



**Cornell University**  
Cornell Abroad



International Exchange Fact Sheet  
Academic Year 2016-2017

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ABOUT CORNELL
<p>Cornell is the federal land-grant institution of New York State, a private endowed university, a member of the Ivy League, and a partner of the State University of New York. It has been described as the first truly American university because of its founders' revolutionarily egalitarian and practical vision of higher education, and is dedicated to its land-grant mission of outreach and public service. Founded in 1865 by Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White, Cornell was intended to teach and make contributions in all fields of knowledge. These ideals are captured in Cornell's motto, a popular 1865 Ezra Cornell quotation: "I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study." Today, Cornell is made up of 14 colleges and schools including seven undergraduate units, four graduate and professional units, two medical graduate and professional units in New York City, and one in Doha, Qatar. The Cornell Tech campus in New York City is the latest addition. Visiting student and exchange programs may be limited to certain colleges, departments, or fields on the Ithaca campus.</p>

IMPORTANT WEBSITES	
Cornell Abroad	<a href="https://www.cuabroad.cornell.edu/">https://www.cuabroad.cornell.edu/</a>
International Students and Scholars Office	<a href="http://isso.cornell.edu/">http://isso.cornell.edu/</a>
Cornell Housing	<a href="https://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/">https://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/</a>
Cornell University	<a href="http://www.cornell.edu/">http://www.cornell.edu/</a>

IMPORTANT DATES AND GENERAL DEADLINES		
Nomination Deadlines	Fall Semester & Academic Year	February 10
	Spring Semester	September 1
Application Deadlines	Fall Semester & Academic Year	March 1
	Spring Semester	September 20
Admissions Decisions Timeline	Fall Semester & Academic Year	Late April to early May
	Spring Semester	Early November
Academic Calendar	Please refer to the Cornell academic calendar for specific dates and events: <a href="https://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/">https://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/</a>	

## STUDENT APPLICATIONS

Eligibility	<p>Evidence of solid academic preparations</p> <p><b>Graduate Students:</b> TOEFL: A minimum total score of 80 with a minimum score in each category of the following is required - Reading 20, Listening 15, Speaking 22 and Writing 20</p> <p><b>Undergraduate Students:</b> Students should have a TOEFL score of at least 100 on the Internet-based test or 600 on the paper test or an IELTS score of at least 7. Undergraduate students with scores lower than those listed may be considered for admissions following a personal interview.</p>
Nomination Procedures	<p>Please email the following information for each of your students to <a href="mailto:oevisiting@cornell.edu">oevisiting@cornell.edu</a>:</p> <p>Name Email address Student's major/area of study at your institution Birthdate (day/month/year) Exchange term (fall/spring/summer)</p>
Application Procedures	<p>Nominated students will receive an e-mail from Cornell Abroad with further instructions on accessing the online application system.</p> <p>The following documents must be submitted online via the application system by the nominated student: unofficial transcripts of all undergraduate work, scanned copy of passport, recommendation letter, a personal statement detailing student's research interests, and the name of three professors or labs where the student would like to be considered for placement.</p>
Visa Application	<p>All exchange/visiting students who are not US citizens are required to have a student visa for their studies in the United States.</p> <p>Cornell ISSO will provide information and assistance for student visa applications to all accepted exchange students.</p> <p>US citizenship or US permanent residency are not eligible for this visiting student opportunity.</p>

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Course Load Requirements	<p>Exchange/visiting students on F-1 visas are required to maintain full-time status while studying in the United States. Students must enroll in a minimum of twelve credits per semester during the academic year, and six credits during the summer.</p> <p>Students are not eligible to take courses outside their independent research course.</p>
Grading Scale	<p>Semester and summer students will receive a grade of Satisfactory ("S") or Unsatisfactory ("U") upon the completion of their course.</p>

## POST-ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

Housing	<p>On-campus housing is limited and not guaranteed for visiting students during the academic year. Students are encouraged to explore off campus housing options. Advice is provided by the Coordinator for Visiting Students.</p> <p>During the summer semester, students are likely to secure on-campus accommodations.</p> <p>More information about Cornell housing, the application process, and deadline dates can be found on the Cornell housing website:<a href="https://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/apply/">https://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/apply/</a></p>
Orientation and Events	<p>Semester students are encouraged to attend New Student Orientation programs. An optional international student orientation (PREPARE) is available to incoming students in the fall semester for a fee. Information about PREPARE can be located here: <a href="http://isso.cornell.edu/life-cornell/orientation/prepare-program">http://isso.cornell.edu/life-cornell/orientation/prepare-program</a></p> <p>More information on general Cornell orientation can be found here: <a href="https://newstudents.cornell.edu/">https://newstudents.cornell.edu/</a></p>
Personal Costs (not including reduced tuition and fees)	<p>Estimated Personal Expenses: * (expenses vary greatly depending on individual spending habits):</p> <p><b>Summer Session (6-8 weeks)</b>            Housing for 6-8 weeks: \$1,500-\$2,000            Meals for 6-8 weeks: \$1,500-\$1,750            International Airfare: \$1,500            Local Transportation: \$300            Student Health Insurance: \$650            Total Estimated Costs: \$6,200</p> <p><b>Academic Semester (15 weeks)</b>            Housing: \$4,317            Meals: \$2,813            International airfare: \$1,500            Miscellaneous: \$925            Student Health Insurance: \$1,558            Total Estimated Costs: \$11,113</p>

## STUDENT SERVICES

Cultural and Social Enrichment	<p>Our ISSO office offers special international student orientation in the fall and additional programming throughout the year including informal coffee talks and arranging for groups to attend sporting events, holiday meals, and trips throughout the Northeast. The Coordinator for Visiting Students also provides supplementary support and activities.</p>
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Buddy System

Cornell offers a friendship program where international students are paired with a local community member: <http://isso.cornell.edu/life-cornell/cornell-international-friendship-program>