

J-1 Exchange Visitor Health Insurance Requirement:
J-1 Exchange Visitor Program regulations require that J-1 Exchange Visitors (both student and scholar) and their J-2 dependents carry health insurance meeting specific minimum standards (Code of Federal Regulations – 22 CFR 62.14). Failure to maintain required insurance coverage can result in termination of J status. Exchange visitors who are not eligible for Washington University benefits must obtain minimum insurance coverage before coming to the United States.
Frequently Asked Questions for International Students:

On the next two pages, you will find answers to common questions for international students:

Primary Contact:

Who can I reach out to with questions?
The Brown School Office of Admissions & Recruitment is available to answer your questions. You can email us at brownadmissions@wustl.edu. You may also reach out to the Office for International Students & Scholars (OISS) at oiss@wustl.edu.

Are there online forums where I can connect with other incoming students?
Yes, you can join the private Facebook group Brown School Admitted Students. Students in China can connect over WeChat with the Brown’s School manager of global programs, Linyun Fu by scanning this QR code.

Housing:

Where should I live?
All graduate students at Washington University live off-campus. Many students find it is convenient to live in the neighborhoods most proximate to campus, which can allow for an easier commute on public transit systems—in fact, our campus is served by multiple bus lines and city's light-rail system and many homes are within walking or biking distance. The neighborhoods closest to campus are named Clayton, DeMun, Skinker-Debaliviere, the Loop South and North of the Loop. The Central West End (which is the home to Washington University's Medical Campus) is another popular neighborhood for students. You can learn more about housing on Admitted Student Resources.

Are there any university housing options?
Washington University's offers a selection of off-campus rental properties through a service called Quadrangle (quadrangle.wustl.edu). Graduate students and their partners, spouses and dependent children are able to live in Quadrangle properties. Apartment Referral Service, provides information and resources to help connect students with housing options (ars.wustl.edu).

How often will I pay rent and utilities?
Most likely, you will be expected to pay rent every month. Some landlords or rental properties may require that you send a check while others may allow you to pay from a credit or debit card in an online portal. Most utilities are paid online on a monthly basis.

Transportation:

How will I get around St. Louis?
In late-summer, all incoming students will be eligible to sign-up for a U-Pass. The pass offers students unlimited and free rides on the St. Louis Metro transit system, including light-rail and bus routes. Students may also choose to purchase a bike once they are in St. Louis or rent a bike from WashU’s bike rental service, Bear Bikes. You may also choose to apply for a Missouri Drivers License in order to drive or buy a car.

What is the overnight campus shuttle service?
From 6:00 pm to 4:00 am, a shuttle service brings students from campus directly to their homes in select nearby neighborhoods. To learn more about the neighborhoods eligible for this service, visit the Campus2Home website.
Research & Employment Opportunities:

How can I find a part-time job?
During the school year, international students are able to work up to 20 hours a week at on-campus jobs. These positions range from research assistantships to administrative support in campus offices. Over the summer, incoming students will have access to the Brown School’s online job portal, called Symplicity. A part-time job fair during Orientation will introduce you to a variety of on-campus employment opportunities.

Student Life:

What types of student groups are there? Are there any for international students?
The Brown School has a number of student groups you may choose to join. Some of these groups focus on specific practice areas (such as global health, education, and women in leadership) while others provide spaces for affinity groups (such as the International Student Association, Black Student Union, Mi Gente and Sexuality and Gender Alliance).

Across the broader Washington University campus, you’ll find even more graduate student groups. Current student groups include the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Korean Graduate Student Association, Latino Graduate Student Alliance, Umang, Taiwanese Graduate Student Association and Saudi Student Association.

Arriving in St. Louis:

What can I do to prepare for my visa interview?
The Office of International Students and Scholars has compiled some resources for students preparing for a visa interview. You can find these on the OISS website.

Can I arrive before my I-20 start date?
You may not enter the United States more than 30 days in advance of the I-20 start date. We recommend arriving at least two weeks before your start date to allow plenty of time to settle in to St. Louis before classes start.

What is the English language exam I have to take?
Upon your arrival to campus, all new international students are required to take an in-house English language proficiency exam. This exam is different than the TOEFL or IELTS you may have submitted for admission.

The exam will include written, listening and speaking parts. Depending on your exam score, you may be required to enroll in a course to advance your English language skills for academic and professional communication. You will not be required to pay tuition for this course, and credits earned in the course do not apply toward the completion of your graduate degree.

More information will be provided prior to Orientation.
Advanced Standing Requirements for International Students

Advanced Standing Eligibility:

Students who have earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree from an accredited international institution are eligible to apply up to 19 hours of advanced standing credit toward their MSW degree. Students who receive all 19 credits enroll in 44 credits at the Brown School.

Advanced standing credit will be applicable if you received an equivalent grade of a “B” or better in the undergraduate coursework and ISWDRES recognizes your academic credentials.

Courses Eligible for Advanced Standing Status

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Certifying your BSW through ISWDRES:

To be eligible for Advanced Standing status, you must complete the International Social Work Degree Recognition and Evaluation Services (ISWDRES). ISWDRES, available through the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), recognizes academic credentials in social work that are comparable to accredited baccalaureate and master’s degrees in social work in the United States. Visit the following link to begin the application process: [http://www.cswe.org/Centers-Initiatives/Initiatives/International-Degree-Review.aspx](http://www.cswe.org/Centers-Initiatives/Initiatives/International-Degree-Review.aspx)

We encourage you to start this process as soon as possible in order to receive advanced standing credit prior to the start of fall classes. This process must be completed by the end of the second week of class,

Applicants can generally expect to receive a formal determination of degree recognition letter from ISWDRES within 45 days of all application documentation being received. It is highly recommended that you list the Brown School mailing address in the ‘Determination Letter’ section of your ISWDRES application so an official copy of a recognized determination letter will be mailed to the School directly; otherwise you are required to provide us with the official determination letter once received.

Please contact the Brown School Office of Admissions & Recruitment with Advanced Standing status questions.

Questions related to the ISWDRES application process and fees should be emailed to CSWE at ISWDRES@CSWE.ORG.
Washington University in St. Louis

Washington University in St. Louis’ mission is to discover and disseminate knowledge, and protect the freedom of inquiry through research, teaching and learning. The University is counted among the world’s leaders in teaching, research, patient care, and service to society.

FOUNDED: 1853
CHANCELLOR: Mark S. Wrighton, 1995-Present
LOCATION: St. Louis, Missouri
MOTTO: Per Veritatem Vis, Strength Through Truth
Washington University's campuses are located near the cultural center of St. Louis.

Danforth Campus stretches over 169 acres and is at the heart of our university, serving as the academic home to the majority of our undergraduate, graduate and professional schools and programs—including the Brown School.

Medical Campus extends over 17 city blocks and houses Washington University School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals, clinics, patient care centers and research facilities.

West Campus, North Campus and South Campus are hubs for administration, smaller libraries, and athletic facilities.

Tyson Research Center is a 2,000-acre outdoor laboratory for learning and research located 25 miles southwest of Danforth Campus.

Washington University students come from over 80 countries and all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Across undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, the University’s total full-time enrollment is approximately 12,900 students.

Washington University schools collaborate across disciplines and programs to shape the future of our university, our region and our world. Our work is guided by these strategic priorities:

- Advancing Human Health
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Global Engagement
- Energy, Environment & Sustainability
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
Service and Entrepreneurship

A hub of innovation, Washington University is committed to providing the infrastructure, education programs and research support to sustain the entrepreneurial spirit of students and faculty.

Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement – dedicated to catalyzing civic engagement among students, staff, faculty and alumni; hosts programming and service opportunities designed to foster learning and leadership in civil life; serves as the university’s hub for community partnership, dialogue, and volunteer assistance.

Institute for School Partnership – dedicated to improving K-12 teaching and learning throughout the community.

Skandalaris Center for Interdisciplinary Innovation and Entrepreneurship – provides funds, practical skills training, and provides programming support for entrepreneurial ventures led by students and faculty.

Practica – Brown School practicum opportunities connect our students to organizations across the community (and the world). Students receive practical learning opportunities while simultaneously increasing the capacity of local, national and international organizations.

Diversity and Inclusion

Through inclusive policies and a range of resources, Washington University is laying a foundation for a community that embraces and supports diversity in a welcoming climate.

→ 4.5 of 5 stars on Campus Pride Index, measuring institutional commitment to LGBTQIA* Inclusion
→ 63% – five-year increase in African-American tenured/tenure track faculty on Danforth Campus
→ 33% – five-year increase in number of women faculty with rank of full professor on Danforth Campus
→ Center for Diversity and Inclusion supports and advocates for students from traditionally underrepresented or marginalized populations and creates collaborative partnerships across the campus and community to promote social change.

Campus Connections

Washington University’s on-campus programming contributes to the cultural education and opportunities for the region.

Edison Theatre – presenting professional performing artists and providing a teaching facility for the university’s performing arts students.

Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum – on-campus art museum exhibits leading contemporary artworks that represent international aesthetic perspectives and engage with pressing social issues.

Assembly Series – lectures connect the community to contemporary thought leaders.

University Libraries – 12 libraries form a comprehensive research and teaching library system.

Research

Through innovative research, Washington University is committed to creating the new knowledge necessary to reach a bright and sustainable future.

→ $613 million total research support in fiscal year 2015
→ $451 million federal research support in fiscal year 2015
→ More than 3,000 research projects underway each year

Brown School’s 13-affiliated research centers collaborate across schools and centers at Washington University to create transdisciplinary research with significant social impact.
Global Reach

Through a global network of partner universities and organizations, we are engaged in education and research initiatives that are having a tangible impact on our planet.

McDonnell International Scholars Academy – partners with 32 research universities across the world that share WashU’s commitment to excellence in research and to international collaboration.

International Center for Advanced Renewable Energy and Sustainability – collaborates with institutional regional and international partners across disciplines to foster targeted research on green practices.

Brown School students and faculty complete global research through affiliated centers, coursework, and international-based practica.

Sustainability

Washington University is committed to reducing our carbon footprint and promoting sustainable practices on campus.

- Since 1990, square footage has doubled while overall energy use decreased 4%
- 21 LEED Certified Buildings
- 386,000 plastic water bottles eliminated annually
- 19% of food is locally grown, processed or certified by a third party
- Dedicated resources for increasing alternative transportation and sustainable commuting

Advancing Human Health

Through an interdisciplinary approach, Washington University is addressing the complex health issues facing the St. Louis region and the world.

Washington University Medical Center is composed of:

- Washington University School of Medicine
- Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center
- Barnes-Jewish Hospital
- St. Louis Children’s Hospital

Institute for Public Health (IPH) connects all schools of Washington University, and acts as a catalyst to tackle regional and global health challenges. It bridges disciplines to stimulate innovation and improve population health by advancing research, practice, training, education, community partnerships and public policy.

The Brown School’s newest building, Hillman Hall, has received the highest level of LEED Platinum Certification, recognizing its construction and design that espouse environmental health and sustainability.

Brown School students and faculty contribute significantly to IPH and the School of Medicine’s research, centers and initiatives.
St. Louis is often referred to as a city of neighborhoods—a city of 79 neighborhoods to be exact. Each district has a proud and distinct set of traditions: annual events and festivals, parks and farmers markets, dining destinations and spaces where the community gathers.

To help your housing search, we’re featuring 10 of the most popular neighborhoods for Brown School students (ranked in no particular order). Additional details about these 10 districts are available on the next page.
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closed Facebook group: Brown School Admitted Students

10,000 changemakers and growing.

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