STEPS to ENROLL

Freshman Admission Summer 2015: FAST Program
Welcome, Class of 2019!

Congratulations on your admission to San Diego State University! You are required to enroll in the FAST program this summer in order to attend SDSU in the fall 2015 semester.

To accept your offer of admission and reserve your place for summer and fall 2015, you must complete the seven Steps to Enroll. These steps are described in detail in this booklet and online at www.sdsu.edu/summeradmits.

Also be sure to discuss the Steps to Enroll with your parents in order to get the most out of the information.

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All California State University first-time freshmen must fulfill the Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) and the English Placement Test (EPT) requirements. You must take the required ELM/EPT tests no later than the May 2, 2015 test date. If you do not take these tests, you will not be able to register for summer or fall classes.

Clearing Remediation

As explained in your admission letter, you are required to enroll in the FAST program in order to attend SDSU in the fall 2015 semester. However, if you clear your remediation requirements by July 2, you will not be required to attend FAST.

One way to clear the requirement is to pass the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) test prior to summer enrollment. A score of 147 or higher on the EPT and 50 or higher on the ELM are considered passing. Learn about other ways to clear the remediation requirement at www.sdsu.edu/collegeready.

Spring 2015 Test Dates

We urge you to register for the EPT/ELM tests as soon as possible, because spaces fill up quickly. Register and prepay your fees online through the ETS website, www.ets.org/csu. These tests are also offered at other CSU campuses.

The following EPT/ELM test dates are offered at SDSU during spring 2015:

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Important dates and online registration for tests held at SDSU are available on the Student Testing, Assessment and Research website:

www.sdsu.edu/testoffice

EPT/ELM Registration

www.ets.org/csu
Accept Your Offer by May 1, 2015

SDSU WebPortal
www.sdsu.edu/portal

Test Addresses
The College Board SAT Program
P.O. Box 8057
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
(866) 756-7346
www.collegeboard.com
SDSU Code: 4682

ACT Records
P.O. Box 451
Iowa City, IA 52243-0451
(319) 337-1313
www.actstudent.org
SDSU Code: 0398

AP Services
P.O. Box 6671
Princeton, NJ 08541-6671
www.collegeboard.com

Final Official Transcripts
Due July 15, 2015
You must have your school send official transcripts that include spring 2015 grades, and graduation date.

Accept Your Offer of Admission by Submitting Your Intent to Enroll—Due May 1, 2015

Reserve your place in the summer 2015 FAST program by submitting all of the following items to the SDSU Office of Admissions no later than May 1, 2015. If all of the items are not sent by May 1, it will be assumed that you do not plan to attend SDSU for the summer and fall terms and your space will be made available to another applicant.

1. Submit the online Intent to Enroll $400 deposit in your SDSU WebPortal. The deposit is non-refundable, and can be made electronically through the SDSU WebPortal. This deposit will apply toward your fall basic tuition and fees.

2. Send official copies of the following transcripts:
   • High school transcript (including fall 2014 grades).
   • Transcripts from all colleges you attended while in high school (including fall 2014 grades). SDSU only accepts electronic transcripts from certain schools. See the following page for a list.

   Transcripts should be sent directly from your school to the SDSU Office of Admissions. Transcripts for courses taken in the spring must be sent separately.

   Have transcripts mailed to:
   Office of Admissions
   San Diego State University
   5500 Campanile Drive
   San Diego, CA 92182-7455

3. Send official copies of the following test scores:
   • SAT Reasoning or ACT electronic test scores for all exams you have taken (if not listed on your high school transcript).
   • Advanced Placement exam score reports should be sent electronically to SDSU.

4. Submit Housing License Agreement and $375 initial payment. (Does not apply to students in SDSU’s local admission area who do not plan to live in campus housing. More information is available in Step 5–Apply for Housing)

Note: Maintaining Your Eligibility
Your admission eligibility was determined using the information you reported on your application for admission. All courses you listed as in progress or planned in your senior year must be completed with grades of C or higher. You must also maintain your reported overall grade point average. Your transcript(s) will be used to verify your self-reported information. If your grade point average and/or current course grades drop, or if there is a discrepancy in what you reported on your application compared to your transcript(s), your offer of admission may be withdrawn.
Transcript and Test Score Instructions

Official transcripts are required from all high schools and colleges you previously attended even if you withdrew from the course(s) or the course(s) were non-academic or not applicable to your college major. College courses listed on high school transcripts will not be considered official.

You must request that official transcripts, bearing the high school or college letterhead, be sent directly to the SDSU Office of Admissions either electronically or in a sealed envelope. For a transcript to be considered official, it must remain in its original sealed envelope. If opened, the transcript will no longer be valid. Please request your transcripts as soon as grades are posted so that the transcripts will arrive by the deadlines. (Note that it can take several weeks for a school to send a transcript once it is ordered.)

You must submit transcripts from all colleges you attended while in high school (including spring 2015 grades).

SAT and/or ACT Scores

Scholastic Aptitude Test of The College Board (SAT Reasoning) and/or the American College Testing Program (ACT) are needed for admission determination and placement in English and mathematics. If your SAT Reasoning and/or ACT test scores are not listed on your high school transcript and you did not indicate SDSU as a destination for your scores when you took your test, you must contact the testing agency to request the electronic scores be sent to SDSU.

Advanced Placement (AP) Test Scores

Advanced Placement exam score reports and passing scores are required in order to obtain college credit for AP exams taken. Please provide your AP test results shortly after you submit your online Intent to Enroll $400 non-refundable deposit and other official documents. Send results for senior year AP courses separately by July 15, 2015. To obtain your AP test scores, write to the listed address or visit www.collegeboard.org to request your scores if your exams were taken within the last four years.
Aid for Summer Fees
If you qualify for financial aid, you can use those funds to assist with FAST program fees. Follow the steps below to apply for financial aid. To qualify, you must also respond to all email inquiries from the SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Plan for Future Semesters
It’s time to decide how you and your family will finance your SDSU education. Take into account your overall cost of attendance, which includes basic tuition and fees, housing, transportation, books, and personal expenses. By combining grants, loans, scholarships, part-time employment, savings, and contributions from your family, you can make this investment affordable.

Types of Aid
San Diego State University provides federal and state financial aid (grants, part-time jobs, and student and parent loans) to students who apply through the FAFSA and meet eligibility requirements. You should also apply for scholarships. Log on to AidLink, SDSU’s online financial aid information system, to check the status of your SDSU financial aid and scholarship applications at any time.

How to Apply
To begin the financial aid application process:

1. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. (Estimate your income information as you may correct it after submitting your tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.) Be sure to list SDSU’s federal school code of 001151.

2. By March 2, California residents need to submit a GPA Verification Form to the California Student Aid Commission to be considered for Cal Grant. SDSU receives your information electronically one week after you submit your FAFSA online to the Federal Student Aid Processing Center.

Priority Deadlines
Applications are reviewed and aid awarded throughout the year based on available funding. Some grant funds are limited so apply early and submit documents as soon as requested.

To receive first priority evaluation of your eligibility for all financial aid programs, apply between January 1 and March 2 and, by April 1, submit all financial aid documents requested.

- By March 2, your FAFSA must be complete and accepted (not rejected for errors) with SDSU’s federal school code of 001151.
- By April 1, submit requested documents.

An application and documents submitted after these dates will receive second priority evaluation and aid awarded based on available funding at the time.
Your Financial Aid Award and Disbursement

Log on to AidLink for instructions specific to your application and to view your financial aid award notification. Your eligibility for federal and state grants, work study, and educational loans is determined by SDSU’s standard cost of attendance, your expected family contribution as calculated from information you reported on your FAFSA, and other resources you will be receiving.

If you are registered for classes and your aid is available, payment toward university charges and direct deposit of funds to your designated bank account begins August 17. Direct deposit is the only method available to receive the balance of your financial aid and scholarship awards after paying university charges. To sign up for direct deposit and to view your university charges and payments, log on to your student account at the Student Account Services website.

When your financial aid is disbursed, amounts due from basic tuition and fees and housing will be deducted automatically from awarded aid. Student Account Services sends you an email message and you may view the transactions in your Student Account.

Apply for SDSU Scholarships

Scholarship awards are given to recognize and encourage individual talents, academic achievement, leadership skills, and the determination to succeed in spite of significant hardships.

To begin the SDSU scholarship application process:

1. Go to the SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website.
2. Click the “Search for Scholarships” button to use SDSU’s free online search tool.
3. Select scholarships for which you meet the eligibility requirements.
4. Apply by submitting a separate online application and essay for each scholarship.

Some SDSU scholarships require additional application materials such as a letter of recommendation. Review each scholarship’s application requirements carefully.

Some SDSU scholarship applications are available online and due by May 8, 2015. Most applicants are notified of their eligibility by late spring.

Regularly check AidLink for your application and award status and the Scholarships website for additional scholarship opportunities posted throughout the year.

Apply for External Scholarships

Countless scholarships are awarded each year by organizations other than SDSU. You can find scholarships for almost any talent, background, or qualification. Start your search by going to www.sdsu.edu/scholarships and clicking “Other Scholarships” at the top.

Residence Hall Payments and Financial Aid and Scholarships

The university will use your financial aid award (grants, loans, or scholarships), to pay any outstanding institutional charges, including housing fees. After you have paid the $375 initial payment due with your SDSU Housing License Agreement, the remaining amount of your semester’s housing and meal charges will be deducted from your financial aid disbursement at the beginning of the semester.

If the amount of aid you receive is unavailable or insufficient to cover all housing costs, you will be responsible for making payments with your own resources by each due date. Visit the Office of Housing Administration website for payment amounts and due dates.

If your award includes Direct Loans, keep in mind that the process to activate these loans (particularly parent loans) can take several weeks. Be sure to allow time for processing if you want to use the loan funds to make your housing payments.
## Note

The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate.

Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

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### Summer Fee Payment

In late May, after you have submitted your Intent to Enroll, you will receive an email from the SDSU Office of Admissions informing you of the summer fee payment deadline. You must pay your summer fees by that date in order to attend the FAST program. If you qualify for student financial aid, you may be eligible to postpone payment of your summer fees.

### Fall Fee Payment

You will receive a notice in early June telling you to go to “My Registration” in your SDSU WebPortal for your fall registration date and fee payment information. You are not billed for these fees. After your first semester, you are responsible for checking your WebPortal for this information.

Pay your fees by your fee payment deadline using the Student Account Services website in order to register for fall classes on your assigned registration date.

### Things to remember when paying your basic tuition and fees:

- If you paid the Intent to Enroll $400 non-refundable deposit, subtract this amount from your fall fee payment. (If you are not sure, you may check your transaction history by selecting “Online Student Account Services” on the Student Account Services website.)
- Pay parking and student ID card fees with your basic tuition and fees if needed.
- Pay online using electronic check or credit card (MasterCard, American Express or Discover).
- To mail your fee payment, download a payment coupon from the WebPortal, follow the coupon instructions, and mail it with a check or money order.
- Or make a partial payment ($860) using the Registration Fee Installment Plan by selecting “Online Student Account Services” on the Student Account Services website. Complete the Installment Contract online using My Payment Plan and submit payment using an electronic check or credit card (MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card).

If you are eligible for financial aid basic tuition and fee payment postponement, you may delay payment. You can determine your eligibility for financial aid fee payment postponement by accessing “My Registration” in the SDSU WebPortal. When your financial aid is disbursed, amounts due for basic tuition and fees and housing will be deducted automatically from the amount you receive. If your aid is unavailable or insufficient to cover all of your fees, you are responsible for paying your fees.

Any unpaid fees or additional fees incurred, due to lab fees or units added, will be billed to you after the schedule adjustment period (the first 10 days of class instruction). Student Account Services will send you an email directing you to the Student Account Services website so that you can download and pay your balance. It is a good idea to check your student account (select “Online Student Account Services”) every few weeks in case you do not receive an email. The Billing Statement Dates schedule is located on the Student Account Services website.

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Pay your fees by your fee payment deadline using the Student Account Services website in order to register on your assigned registration date.

More information about basic tuition and fees is located on the Student Account Services website: [www.sdsu.edu/sas](http://www.sdsu.edu/sas)
All admitted first-time freshmen from outside SDSU’s local admission area are required to live on campus for their first year. In addition, all first-time freshmen participants in the University Honors College are required to live on campus. SDSU highly encourages all students to live on campus at least two years while studying at the university.

1. If you have not already done so, indicate your interest in on-campus housing in the “Admission Status” section of your WebPortal account. This will tell us you are requesting an on-campus housing license agreement. If you are from outside the local admission area, this step will be completed for you.

2. The license agreement will be made available to you online via the WebPortal beginning in March. The license agreement is made available to students who: 1) are required to live in on-campus housing; 2) have indicated interest in on-campus housing; and 3) have been admitted to SDSU.

3. If you are required to live in on-campus housing, you must submit the license agreement and $375 initial payment by the May 1 Intent to Enroll deadline or your admission will be canceled.

4. Student housing preferences will be considered, but students will be assigned to a single or double space depending on availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Housing website provides detailed on-campus housing information. Please visit the website for more information regarding the housing application process, living communities, meal plans, and costs.

Residential Learning Communities
SDSU provides a variety of living communities tailored to your major and interests. Space is limited in these communities. If you choose to live on campus, SDSU recommends you live in a residential learning community. Residential learning communities (RLCs) are designed to assist students living on campus as they make the transition from high school to college. Participants are enrolled as a group in a set of connected courses. Being a part of an RLC will help you to develop life-long friendships and help make SDSU feel like a smaller place. Resident Advisors and Academic Mentors create great communities through floor events, guest lectures, field trips, and one-on-one support.

Amenities include:

- Choice of several meal plans
- WiFi and basic cable connections in each room
- Kitchenette for hall events
- Live-in staff
- Mail services
- Membership to the state-of-the-art Aztec Recreation Center
- Microfridge (combination microwave and mini-refrigerator/freezer) in most rooms
- Security-monitored front desk
- Study lounges and recreation rooms
- Swimming pools and volleyball courts
- Weekly residence hall newsletter

Regardless of which community you live in, the SDSU residence halls provide a strong support network within your living environment and the opportunity to establish close-knit friendships.

To find the living/learning community that’s right for you, visit the Housing website and check out the descriptions.

Office of Housing Administration
Residential Education Office
www.sdsu.edu/housing
STEP 6  Attend New Student Orientation

Parent Orientation
Parent involvement plays a key role in the academic success of students during their college years. For this reason, SDSU sponsors a Parent Orientation program that runs concurrently with the student program. After the welcome, students and parents will be separated into different sessions. Research shows that students who bring parents to orientation are more likely to earn a higher grade point average and persist to their second year of school.

By attending orientation, parents will:

• Learn how to contribute to the personal development and academic success of their student
• Learn what it means to be a member of the SDSU community
• Learn about academic programs, including General Education and graduation requirements, and student support
• Meet faculty, staff and current students
• Become members of the Aztec Parents Association

Ninety-eight percent of parents who completed a program evaluation recommended attending parent orientation to future Aztec parents. In addition, parents attending orientation automatically become members of the Aztec Parents Association.

For more information, visit the Orientation website:
www.sdsu.edu/orientation

All New Students Are Expected to Attend Orientation
SDSU is committed to your academic success. Therefore, you are expected to attend New Student Orientation to help you learn the essentials for being a successful student.

Freshmen who attend New Student Orientation will:

• Register for fall 2015 classes at Orientation
• Receive personalized information packet showing what classes you need to take

Why You Must Attend!

• Understand General Education, major, testing, and graduation requirements
• Receive essential academic planning and course registration assistance
• Learn how to use SDSU’s Web registration system and other WebPortal services
• Meet with assistant deans, faculty and trained student Ambassadors
• Learn more about SDSU’s programs designed specifically for first-year students
• Learn what it means to be a member of the SDSU community

How to Register
New Student Orientation for SDSU freshmen is offered in late July and early August. Students attending the on-campus FAST program must sign up for the July 18 New Student Orientation, which is held on a Saturday to avoid conflict with your on-campus classes. For additional information, refer to your admission letter.

Dates fill up quickly, so be prepared to make your reservation early. You can make your reservation online beginning in May. Space is limited for all programs, so your first choice may not be available.

Specific details about New Student Orientation will be available on the Office of New Student and Parent Programs website beginning in March. For more information, call the Office of New Student and Parent Programs at (619) 594-1509.

What Last Year’s Students Said About Orientation
More than 95 percent of freshmen students left orientation with a schedule of classes for their first semester and an understanding of how to use SDSU’s online registration system.

After completing last year’s orientation program, 97 percent of the students who returned an evaluation would recommend attending orientation to future students.
Healthcare Insurance

Many CSU students may no longer be covered under their parents’ health plans. CSU HealthLink can provide you with the supplemental coverage you need.

SDSU Student Health Services is a vital program, but it does not cover medical emergencies, after-hours care, a full range of medical specialists, hospital facilities, or healthcare services outside the area. CSU HealthLink provides quality healthcare insurance.

Visit the CSU HealthLink website for more information and to enroll online. www.csuhealthlink.com

Student Health Services
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-4701
Phone: (619) 594-7339
Fax: (619) 594-7469
www.sdsu.edu/shs

All students must meet specific immunization requirements. You may bring or send medical documentation or laboratory evidence as proof of immunity to Student Health Services*. If you do not provide proof of immunizations during your first semester at SDSU, you will not be allowed to register for classes the next semester. Students may also receive vaccines at Student Health Services, which provides a full range of medical services for students.

Measles and Rubella—Required for All Students

If you were born on or after January 1, 1957, you must present proof of immunity against measles and rubella during your first semester at SDSU. One way is to submit proof of at least one vaccination for measles and rubella given after your first birthday and after 1968. You may also submit laboratory evidence of immunity or medical documentation that you have previously had one or both of the diseases. If you have no proof of immunity, you may receive the measles and rubella vaccines at Student Health Services for a fee. You are strongly encouraged to consider a second measles immunization, although it is not required.

Hepatitis B—Required for Students Aged 18 or Younger

If you are age 18 or under, you are required to present proof of immunity against Hepatitis B during your first semester. You may submit: proof of vaccination (Hepatitis B vaccination is a series of three injections given over a period of at least four months); laboratory evidence of immunity; or medical documentation showing that you have previously had the disease. If you have no proof of immunity, you may begin vaccination during your first semester and receive at least one vaccination each semester until you complete the series. The Hepatitis B vaccine is available at Student Health Services for a fee.

Meningococcal Disease—Recommended

All entering freshmen, particularly those living in residence halls, are urged to consider this vaccination. The vaccine is fairly effective against the majority of meningococcal strains, but its immunity effect declines over time, as does the risk of becoming infected. Older students with other risk factors may want to consider vaccination. The vaccine is available at Student Health Services for a low cost.

* When mailing or faxing medical documentation, include your RedID number, contact phone number and address.
March
- Accept your offer of admission by submitting your online Intent to Enroll $400 deposit as soon as possible.
- **March 2**—Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) due. Submit the Financial Aid application as soon as possible.
- **March 2**—Deadline to submit GPA Verification Form for a Cal Grant.
- **March 14**—Explore SDSU Open House.
- **March 21**—ELM and EPT tests offered (register online or in-person by **March 20**).
- The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) begins mailing acceptance letters and First Contact program information.
- Testing information email sent to admitted students.
- Housing License Agreement available. License agreement and $375 non-refundable initial payment due by **May 1** for a space in on-campus housing.

April
- **April 1**—Check AidLink and submit requested documents to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships for priority evaluation.
- **April 4**—ELM and EPT tests offered (register online or in-person by **April 3**).
- Order official transcripts for your Intent to Enroll.

May
- **May 1**—Deadline to accept your offer of admission for summer 2015 by submitting your online Intent to Enroll $400 deposit, official transcripts (including fall grades), and official test scores.
- **May 1**—Deadline to submit your Housing License Agreement and $375 non-refundable initial payment for a space in on-campus housing.
- **May 2**—Last chance to take the ELM and EPT tests (register online by **May 1**). If you do not take these tests, you will not be able to register for summer or fall classes. If you do not pass the EPT test and/or ELM test, you will be required to attend the FAST Summer Program (**July 6** to August 7)
- **May 8**—Some SDSU 2015–16 scholarship applications due.
- Check AidLink to make sure you have submitted all requested financial aid documents.
- **May 14**—Online registration opens at 10 a.m. for New Student Orientation for fall 2015. FAST participants in the on-campus program must register for the **July 18** orientation date.
- Summer fee payment notice sent to students via email.

June
- FAST registration information sent to students via email.
- Sign up online for direct deposit to receive the balance of your financial aid and scholarship awards after the funds pay university charges.
- Request that your final high school and/or college transcripts (including spring grades) and official test scores be sent to the SDSU Office of Admissions by **July 15**. Final high school transcript should include graduation date. Request copies for yourself to keep in an advising file.
- EOP First Contact programs begin.
- Make sure that you have made your reservation for New Student Orientation.
- **June 19**—Summer fee payment deadline.
- **June 23**—Information session for students attending the FAST summer program on campus.

July
- Pay your basic tuition and fees in full and clear any holds listed on your SDSU WebPortal at least two weeks prior to attending New Student Orientation.
- Activate your student loan(s) and request your Parent PLUS loan to receive funds when school begins.
- **July 6**—First day of FAST.
- **July 15**—All final official high school and/or college transcripts must be received by the SDSU Office of Admissions.
- **July 18**—New Student Orientation for students taking FAST on campus.

August
- Make sure you have satisfied the Immunization Requirements.
- **August 7**—Last day of FAST.
- **August 17**—Disbursement of fall financial aid and scholarship funds begins for enrolled and qualified applicants. Check Student Account Services and your designated bank account for transactions.
- **August 21**—Residence halls open.
- **August 21**—Welcome Week begins.
- **August 22**—New Student and Family Convocation.
- **August 24**—Classes begin.

September
- **Welcome Week**
- Aztec Nights—Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

More details at [www.sdsu.edu/summeradmits](http://www.sdsu.edu/summeradmits)