DIRECT ADMIT TO THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

We are pleased to announce, that as a pilot this year, the Office of Admissions is working with the College of Engineering to direct admit select students to the College of Engineering. As a direct admit to the College of Engineering, students will be able to select their major area of study earlier, immediately enroll in required engineering courses, and move more efficiently through their studies and engineering degree. To be considered for direct admit, students must declare one of the eight pre-engineering majors (biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, civil and environmental engineering, computer science, computer engineering, electrical engineering, material science and engineering, or mechanical engineering) on their admission application and they must be prepared to take calculus during their first year at the U.

As you are working with your students who have expressed an interest in engineering, please encourage them to select one of the eight pre-engineering majors on their application when they are applying for admission. For those students who are interested in engineering, but have already submitted an application and did not indicate one of the pre-engineering majors, they can call the Office of Admissions at 801-581-8761 and speak with an admissions counselor. We will change the students’ major selection on their admission application and they will be evaluated for direct admission to engineering.

Students admitted to the U, but not selected for direct admission to engineering will remain as pre-engineering and, as in the past, they will be required to complete the necessary prerequisite work prior to applying for full major status within the College of Engineering. For any questions regarding this direct admission program, please contact Dianne Leonard at dleonard@coe.utah.edu or 801-585-7769.
2016 APPLICATION PRIORITY DATE & ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

The priority deadline for admissions application at the University of Utah has passed, however, students who apply by the February 1 Admissions Date will still be considered for any remaining merit and diversity scholarships.

Admissions decisions will be made on January 15 for those who applied by the Dec. 1 priority date. Decisions on merit scholarships will be released beginning in February. Diversity scholarship decisions will be released starting in March through April.

LARRY H. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

The Larry H. & Gail Miller Enrichment Scholarship is designed to assist students with demonstrated financial need, with an emphasis on students from an under-represented ethnic background or who are first generation college students. The award varies and may include the following benefits: full tuition and fees, on-campus room and board, and a textbook allowance. Students should submit the application and all supporting documents by February 12, 2016. Learn more by visiting the website.

UTAH OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Utah Opportunity Scholarship award includes $8,000 per year for 8 semesters toward tuition, fees and books and provides student support through academic advising and student programming.

Students qualified for the scholarship must apply for FAFSA first, be admitted to the U, and apply for the scholarship by February 12, 2016. For more details visit the website.

FAFSA PRIORITY DATE

Students who are interested in possible Federal Student Aid or University-sponsored aid should complete the FAFSA by the priority date of March 1. The free application is available in January and can be accessed at fafsa.gov. Remember, parents’ tax information may also be required. The University of Utah’s FAFSA school code is 003675. Learn more at financialaid.utah.edu.

FAFSA TIPS

Go to the FAFSA website at fafsa.gov and get an FSA ID. Make sure students have the following documents ready: PIN Numbers, Social Security Numbers, 2015 Federal Income Tax Returns, Bank Statements, and Brokerage Statements.

It is important to review the introduction page which provides helpful topics on the FAFSA process. FAFSA also has a Help and Hints section throughout the process. If students have questions they can contact the U Financial Aid Office for help at financialaid.utah.edu or call 801-581-6211.
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LASSONDE STUDIOS HIGH SCHOOL UTAH ENTREPRENEUR CHALLENGE

We’re calling all high school students to submit great ideas and win $22,000 in prizes. The High School Utah Entrepreneur Challenge is a statewide competition to encourage high school students to explore innovation and entrepreneurship that awards $22,000 in prizes and scholarships. Students submit their ideas online starting in January 2016 and can register now to stay updated with the competition. Participation is easy, and students can be as creative as they’d like! Follow these steps to submit an idea:

- Identify a problem
- Create and prototype a solution
- Define your customer
- Create a presentation

Think about what you wish a product offered you, or think of a solution to a real-world problem, then submit at lassonde.utah.edu/hsuec. Finalists will have scholarship opportunities at the University of Utah to live in the brand-new Lassonde Studios building.

HONORS COLLEGE

The Priority Deadline to apply to the Honors College has passed. Students who met the Nov 1 deadline will receive their general University of Utah admissions decision mid-January, and will hear from the Honors College separately around the beginning of February 2016. Students who did not meet the Nov 1 Priority Deadline but are still interested in the Honors College may apply up until March 1, 2016--the final deadline.

Learn more by visiting honors.utah.edu/admissions/admission-process.
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ADMISSIONS DEFERRAL

Newly accepted freshmen who wish to defer their start date to a later semester may apply for an admission deferment. You can learn more about the requirements and application process for deferment on our website.

CONFIRM INTENT TO ENROLL

After the January 15 decision date, students admitted to the University of Utah must confirm their intent to enroll and pay the $150 Enrollment Deposit. The deposit must be paid before registering for New Student Orientation or enrolling in classes.

The deposit will be applied towards the first semester’s tuition. For more detailed information or to request an extension of the Enrollment Deposit, please visit the website.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Student success and well-being are vital in providing a world-class education. We encourage students to take advantage of the numerous available resources while attending the U. Here are just a few:

Academic Support - LEAP, BlockU, and Student Affairs.
IT Services - Campus Computer Labs, Software Licensing, and Help Desk.
Campus Services - Campus Store, Testing Center, and Student Health Center.
Resource Centers & Organizations - Women's Resource Center, Student Affairs, and Leadership Development.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING APPLICATION

The online application for campus housing for the 2016-2017 academic year will be available on February 10. Learn more at housing.utah.edu.

EXPLORE COLLEGE & DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who don’t receive financial aid or scholarships through the University of Utah should explore college and departmental scholarships.

Encourage your students to check out the database for aid.

PLAN TO FINISH

The University of Utah is devoted to retaining and graduating more students. Our plan includes a series of strategic shifts to support student success, engage students in learning communities, community based learning, and applied learning in capstone experiences. Learn more about Plan to Finish.
FINANCIAL AID, WORK STUDY, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Students applying for the U may need financial assistance paying for tuition, fees, and housing. Students may apply for financial aid using the FAFSA starting in January, 2016. There are also a number of scholarships available for freshmen that can be found on our website. Students may also qualify for work study, get a job working at the U, or work with Career Services for internships or a job related to their field of study. There are many resources to help students succeed at the U. For more information visit the Financial Aid and Scholarships page.

PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT CONFERENCE

The University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College’s Pacific Islander student clubs, (PISA) and (PUA), are collaborating to host in partnership the annual Pacific Islander student’s high school conference. Our theme this year, “Oceanians Navigating Higher Education,” hopes to inform Pacific Islander high school students of the necessary tools to navigate higher education. We have invited scholars, community workers, and change agents of the Pacific Islander community to host workshops and information sessions. To register students visit pisauofu.wix.com/pisa.

Date: Wednesday, January 27
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: University of Utah’s Union Building
Contact: Ti Kinikini at 801-587-9570 or email at d.kinikini@utah.edu

FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE

Students, parents, and teachers interested in science, will enjoy the Frontier of Science Lecture Series. This free lecture series brings leading scientists from around the world to Salt Lake City to share their research with the community. The next lecture in the series is, Curiosity’s Mission to Gale Crater, Mars -- featuring Dr. John Grotzinger - Professor of Geology, Division of Geological and Planetary Science at Caltech.

Tickets are not required, seating is first come, first served. Please arrive early.

Date: Thursday, February 18
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Aline Wilmot Skaggs Bldg, RM 220
Visit the website for more information
FACEBOOK UPDATES

Encourage your students to follow the Office of Admissions on Facebook at Facebook.com/UtahAdmissions to get up-to-date information on admissions, student housing, scholarships, and events happening for future students.

CAMPUS VISITS

Campus visits are one of the best ways a student can determine the fit of any school, and we encourage all interested students to take the time to tour our campus. Each visit includes a campus tour, an info session with an Admissions Counselor, and a Housing tour. Have students sign up online today!

Weekly Tours: Monday-Friday
Time: 10:00 a.m. (December only)

S.J. Quinney College of Law Student Event

On February 26, 2016, the S.J. Quinney College of Law will host its annual event, Passageways to the Law. The event is designed to help future first-generation college students, as well as students from ethnically diverse and/or historically underrepresented populations, get excited about a future in the legal field. More details will be coming soon. In the meantime, email admissions@law.utah.edu or call 801-581-7479 with any questions about the event.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER
1: Priority Admissions Application Date
5: Saturday Campus Tour
24-25: University Closed - Christmas Break
31: University Closed - New Year’s Break

FEBRUARY
1: Admission Priority Date
1: Honors College decisions begin
10: Housing Application opens
15: President’s Day - University Closed
18: Frontiers of Science Lecture

JANUARY
1: University Closed - New Year’s Break
1: FAFSA available
15: Admissions Decision Letters Begin
18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - University Closed
27: Pacific Islander Student Conference

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