

❓ 1. About Princeton University

Princeton University is a world-renowned private Ivy League research university located in *Princeton, New Jersey, USA*. It is known for its strong academic programs, generous financial aid, and vibrant global student community. [Princeton University](#)

❏❏ 2. Undergraduate Admission (International Students)

❏ Application Process

- International applicants use the **Common Application** or **Coalition Application** with the Princeton Supplement. [Princeton Admission](#)
- Princeton evaluates **all applicants the same way**, regardless of nationality. [Princeton Admission](#)

❏ 2026 Deadlines

- **Regular Decision:** January 1, 2026 (typical deadline). [Shiksha](#)
- **Early Action / Early Decision** deadlines usually occur in early November but are often closed earlier in the cycle. [Shiksha](#)

❏ Academic Records

- Your **transcript/academic record** should reflect your curriculum and results. Princeton evaluates grades in the context of your education system. [Princeton Admission](#)

❏ English Language

If English isn't your native language **and your school wasn't English-medium**, you must submit one of:

- **TOEFL**
- **IELTS Academic**
- **Duolingo English Test (DET)**
- **PTE Academic** [Princeton Admission](#)

❏ Writing Component

- Princeton asks for a **graded written paper** in English if applicable; this shows academic writing ability. [Princeton Admission](#)

❏ Standardized Testing

- Princeton has been **test-optional through 2026**, meaning submitting SAT/ACT is *not required* but may be considered if you choose to submit them. [Princeton Admission](#)

Note: Recently Princeton announced it **will require SAT/ACT scores again starting with the 2027 cycle** — *this does not affect 2026 admissions but is important for future planning.* [The Times of India](#)

☐ 3. Graduate Admission (International Students)

☐ Application Process

- Graduate applications go through Princeton's **Graduate School portal** regardless of citizenship. [Graduate School](#)
- Each **department sets its own requirements and deadlines** (e.g., Computer Science deadline for Fall 2026 was Dec 15, 2025). [CS Princeton](#)

☐ English Proficiency

- If your previous instruction was not in English, graduate programs often require TOEFL or IELTS — check your specific department's policy. [Graduate School](#)

☐ Academic Requirements

- Master's and Ph.D. applicants must hold relevant degrees and prepare academic materials like transcripts, letters of recommendation, and statements of purpose. [Graduate School](#)
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☐ 4. Financial Aid & Costs

☐ Undergraduate Financial Aid

- Princeton meets **100% of demonstrated financial need** for all students — including international students — on a **need-blind basis**, meaning your ability to pay does *not* affect admission decisions. [Princeton University+1](#)
- Aid is given as grants (no loans). [Princeton University](#)

☐ Graduate Funding

- Princeton **guarantees funding for Ph.D. candidates** (tuition, fees, and stipend) for the standard duration of the program. [A Princeton Profile](#)
- Master's funding varies by department. [A Princeton Profile](#)

☐ Living Costs

- Tuition and living costs are significant — but financial aid typically accounts for full demonstrated need. (Exact 2026 figures should be verified on Princeton's official site.)

☐ 5. Visa & Immigration

☐ F-1 Student Visa

- After admission, Princeton's **Davis International Center** helps students obtain and maintain the **F-1 student visa**. [Princeton University](#)

☐ Orientation & Support

- Princeton offers orientation programs to help international students adjust academically and culturally. [Princeton University](#)

☐☐☐ 6. International Student Community & Resources

☐ Davis International Center

- Provides immigration advising, cultural programs, and support throughout your time at Princeton. [Princeton University](#)

☐ Housing & Life

- Many students live on campus; undergraduate housing is guaranteed for all four years. [Teachers Portal](#)
- International students make up a significant part of the student body — around 24% overall and especially large at the graduate level. [Davis International Center](#)

☐ 7. Important Tips for 2026 Applicants

- ✓ **Start early:** Prepare standardized tests (even if optional), English tests, and essays well before deadlines. [Princeton Admission](#)
- ✓ **Financial documentation:** Prepare proof of finances early for visa and aid processing. [Princeton University](#)
- ✓ **Check departmental requirements:** For graduate programs, deadlines and requirements can vary. [Graduate School](#)
- ✓ **Plan for English testing** if your education wasn't in English.