

Preparing for CMU

We hope you're enjoying your summer as you prepare for an exciting journey at CMU! This message serves as a reminder about some upcoming onboarding tasks you may need to complete, with additional information about submitting a photo for your student ID Card and managing your student identity.

Onboarding Checklist

Don't forget that you'll need to complete a number of tasks before you start your first semester. Review the onboarding checklist for upcoming deadlines. Be sure to complete all required tasks by their due date, and also consider if the recommended tasks would benefit you. Upcoming deadlines include:

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- **July 1** - Submit your ID card photo
- **July 1** - Manage Student Identity

[Onboarding Checklist](#)

Official CMU ID Card & Photo

Please submit a photograph for your official CMU ID Card and/or Student Information Online (SIO) account by July 1. Your photo is loaded into your personal SIO portal, which is viewable by your advisors and professors so they can recognize you once your coursework begins. Your photo will also be printed on your ID Card to be used for building access, checking out books from the library,

using your dining plan and more. You or a family member can also add Plaid Cash to your ID Card, so you can use it like a debit card for on-campus services and purchases.

[Submit Your Photo](#)

Managing Your Student Identity

Carnegie Mellon values an inclusive university experience for all students. As such, you have the ability to manage your identity in a number of ways, including updating your preferred first name, storing your pronouns, and choosing an @cmu.edu alias.

[Manage Your Identity](#)

We can't wait for you to begin your graduate experience at Carnegie Mellon! In the coming weeks, be sure to regularly check your CMU email account for important messages and reminders.

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