

Applying Early Decision at CMU Qatar

Early Decision is a binding application plan for students who view Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar as their first choice university. In exchange for applying under a binding commitment, the applicant is granted the benefit of learning their admission decision early in their final year (December 15).

Early Decision Timeline

Application deadline: November 1

Financial Aid application deadline (non-Qataris): November 15

Notified of admission decision: December 15

Enrollment decision by: February 1

Early Decision Instructions

- Early Decision applicants complete the general application process to CMU Qatar by November 1st. In addition, an Early Decision Agreement Form signed by the student, parent, and secondary school is required (inside the Common App), as well as a submitted Eligibility Agreement Form (accessed through our Early Decision page).
- If you are admitted to Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, you are expected to enroll and pay the enrollment deposit (see Eligibility Requirements below).
- Three decisions can be given: 1) Admit 2) Deny or 3) Defer to Regular Decision Round.
- You must agree to withdraw applications previously submitted to other institutions, in any country, when notified of Early Decision acceptance and financial aid decision from Qatar Foundation.
- You are not able to compare financial aid packages between Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar and other universities you may have applied to.

Note about November standardized tests for Early Decision applicants:

CMU Qatar is test optional for the SAT / ACT. However, if a student intends to submit SAT / ACT scores, we do accept November test dates. Please make sure you've indicated what future tests you're taking on the Common Application Form and rush report your scores. The Office of Admission will then wait until these scores are received before making an admission decision. December testing is not accepted for Early Decision consideration.

Eligibility Requirements for Early Decision

1. Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar must be your first choice university in order to apply for Early Decision.
2. **Early Decision at CMU Qatar is only open to the following categories of students:**
 - **Students residing in Qatar:** This includes both Qatari nationals and non-Qatari residents of Qatar. Financial aid is available to Qatar residents applying through Early Decision. International students with at least one parent residing in Qatar may also apply Early Decision.
 - **International students with zero financial need:** Regrettably, financial aid is not provided during Early Decision for international students residing outside of Qatar. Examples of eligible internationals include GCC nationals with scholarship funding (ex. Kuwait and Oman) and full-fee paying families.
3. If an applicant is denied admission during the early decision round they are not eligible to apply for regular decision in the same application cycle.
4. In order to apply for Early Decision, the admitted student must pay an Early Decision enrollment deposit by February 1st (deposit is approximately \$1,000 USD).
5. All students admitted through Early Decision are required to submit a mid-year school transcript/report from their current year of schooling, as well as their final results upon completing the school year.
 - If the results from the mid-year report or final year report are not at the high level of academic performance under which the student was granted admission, it can be expected that the university will revoke the offer of admission.