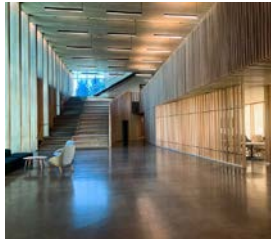


COUNSELOR CONFERENCE UPDATES



New College of Forestry Facilities



New Stuff on Campus

- OSU welcomes [Dr. F. King Alexander](#), new President of Oregon State University
- Another [record year for OSU research](#)
- Prospective students and parents encouraged to engage through [Explore OSU virtual events](#)
- Check out our new podcast [Beaver Tracks - A Dam Good Podcast](#) that explores OSU topics relevant for prospective and incoming students
- New undergraduate degree programs recently launched:
 - [Creative Writing](#)
 - [Biological Data Sciences](#)
 - [Music Studies](#)
 - [Cyber Security](#), among a growing number of new certificate programs

Key deadlines for Fall 2021 applicants

- Early Action Deadline (application and documents) - **November 2**
 - *Note: The first Fall 2021 admission decisions will be sent with scholarship awards (where applicable) in early December.*
- Priority Application Deadline (admission and scholarship) - **February 1**
- Document deadline for students applying by Priority Deadline – **Feb. 12**



Application and Process Changes

- The Insight Resume short essay questions have been eliminated, although Honors College applicants will see a few of those questions in that section of the application.
- OSU will now require an essay response to one of the Common Application essay prompts. These same prompts are available on the OSU-specific app if students apply that way.
- OSU will consider (but not require) a personal statement and/or a response to the Covid-19 / natural disaster impact essay prompt available through Common App as part of a more holistic review of applicants.
- Students may now report both unweighted GPA (required) and weighted GPA (optional) so that we can better understand their performance in rigorous coursework.
- Students will be able to update some information from their application after it is submitted using their portal called [Beaver Basecamp](#).
- Students can also upload unofficial transcripts via Beaver Basecamp. We will make admission decisions based on unofficial transcripts, only requiring an official final HS transcript.
- Students will complete most of their pre-enrollment activities through Beaver Basecamp (confirming enrollment, applying for housing, registering for orientation, etc.).

Test-Optional

OSU has permanently moved to a test-optional admissions policy. Applicants have the ability to indicate whether or not they'd like us to consider their scores in the admissions, scholarship and Honors College selection process. Our practices will ensure that, if a student chooses to share them, scores can only help a student, not disadvantage them. Students will first indicate if they'd like to apply test-optional on their application for admission. Once they've submitted their application, they'll be able to change whether or not they want us to consider their scores through their portal, [Beaver Basecamp](#).

In lieu of test scores, our admissions decision process will become more holistic. [Learn more about how we'll consider students without scores here.](#)



Scholarship Changes

In recent years students were able to see on a simple grid what scholarship amount they'd get based on GPA and test score. While transparent, changes to test-optional and a push to better align scholarship and institutional need awards to our access mission has led to OSU going "off grid" with our [scholarship awards](#). Students will no longer see a guaranteed scholarship amount on a published grid. However, we will continue to make scholarship awards on a rolling basis, with qualifying students being offered a competitive scholarship award within a few weeks of being admitted. This pertains to both resident and non-resident students.

A new scholarship opportunity for both residents and non-residents is the **Diversity Achievement Scholarship**, which will support students who are actively working to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice. To be considered, admitted students must submit an application through our online scholarship search and application system, OSU [ScholarDollars](#), by March 1st. Awards are \$3,000 annually and renewable for up to two years total.

[Learn more about our Fall 2021 scholarship awards here.](#)

