

FORERUNNER 2018

Your Penn life
begins at Forerunner!



PENN WHARTON CHINA CENTER  宾大沃顿中国中心



Beijing, China – July 1, 2018





Greetings from the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania

Welcome to the University of Pennsylvania! We are delighted that you have chosen Penn as the place you'll next call home. As Penn's chief academic officer, I am confident that the Forerunner program will ease your transition to Philadelphia, giving you the tools and resources to pursue the most fulfilling experiences when you arrive on campus.

Penn is a thriving global campus with a long history of students coming from all over the world to study on our historic campus in Philadelphia. Founded by Benjamin Franklin, who was America's first diplomat and one of our greatest statesmen, Penn has long valued international perspective in our classrooms, corridors, and common rooms. Our first international student enrolled in the 1820s from Latin America.

Today, we have more than 6,000 international students from more than 130 countries enrolled across our 12 Schools. International students are leaders on our campus in the arts, athletics, academics, student government, and more. In coming to Penn, you are contributing to a proud legacy of bringing the world to Penn and Penn to the world.



I am most grateful for the work of Penn Global and International Student and Scholar Services in making the Forerunner program possible. I hope you will find it both enjoyable and useful to learn something new and connect with your peers. Welcome to Penn!

Wendell Pritchett, J.D., Ph.D.
Provost, University of Pennsylvania

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Greetings from the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives

Greetings from Philadelphia! Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Pennsylvania! I am honored to welcome you to the Penn community and to Forerunner. After very successful Forerunner programs since 2015, we are pleased to extend the same opportunity to you to learn about your new home at Penn and how to navigate the range of resources and opportunities offered by the University and by the city of Philadelphia.



Soon, you will embark on an incredible journey on the other side of the world. Take full advantage of this opportunity to meet others that will be making that same journey and connect with them. Again, congratulations and enjoy your Forerunner experience. Your Penn life begins here!

Ezekiel Emanuel, M.D., Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Global Initiatives

Greetings from the Executive Director of Penn Global

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Pennsylvania! Whether you are an undergraduate, graduate, or professional student, I know that your time at Penn will be enriching on both an academic and personal level. I am delighted to welcome you to Penn's Forerunner program! I hope you will take full advantage of this opportunity to get to know your peers, familiarize yourself with Penn's many academic and extracurricular resources, and learn about the ways that you can become a student leader on Penn's campus. I am confident that you will leave this program feeling prepared and excited to begin your studies at Philadelphia in the fall.



Congratulations again on your outstanding achievements, and I look forward to welcoming you to Philadelphia in person in August.

Amy Gadsden, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Penn Global



Greetings from the Director of International Student and Scholar Services

来自宾夕法尼亚大学的亲切问候！

On behalf of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) and Penn Global, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the participants of Penn's Forerunner Program. It is our hope that you will find this program to be beneficial and helpful. May all of you arrive at Penn with new knowledge and skills and ready to pursue a new chapter in your academic journey!

I would like to express my special gratitude to Provost Wendell Pritchett, Vice Provost Ezekiel Emanuel and Penn Global Executive Director Amy Gadsden for their support of Forerunner. Their commitment to this project is a reflection of their passion and advocacy for international education. I would also like to thank my colleagues from Penn schools and offices, Pan-Asian American Community House, Chinese Student and Scholar Association at Penn, Wharton China Association, Penn China Education Summit, and Graduate and Professional Student Assembly for partnering with us to make this event successful.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the Penn Global ISSS staff, Penn Wharton China Center, Penn colleagues, students, alumni and parents whose hard work and expertise has made the Forerunner planning process efficient and effective. We hope that you will gain new insight from our sessions and connect with new friends. Have an excellent Forerunner experience, a safe journey to the United States and an enriching life at Penn!

通过领跑计划，你的宾夕法尼亚大学生活在北京开始！



Rodolfo "Rudie" Altamirano, Ph.D.

*Director, International Student and Scholar Services
Director, Immigration & Integration Services
Penn Global*



Greetings from the Forerunner Coordinator

Dear Forerunner participants:

I would like to congratulate you on your acceptance to Penn! As one of the oldest Ivy League Schools, Penn offers many avenues to find what you like and what you are good at, and allows you to meet peers who will become your lifelong friends. The Forerunner program is designed to help you transition smoothly into Penn's unique culture.

We are excited to have you join the 2018 Forerunner program. The program is led by the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) of Penn Global and made possible thanks to great collaborations among Penn's different schools and centers, as well as with Penn student organizations. It is our sincere hope that you will meet new friends, develop leadership skills, get a taste of Penn's classroom experience, and learn about the many resources available to help you succeed at Penn. Forerunner will be one of many unforgettable memories that you will experience at Penn.

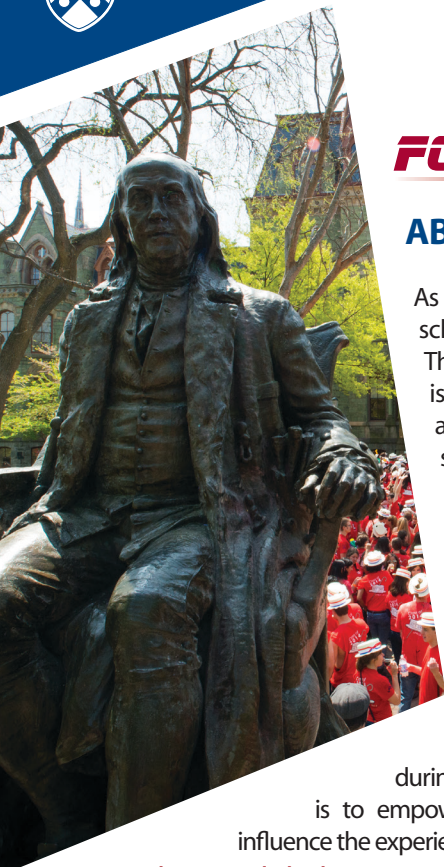
We also want to congratulate the parents of all Forerunner participants for making a great decision to send your children to Penn. We are delighted to have the chance to meet with you in person, and answer any questions or concerns you may have before sending your precious children far away.



A magnificent Penn education starts here at Forerunner!

Lily Zhang, M.A.

*Senior Associate Director,
International Student and Scholar Services,
Penn Global*



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ABOUT FORERUNNER

As a host to over 8,000 international students, scholars and visiting faculty from all over the world, The University of Pennsylvania, also known as Penn, is truly a global university. Students from China and India make up nearly half of all international students at Penn. The University values the many different contributions that these students provide to enrich the community.

Now in its fourth year, Forerunner will prepare new Penn students from China and India by introducing expectations of the classroom culture of an Ivy League university, growing their social network by meeting new students, and learn where to turn when they face challenges during their time at Penn. A primary goal of Forerunner is to empower students to become leaders and positively influence the experience of their peers on and off campus.

<http://global.upenn.edu/forerunner>

See what past Forerunner participants had to say:

My Penn life begins in Forerunner! It's really an amazing chance for me to learn about Penn and make new friends. – **Forerunner 2017 Student**

"My Forerunner Experience was an amazing one! Having met wonderful fellow incoming students, both undergraduate and graduate, and having heard advice from upperclassmen that had various academic and extracurricular backgrounds, I feel like I came out of Forerunner with more understanding of life at Penn and more friends whom I can meet with on Penn's campus." – **Forerunner 2016 Student**

Here is what parent participants had to say:

I feel strong about the personal touch that Penn Global bringing to the new students and parents. As a parent, I felt very well respected. Forerunner has been carefully planned and executed. All sessions are on points, and have addressed a lot of questions and concerns. Great program! – **Forerunner 2017 Parent**

"I came in with lots of questions and left with a peaceful mind." – **Forerunner 2016 Parent**



ABOUT PENN WHARTON CHINA CENTER

Penn Wharton China Center (PWCC) provides on-the-ground support for the growing numbers of programs and collaborations between Penn's 12 schools and many academic, government, and business partners throughout China. As an outpost for a premier educational institution, PWCC will enable Penn and Wharton to:

- Facilitate Penn faculty and student research in China
- Facilitate two-way exchanges critical to the training of future global leaders at Penn's Philadelphia campus and in China
- Broaden and deepen Penn students' learning experiences in an increasingly interconnected global environment
- Enhance Penn connections to alumni and friends in China by providing professional, networking and knowledge resources on-site at the PWCC
- Leverage resources in China essential to understanding the global economic issues and markets
- Share Wharton's relevance to and impact upon business practices in China and around the world
- Share Penn's broad, deep scholarship and innovative ideas



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THANK YOU TO ALL FORERUNNER 2018 SPONSORS!

Sponsors are Penn schools, centers and student organizations that provided financial contributions to facilitate the success of the Forerunner program.

PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSORS



Penn Global provides strategic direction for Penn's global endeavors with a focus on efficient investment of university resources for global activities. Penn Global collaborates with Schools and Centers across the University and seeks to catalyze cross-school collaborations to integrate knowledge that addresses key issues. Penn Global partners with leaders from Penn and around the world to develop innovative interdisciplinary global strategies, initiatives and programs.



International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) of Penn Global of Penn Global provides core services to international students, visiting scholars, faculty and academic departments at the University of Pennsylvania. ISSS is dedicated to assisting all Penn international students and scholars by providing excellent support in immigration services as well as facilitating successful cultural, social, and academic integration into the Penn community.



DIAMOND LEVEL SPONSORS



Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) is the official student government body for graduate and professional students at Penn, representing over 13,000 students across twelve graduate schools. GAPSA members engage in an ongoing dialogue with the leaders of the university, sit in on the Board of Trustees, the University Council, and meet regularly with Penn's President and Provost to advocate for student interests.

It is also the primary source of funding for graduate student governments, student groups, student-led initiatives, travel grants, research grants and stipends. It plans a variety of academic and social events, throughout the year, to keep students connected and engaged in life at Penn.

GAPSA welcomes all incoming international students to their new home at Penn and will take every step to help them make their experience enjoyable and enriching.



BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORS



The **Undergraduate Admissions Office** welcomes the Class of 2021 to Penn. America's first university and a member of the Ivy League, the University of Pennsylvania is an inclusive community where teaching and innovation extend across disciplines. Founded by Benjamin Franklin to push the frontiers of knowledge to benefit society, Penn combines integrated study in the liberal arts and sciences with opportunities for research and practical, pre-professional education. Penn's intellectually flexible and useful education is accessible to talented students of all backgrounds who are inspired to use their knowledge to make an impact on the world.



Operating in the context of an urban research University that supports a culture of inquiry, **PennDesign** attracts an international community of scholars, researchers, artists and practitioners eager to promote interdisciplinary thinking that expands the scope of art and design and increases its opportunity to make an outsized impact. From reigniting the link between ecology and urbanism, to exploring how generative design not only produces new forms of building but smarter behavior and better performance, PennDesign's eight degree programs are committed to thought leadership that impacts policy and engages both locally and globally to advance a sustainable future.



The **Office of Parent Outreach and Development/Penn Parents** is the central resource for connecting undergraduate parents and families to the University. Through events, communications, volunteer opportunities and The



Parents Fund, the Penn Parents team is committed to building relationships and creating avenues for parents to feel informed, connected and be uniquely involved in the life of the University and its advancement. PennDesign's eight degree programs are committed to thought leadership that impacts policy and engages both locally and globally to advance a sustainable future.



Penn's **School of Social Policy & Practice (SP2)** offers five degree programs: Master of Social Work, Master of Science in Social Policy, Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership, Clinical Doctorate in Social Work, and PhD in Social Welfare. In pursuit of social justice, SP2 contributes to advancing more effective and humane services through education, research, and civic engagement.

Penn China Education Summit



全球化与科技创新正在飞速改变世界，过去三十年间，随着经济生活的发展，无论中国还是美国，对“教育”的理解和实践都在不断发生变化。随着这些变化，宾大中美教育峰会（Penn China Education Summit）也应运而生。我们旨在深度促进中美交流合作，为双方的教育改革提供指导与启发。每年秋季，我们都会在开创美国现代化教育的高等学府——宾夕法尼亚大学邀请两国教育界的领军人物、知名学者和创新实践者，分享他们对教育的见解，一起碰撞出知识的火花，共飨智慧的盛宴！



FORERUNNER FACILITATORS

Facilitators are representatives from Penn units that facilitate the sessions and activities of the Forerunner Program



Rodolfo “Rudie” Altamirano - Dr. Rodolfo Altamirano is Director of International Student and Scholar Services and Director of Immigration and Integration Services at the University of Pennsylvania. His main responsibility is to provide leadership in determining and implementing organizational and campus-wide strategies, including the delivery of quality services and programs, to the Penn international community. Dr. Altamirano has a doctoral degree in International Resource Development with a major in Cross-Cultural Communication. With the support of a high performing ISSS team, he has spearheaded high-level strategic initiatives for ISSS that resulted in streamlined business processes and efficient operations. He has designed, facilitated and coordinated very successful cross-cultural and academic programs. He has presented and conducted more than 300 immigration, cross-cultural communication and conflict resolution workshops, nationally and internationally. He enjoys experiencing different cultures and his quest for learning has taken him to beautiful places in Europe, Asia, and the Americas. He and his wife have three beautiful daughters.



Lily Zhang - Lily Zhang is the Senior Associate Director of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). She has over a decade of work experience in International Education in the Higher Education field. Her responsibilities include supervising the advising services team, overseeing the ISSS operational team, leading the IT systems implementation and enhancement,

advising students and scholars in immigration, travel, personal and cultural adjustment related matters, and ensuring Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) compliance. She enjoys working and interacting with people with diverse backgrounds. In addition, she believes the beauty of higher education is integrating knowledge among different disciplines and building bridges across various cultures.



Ryan Villanueva - Ryan Villanueva is the Program Coordinator for International Student and Scholar Services. Ryan develops and implements programs to help Penn international students adjust to their new environment. His global travels have taken him from the southern tip of Chile to the western province of China. He enjoys the exchanging of perspectives and ideas across cultures and is dedicated to helping students integrate into the Penn community and experience what Penn and Philadelphia have to offer. Ryan received a bachelor's degree in Marketing with minors in Music Industry and Chinese Business from James Madison University and a bachelor's in Spanish language from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is also a part-time student completing a master's in Intercultural Communication at Penn's Graduate School of Education.



Chao Guo - Dr. Chao Guo is Associate Professor of Nonprofit Management in the School of Social Policy and Practice, Associate Faculty Director of Fox Leadership International,



and Faculty Director of the newly launched International Master of Public Administration program. He is also founding co-director of the China Institute for Philanthropy and Social Innovation at Renmin University of China. Professor Guo is Editor-in-Chief of Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly, the premier journal in the field. His interests are in nonprofit governance, collaboration within and across sectors, technology and nonprofit advocacy, and social entrepreneurship.



Sonya Gwak Dr. Sonya Gwak is the Director of Student Life and Undergraduate Education in Penn Engineering, overseeing all student-related issues for undergraduate and graduate students. She is particularly focused on student wellness as they pertain to academic success. She was born in South Korea, grew up in Ghana, and came to Penn as a freshman and never left, earning all her degrees (B.A., M.S.Ed, and Ph.D.) from Penn. Having been an international student herself, she is keenly aware of the challenges that new students face as they navigate Penn, Philadelphia, and the U.S. She now calls Philadelphia her home.



Yuhong He - Dr. Yuhong He is an International Specialist and a Staff Psychologist of the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at the University of Pennsylvania. She is involved in all aspects of CAPS' operation including clinical services, training, and outreach. She is also specialized in developing and implementing sustainable prevention and intervention programs aimed to support international

students' mental health and wellness. In addition, she coordinates and delivers the personal wellness and career workshops at CAPS. Yuhong works closely with faculty/staff and student leaders across the campus through program development, consultation, and advising. She also provides multilingual services in Mandarin and Cantonese. Yuhong is originally from China and received her Ph.D. in counseling psychology.



Soumya Madabhushi - Soumya Madabhushi is a Staff Psychologist and the Outreach Training Coordinator at Counseling and Psychological Services at Penn. She is originally from India, came to the US as an international student, and earned her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Though trained as a generalist she has two areas of particular interest: 1) minority mental health and social justice advocacy, and 2) violence and victimization. She is currently involved in providing clinical services to students, supervising and facilitating seminars to trainees, and developing and delivering outreach programming to the campus community as well as some local organizations. She has presented at numerous international, national and local conferences. She speaks English, Hindi and Telugu.



Amy Nichols – Amy Nichols is the Director of Implementation, Assessment, and International Initiatives for the College of Liberal and Professional Studies in the School of Arts and Sciences. She has been working and teaching at the University of Pennsylvania since 2004. Her program development experience



ranges from short summer programs to MOOCs and other online learning to, most recently, the International Master of Public Administration. Her teaching experience spans a wide variety of courses and audiences. She has taught Advanced Persuasive Speaking, a core requirement for Wharton MBAs, coached corporate executives, and designed and delivered business English courses to adults of all ages for the English Language Programs. Amy has also represented the University of Pennsylvania on CCTV's 2016 and 2017 Star of Outlook English Language Talent Competition National Finals. Amy holds a BA in English and Anthropology from Duke University, an MBA from Georgetown University, and an MSEd in TESOL from the University of Pennsylvania.



Philip Nichols - Philip M. Nichols is the Joseph Kolodny Professor of Social Responsibility in Business and Professor of Legal Studies and Business Ethics. His research and teaching focus on the changes occurring in "emerging" countries, on issues related to corruption, and on social impact. Professor Nichols currently serves as the Chair of the Anti-Corruption Law Interest Group of the American Society of International Law and has previously served as the President of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Chair of the Economic Law Interest Group, and Chair of a United Nation's expert committee on trade. At Penn, Professor Nichols serves as the Faculty Director of Stouffer College House, where he and his family have lived for twenty-two years. Professor Nichols also spent five years as the Faculty Director of the entire College House system.



Sarah Peyton Kaufman - Sarah Peyton Kaufman is a student services professional passionate about working with students as they navigate their academic careers and prepare for their future careers. She is currently the program manager for the Educational Linguistics Division at the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn GSE) where she works with students from the M.S. Ed. in Intercultural Communication and M.S. Ed. in TESOL programs, as well as the Educational Linguistics doctoral programs. Sarah co-founded Penn GSE's International Student Working Group, a group consisting of Penn GSE staff members who work together to ensure the best support possible for international students during their time at Penn GSE. Sarah is trained as an intercultural educator and facilitator. At Penn GSE, she teaches a course on experiential workshop design, and has a background teaching English as a second and foreign language. Sarah received a B.A. in anthropology from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, and a M.S. Ed. in Intercultural Communication from Penn GSE.



Julianne Reynolds - Julianne Reynolds is the Associate Director of the Office of Learning Resources and the Learning Instructor for International Students at the Weingarten Center. Over the past six years, she has helped numerous Penn international students transition to academic life in the U.S. through individual consultations and workshops on the topics of academic reading, writing, study strategies, and time management. Prior to joining Penn, Julianne taught English to speakers of other languages in Switzerland



and Indonesia. She holds an A.B. in French from Bowdoin College and an M.A. in TESOL from Teachers College, Columbia University.



Sharon Smith - Sharon Smith, M.Ed. is the Associate Vice Provost for University Life and Student Intervention Services at the University of Pennsylvania. Sharon received her BA in Psychology from Pennsylvania State University and her Master's in Counseling Psychology from Temple University. Sharon has worked at Penn for 27 years and has held various positions including, Director of New Student Orientation and the Pre-Freshman Program. Currently, as Executive Director, Sharon leads a multi-disciplinary team and oversees the coordination and the provision of support and advocacy services for students and/or families experiencing personal and or social crisis. In cases of University wide student emergencies, Sharon manages the process, convenes case conferences, and works with University offices to coordinate the delivery of services and follow-up. In addition, Sharon serves as a consultant for administrators and faculty from schools across the university regarding issues that affect academic performance, psychological and physical well-being of individual students.



Charquinta Sullivan - Charquinta is the Assistant Director of the Graduate Student Center at the University of Pennsylvania. She oversees graduate & professional student programming dedicated to first generation graduate student concerns, personal development, and community service opportunities. She is currently involved in facilitating workshops dedicated to student

development, intercultural leadership, and community service. Charquinta has international living experience having resided in the Philippines, Thailand, and the U.S. Charquinta previously served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines and as an AmeriCorps volunteer in Philadelphia. Charquinta received her B.A. in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA and her M.A. with a concentration in Global Studies from the University of Pennsylvania.



Ann Tiao - Dr. Ann Tiao has dedicated the majority of her career in higher education to increasing access, promoting diversity, and building inclusive spaces with a specific emphasis on graduation education and assessment. She is currently the Interim Chief Student Affairs Officer for the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn GSE) where she has also taught for almost two decades. In addition to being a full-time administrator and lecturer, she also delivers diversity workshops to different organizations. Dr. Tiao has worked in numerous fields including high tech, engineering, statistics, and higher education, typically focusing on building new teams, programs, or systems utilizing data driven research to foster continuing improvement. Her career started at Intel Corporation working in the largest cleanroom environment in the world at the time. Dr. Tiao received a B.A. in Statistics from Kansas State University, an M.S. in Statistics from Texas A&M University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Pennsylvania and has a long record of service at the university, community, and national levels.



FORERUNNER SCHEDULE

9:30am – 10:00am **Registration**

10:05am – 10:10am **Welcome**

Dr. Rudie Altamirano, ISSS Director

10:10am – 10:20am **Keynote Address**

Dr. Wendell Pritchett, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania

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10:25am – 10:30am **Introductions**

Penn Officials & Student Leaders

10:35am – 10:55am **Penn Trivia**

Dr. Rudie Altamirano

Test your knowledge about Penn in this very exciting and interactive game! Learn facts about Penn, its history and how it evolved to become a great Ivy League university.

11:00am – 11:50am **Preparing for Your Journey to the U.S. and Life at Penn**

Dr. Rudie Altamirano, Facilitators & Student Leaders

This session will demonstrate different situations that you may encounter on your journey to Philadelphia and different aspects of life at Penn and in the U.S. that you may face.

11:55am – 12:00pm **Special Remarks**

Dr. John Zhang, Director, Penn Wharton China Center

12:00pm – 12:40pm **Lunch**



12:45pm – 1:05pm **Student Organization Introductions**
Student Leaders

1:05pm – 1:10pm **Student Leader Recognition**

1:10pm – 2:35pm **Parents Panel**
Moderated by: Ms. Lily Zhang

1:10pm – 1:45pm **Alumni Panel**
Moderated by: Dr. Rudie Altamirano

1:45pm – 1:55pm **Energizer**

2:00pm – 2:35pm **Faculty Panel**
Moderated by: Dr. Rudie Altamirano

2:35pm - 2:50pm **Words of Wisdom from Penn Officials**
Moderated by: Dr. Rudie Altamirano

2:50pm- 2:55pm **Closing Remarks**
Ms. Lily Zhang, ISSS Senior Associate Director

3:00pm- 4:00pm **Breakout Sessions**
Facilitators & Student Leaders
Meet classmates from your Penn school and learn ways to successfully transition to your time at Penn. Groups will break out by undergraduate and graduate levels.

3:00pm – 4:00pm **Parents Social Hour**

4:00pm – 5:00pm **Closing Tea Reception**



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THANK YOU TO PARTNERING STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The following Penn student organizations have volunteers present to help to support the Forerunner program.



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GRADUATE and PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA



CSSAP

Chinese Students and Scholars Association at Penn
宾大中国学生学者联谊会



沃顿中国学生会
WHARTON CHINA ASSOCIATION



PREPARATION LIST

VISA

- If you have not yet obtained your U.S. visa, learn more information here:
<https://global.upenn.edu/isss/new>

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Learn more about immunization requirements and health insurance on the Student Health Service website:
<https://www.vpul.upenn.edu/shs/compliance.php>
- All students must carry comprehensive health insurance as a condition of student enrollment at the University of Pennsylvania.

TRAVEL

Always carry with you:

- Passport
- I-20
- SEVIS I-901 Fee
- Phone (roaming) with charger
- Cash for traveling and settling down
- Credit card
- Address
- Contact person

Also remember:

- Transcript
- Copy of diploma
- Glasses
- Jacket
- Medicine
- Checked luggage: 23kg / 158cm

FLIGHT INFORMATION & ARRIVAL AT CUSTOMS

- There are generally no nonstop flights from China to PHL airport. Choose JFK or EWR airports
- Fill in U.S. Customs and Border Protection Declaration form during flight
- Go to the appropriate line for Customs and carefully follow instructions from airport officials
- If carrying more than \$10,000USD, you must declare on the form
- Be ready with passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-901 fee payment receipt



PREPARATION LIST (Cont.)

HOUSING UTILITY COMPANIES

- Electricity: PECO <https://www.peco.com/Pages/default.aspx>
- Internet: Comcast <https://www.xfinity.com/> or Verizon www.verizon.com
- Gas: PGW <https://www.pgworks.com/>

PENNCARD

- Penn Card Center: 2nd floor of Penn Bookstore, 3601 Walnut Street (\$30 Lost Fee)
- Photo: Take on-site, or upload before at <https://prod.campusexpress.upenn.edu/>
- Bring your passport and I-20 or DS-2019
- Follow instructions to set up your Penn Key and Penn Email

CHECK IN WITH ISSS

- Complete the Online Immigration Tutorial (You can complete before arriving in the U.S.)
- Complete the Online Arrival Form (After arriving in the U.S.)
- Select your immigration Document Check time in iPenn (visit the ISSS website)
- For Document Check Bring your PennCard, Passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-94 stamp in passport marked with "F-1 D/S" or "J-1 D/S" or print I-94 from website. <http://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94>
- Learn more about the Check-In Process: <https://global.upenn.edu/iss/orientation>

MOBILE PHONES

- Some service providers: AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, Sprint
- Common plans: Pre-paid, Individual Plan, Monthly Plan, Family Plan

BANK ACCOUNTS & DEBIT CARD

- Documents: Passport, I-20 or DS-2019, Penn Card
- Check: usually bank will give you a check book, which could be used for rent
- Some common banks: PNC, BOA, TD Bank, Citizens Bank, etc.



TUITION

Due date depends on course enrollment

- EasyTransfer (wire transfer RMB) Learn more: www.easytransfer.cn
- Flywire (wire transfer USD) Learn more: <https://www.flywire.com/pay/upenn>
- Penn.Pay (e-check after opening account in the US)
 - When wiring money from China, you will need: checking/savings account number, routing number, SWIFT code, bank name, bank address
 - Wire transfer Fee: 2 times: one for the bank in China, one for the bank in the US
- Learn More about tuition payment on Student Registration & Financial Services website. <http://www.srfs.upenn.edu/>
- Learn More about international wire transfers here: <http://www.sfs.upenn.edu/paymybill/wire-transfer.htm>

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION

- Emergencies: 215-573-3333; General Information: 215-898-7297
- Penn Patrol Zone: <https://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/about/penn-patrol-zone-and-area-map/>
- UPennAlert Emergency Notification System: <https://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/pennready/upennalert/>
- Learn More: <https://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/>
- Walking Escort Service: <https://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/about/security-services/walking-escort/>
- Penn Bus/Penn Shuttle: <http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/>

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate Students

- Visit the ISSS website: <https://global.upenn.edu/iss/ug-iso>
- Visit the NSO website: <https://www.nso.upenn.edu/>

Graduate & Professional Students

- Visit the ISSS website: <https://global.upenn.edu/iss/gr-iso>
- Visit the Graduate Student Center website: <http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/orientation/index.php>
- Attend new student orientations offered by your specific program/school

Welcome to Penn



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