

1. About Stanford University

Stanford University is a globally prestigious private research university located in *Stanford, California, USA*. It offers undergraduate, graduate, professional, and continuing education programs across engineering, sciences, humanities, business, education, law, and medicine. Stanford is known for its academic excellence, innovation ecosystem, and research impact.

2. Undergraduate Admission – International Students

Application Process

- All applicants (including international students) follow the *same application process* as domestic students. The application is typically through the **Common Application** or **Coalition Application**. [Stanford Admissions](#)

Standardized Testing Requirement

- For entry in **Fall 2026**, **SAT or ACT scores are required** from undergraduate applicants. This reinstates the standardized testing requirement after a test-optional period. [Stanford Admissions+1](#)

English Language

- *English fluency is essential*. Stanford **does not require a specific English proficiency test** (like TOEFL/IELTS) for undergraduate admission, though many applicants submit scores to demonstrate proficiency. [Stanford Admissions](#)

Academic Preparation

- Complete secondary education equivalent to U.S. high school graduation by the time you enroll (not necessarily by the application deadline). [Stanford Admissions](#)

Document Requirements

- Official transcripts/mark sheets translated into **English** if needed. [Stanford Admissions](#)
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3. Graduate Admission – International Students

Graduate admission (Master's, PhD, professional programs) varies by department:

Application Requirements

- Each graduate program has specific requirements such as transcripts, letters of recommendation, statements of purpose, and sometimes GRE scores (depending on program). [Stanford Education](#)

☐ **English Proficiency**

- For graduate applicants whose instruction wasn't in English, test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) **may be required** unless you qualify for an exemption (e.g., earned a degree in English). [Stanford EE Department](#)

☐ **International Scholarships**

- Stanford has competitive funding such as **Knight-Hennessy Scholars** for graduate study, which can cover full tuition and living expenses. [Wikipedia](#)
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☐ **4. Tuition & Cost of Attendance**

☐ **Tuition Fees**

- Tuition rates for international students are the same as for U.S. students:
 - **Undergraduate:** ~USD 62,000 per year (plus living costs).
 - **Graduate:** ~USD 60,000+ per year (varies by program).
 - **MBA:** ~USD 83,000+ per year. [upGrad](#)

☐ **Living Costs**

- Living expenses (housing, food, books, insurance) can add **\$25,000–\$30,000+ per year** depending on lifestyle. [Scholarships Future](#)

☐ **Financial Aid & Scholarships**

- **Need-based aid** is available for international undergraduates (Stanford meets full demonstrated need).
 - Merit and program-specific scholarships exist for graduate students.
 - External scholarships (Fulbright, Inlaks, etc.) can also be used. [upGrad](#)
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☐ **5. Visa & Immigration (International Students)**

☐ **Student Visa**

- After admission, international students receive an **I-20 form** from Stanford and then apply for a **U.S. F-1 student visa** at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate. [Stanford Admissions](#)

☐ **Arrival & Enrollment**

- Students must enter the USA with the proper visa and complete enrollment steps (report to the Bechtel International Center, verify residence address, etc.). [Grad Policies and Procedures](#)
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☐ ☐ ☐ **6. Support Services for International Students**

☐ **Bechtel International Center**

This is Stanford's hub for immigration guidance, orientation programs, cultural support, and ongoing advising for international students. [Stanford Admissions](#)

☐ **Student Life Resources**

- Orientation programs
 - Counseling and health services
 - Academic advising
 - Career services
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☐ **7. Important Dates (Typical for 2026 Entry)**

Undergraduate

- **Application opens:** August 1 (preceding year). [Stanford News](#)
- **Restrictive Early Action Deadline:** Mid-October (approx).
- **Regular Decision:** Early January (approx).

(Exact dates vary each year — check Stanford's official admissions calendar.)

☐ **8. Tips for International Applicants**

- ✓ Start early — preparing SAT/ACT and application materials takes months. [Stanford News](#)
- ✓ Use the Common App or Coalition App for undergraduate applications. [Stanford Admissions](#)
- ✓ For graduate programs, check **specific department deadlines and requirements**.
- ✓ Prepare financial documentation for visa and proof of funds.
- ✓ Visit the **Bechtel International Center** website for up-to-date visa support and orientation details.