PharmD Class of 2019
Frequently Asked Questions

• How can I view my financial aid package?
  You can view your financial aid package through buckeyelink by logging onto https://buckeyelink.osu.edu/. If you have questions about your package, please email cop-sfa@osu.edu.

• How will I know if I am eligible for a loan?
  Typically, students who are eligible to file for the FAFSA are eligible to receive loans. You can view the loans and amounts you are eligible for when you are signed in to your account on buckeyelink. More information regarding loans is found at http://www.pharmacy.ohio-state.edu/future-students/pharmd-financial-aid. Questions regarding financial aid can be directed to cop-sfa@osu.edu.

• What scholarships are available? Is there an application?
  P1 students are eligible for scholarships that are awarded based on financial need. For this reason, it is important that you complete the FAFSA at https://fafsa.ed.gov/. You do not need to fill out an application for the financial need scholarships this year as they will be automatically awarded to eligible students when financial aid is packaged. Following your P1 year, you can apply for many other pharmacy scholarships by submitting an application during spring semester. These scholarships are available after your P1 year because they are awarded based on merit, involvement, and special interests in the field of Pharmacy. More information regarding pharmacy scholarships can be found at http://www.pharmacy.ohio-state.edu/future-students/scholarship-information-doctor-pharmacy-students.

• What areas in Columbus do you recommend looking for housing?
  Most of the current PharmD students live close but off campus. Some popular areas include: Grandview, University District, Clintonville, Victorian Village, Italian Village and Upper Arlington. There are many housing options located in these areas and several are within walking distance from campus. These off campus living guides are excellent resources: http://offcampus.osu.edu/posts/documents/offcampuslivingguide2014-2015.pdf https://offcampus.osu.edu/.

Some students choose to live on campus. To apply for graduate student university housing, visit http://housing.osu.edu/living-on-campus/graduate-professional-housing/ to complete an online application. Please be advised that all who apply are not guaranteed a space. After completing the application, the Housing Office then emails housing lease offers according to when students apply. This is done until all spaces are filled. The earlier the application, the greater chance a space will be available. Offers typically are sent out a few months before classes begins.
• **How can I find a roommate?**
You can utilize the roommate finder hosted by offcampus.osu.edu. Alternatively, we have created a Google document which contains the contact information of your classmates who are also looking for roommates. The general information populates into a spreadsheet and is updated each time a student responds. After you complete the form, you will have the ability to go back in to view the spreadsheet with the roommate information. This will help to keep individuals information somewhat private; however, you should know that this information will be viewed online through a public website. For the link to this document, please email COP-Admissions@osu.edu.

• **When does the residency process start? What do I need to do now in order to ensure I am on track with the requirements?**
Adjusting your Ohio residency status for tuition purposes differs for each person. The guidelines are set by the state through the Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 3333-1-10 and Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 3333.31. More information regarding the guidelines and how to request reclassification a non-Ohio resident to an Ohio resident are outlined on the University Registrar’s website at [http://registrar.osu.edu/Residency/index.asp](http://registrar.osu.edu/Residency/index.asp). You may also contact the University Registrar’s Office with questions regarding the residency reclassification process by emailing registrar@osu.edu, calling 614-292-0300 (option 7) or visiting the office in the Student Academic Services Building at 281 West Lane Ave.

• **What vaccinations do I need? What paperwork do I need to submit regarding health?**
All health requirement information can be found at [http://go.osu.edu/5uj](http://go.osu.edu/5uj). Questions or concerns regarding specific health requirements should be directed to Thallia Blight, Program Manager, Pharmacy Practice and Administration, at blight.3@osu.edu.

• **When is the background check? What identification do I need?**
Background checks will be held on Monday, August 10 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at 250 Parks Hall. Both a BCI&I and FBI criminal record check are required. Results will be sent directly to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. To complete your background check, you will need to bring the following items:
  
  o Government issued photo ID. Note: BuckID is not government issued and cannot be accepted as a form of identification.
  o U.S. Social Security number. (You don't need to bring your Social Security card – just know your number). International students who do not have a Social Security number must provide a passport with current visa.
  o Fingerprint Consent/WebCheck form (will be made available to you prior to August 10).
  o Payment for the background check. The cost is $61.70 for the combined BCI&I and FBI checks. The following can be accepted as forms of payment on August 10: checks, money orders, and credit/debit cards.
• **Do I need to submit a final transcript? What if I am a current OSU student?**
  You do need to submit a final transcript if you have completed any coursework or your bachelor’s degree after your interview date. Remember that all prerequisite courses completed after your interview date require a C or higher. You should have your official transcript sent to the office of Graduate and Professional Admissions. Contact information for Professional Admissions is located below. Current Ohio State Students who are completing coursework at Ohio State do not need to send in a final transcript. Ohio State students who are taking coursework at another institution do need to submit a transcript.

  The Ohio State University
  Professional Admissions
  P.O. Box 182003
  Columbus, OH 43218-2003
  Email: gpadmissions@osu.edu
  Phone: 614-292-9444

• **When do I schedule for classes and what classes will I be taking?**
  The College Registrar will schedule your classes for you before the start of the semester.

• **I paid my deposit. What other steps do I need to take before orientation?**
  Paying your deposit reserves your spot in the class. Please see the First Year Preparations document for a list of to do items prior to orientation.