

The U.S. Admissions Roadmap

A start-to-decision planning guide for international applicants.



A practical planning resource for international students applying to U.S. universities.

Educational resource • Verify current requirements with each institution

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Use this roadmap as a sequence, not a universal deadline. Requirements differ by institution and program.

12–18 months before entry

- Define undergraduate or graduate goals and target entry term.
- Review academic readiness, English proficiency, and testing requirements.
- Discuss the family budget and realistic annual contribution.
- Create a research list using official university sources.
- Start a master calendar for applications, aid, testing, and documents.

Target degree

Target entry term

Annual budget range

Top academic priorities

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