



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT
GUIDE

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

CSU BY THE NUMBERS

LOCATED IN THE HEART of downtown Cleveland, Ohio, on Lake Erie, Cleveland State University is home to more than 17,000 students.

CSU is a public research institution with 10 colleges and schools and more than 175 academic programs. With a focus on building a global community, CSU partners with world-class hospitals, Fortune 500 companies, government research centers and cultural institutions to develop academic programs, research projects and job opportunities. A degree from CSU opens up a world of success and increased earning potential.

TOP 100

SCHOOL —USA Today, 2018

17,000+

STUDENTS

U.S. News & World Report consistently lists CSU among America's best colleges and universities.

No.1

CSU was recently ranked first in the nation for increases in research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation.

#18

in public universities for upward mobility and research impact
—The Brookings Institution, 2017

18:1

student-to-faculty ratio

\$84M

in research grants (2017)

6,739

jobs and a \$679M economic impact
—Center for Economic Development, 2015

OUR MISSION

Empowering Students.
Creating Knowledge.
Engaging Communities.
Shaping Our World.

Discover Cleveland

EXPLORE THE REVITALIZED city of Cleveland, a vibrant community of industry and culture. Cleveland is home to world-class hospitals, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Playhouse Square, Cleveland Museum of Art, and Cleveland Orchestra. The city's professional sports teams include the beloved Cleveland Indians Major League Baseball team.

CLEVELAND AT A GLANCE



Located on Lake Erie



#39th Best Foodie City
—*WalletHub*, 2019

FORTUNE
500

Eight *Fortune* 500 companies
including Progressive
Insurance, Sherwin-Williams
and Goodyear Tire

#16

City with Lowest Cost
of Living
—*Niche*, 2019

2ND

largest city in Ohio



#108 in education
—*Forbes*, 2018

DRIVE TIME TO CSU FROM:

Pittsburgh	2 hours
Columbus	2 hours
Detroit	3 hours
Buffalo	3 hours
Cincinnati	4 hours
Indianapolis	5 hours
Chicago	5 hours
Washington, D.C.	6 hours
New York City	7 hours



TOP PLACES TO WORK IN CLEVELAND

(*ZIPPIA*, 2018)

1. NASA Glenn Research Center
2. Score Marketing
3. Cleveland State University
4. Case Western Reserve University
5. MetroHealth System
6. Third Federal Savings and Loan Association
7. Electronic Merchant Systems
8. Cleveland Clinic
9. Sherwin-Williams
10. Progressive Insurance

EXPLORE CLEVELAND

- **Playhouse Square:** One of the city's gems, this arts center is located in a thriving downtown neighborhood.
- **The Bascule Bridge:** Built in the early 1900s for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, it now serves as a local landmark. Explore the surrounding neighborhood for food and entertainment.
- **The Cleveland Cultural Gardens:** More than 30 beautiful gardens represent Cleveland's multi-culturalism, depicting the contributions of local scientists, artists and peacemakers to the world.
- **Connor Palace:** This magnificent theater hosts Broadway shows, concerts, plays, dance performances, speakers and family events.
- **Cleveland Metroparks:** Spanning more than 23,000 acres across northeast Ohio, this park system includes 300 miles of trails, lakefront parks, dining and retail venues, golf courses and a zoo.
- **The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame:** This world-famous museum celebrates the history of rock music and honors its most influential contributors.

READY. SET. ENGAGE.



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY is a public research institution with 10 colleges and schools and more than 175 academic programs. Our Engaged Learning approach connects students with 3,000 internships and real-world learning experiences.

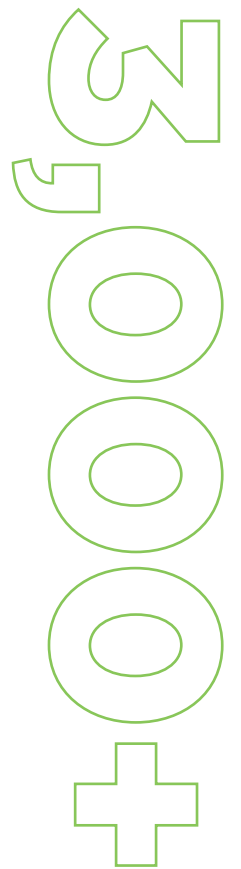
\$100
M I L L I O N

ENGAGE: THE CAMPAIGN FOR CSU

In 2017, CSU completed a successful \$100-million fundraising campaign to support student success. The campaign focused on student success outcomes—personal, academic and professional.

“Universities are about people, opportunity and place, where experiences in formative years shape our lives forever. At CSU, the Office of the President is dedicated to enhancing our learning environment to best serve students, faculty and staff alike, as well as the broader community.”

—President Harlan M. Sands, J.D., M.B.A.



CSU connects students to 3,000+ co-ops, internships and other experiential learning opportunities

GET EXPERIENCE, GET ENGAGED

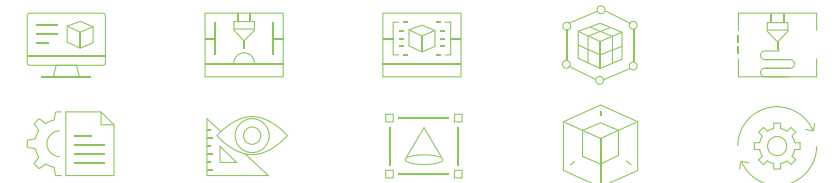
A COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

CSU is dedicated to providing engaged learning opportunities on campus and throughout the community. It works in partnership with:

- The Campus International School
- The MC2STEM High School
- Center for Innovation in Medical Professions
- CSU Arts Campus at Playhouse Square
- Washkewicz College of Engineering MakerSpace

MAKE IT AT THE MAKERSPACE

The Dan T. Moore MakerSpace is a state-of-the-art building dedicated to technology, innovation and creativity. Students participate in hands-on projects using the center's prototyping, design and production equipment.



CLEVELAND INTERNSHIP SUMMIT

Hosted by the Greater Cleveland Partnership and Cleveland State University, the 4th annual summit brought together campus educators and business leaders to develop internship opportunities. The summit's keynote featured Virginia Addicott, president of FedEx Custom Critical as a speaker.



Education Begins Here

OUR ENGAGED LEARNING approach combines classwork with real-world experience, creating one-of-a-kind opportunities for students at renowned organizations such as Cleveland Clinic, Sherwin-Williams, the Cleveland Indians, NASA, Progressive Insurance and Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art.

An Out-of-this-World Experience



The NASA Glenn Research Center

Ready to take your career across the universe? CSU is a longstanding partner of NASA's John H. Glenn Research Center, where students work in research and business roles.

Dozens of CSU students participate in internships at the aerospace center every year. These positions provide invaluable career experience and networking opportunities.

- **Santino, MS '19:** worked on a concept design for an improved lander for surface-exploration missions to Venus
- **Andrew, BA '18:** helped develop novel high-temperature, nickel-based superalloys for use in future aerospace applications
- **Melanie, BBA '16:** assisted in the administration of a comprehensive database for national and international oversight of radio spectrum use.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



KYRA, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP WINNER

Kyra, a 2018 graduate of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, was awarded a Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) award from the National Science Foundation. The GRFP recognizes students with significant STEM research achievements.



ROHINI, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH

A Ph.D. candidate in Regulatory Biology, Rohini received the Outstanding Achievement in Research award at the 7th Annual Cleveland State Interdisciplinary Conference. Her research focuses on the role of diet on the circadian clock and age-related pathologies.

Start Your Start-Up at CSU

CSU's sixth Annual Startup Vikes event brought together nearly 100 entrepreneurs to pitch ideas and refine their business models. NEO Physique—energy-efficient motorized exercise equipment—received the top prize.

“It is exciting to see students from different disciplines form teams and make connections to continue to advance their business ideas.”

—Katie Van Dyke, director of CSU's Small Business Development Center

“Our research has grown due to the creativity, hard work and perseverance of our faculty, students, post-doctoral fellows and staff.”

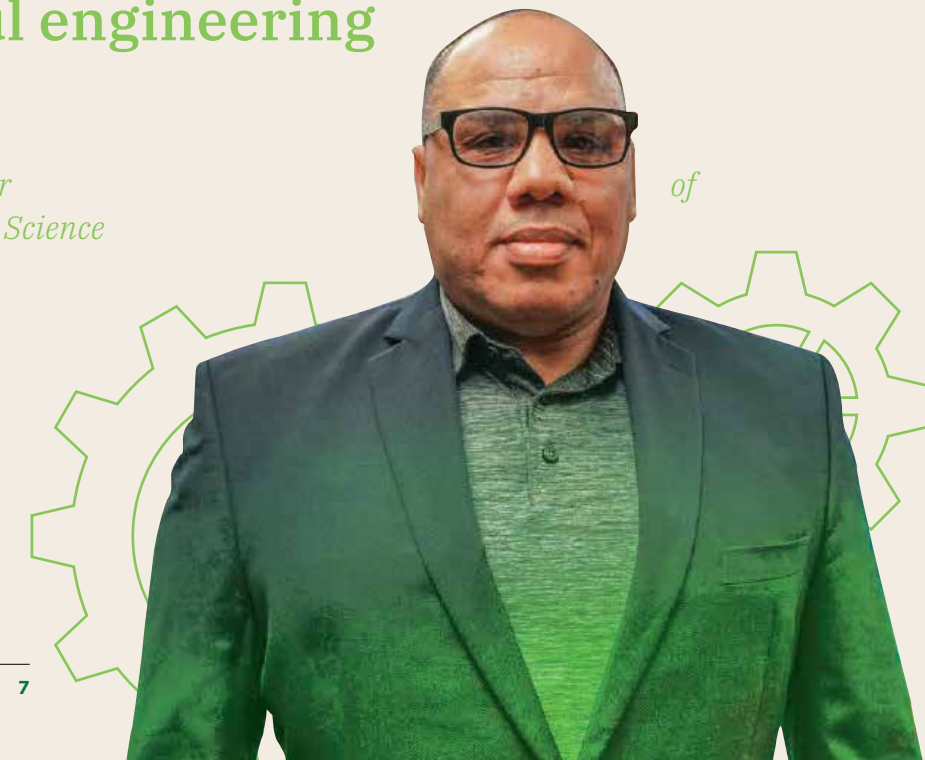
—Dr. Jerzy Sawicki, the Vice President for Research, D.E. Bently and A Muszynska Endowed Chair, Professor and Director

“We are committed to offering excellent training in biomedical science for the next generation of health scientists.”

—Barsanjit Mazumder, Professor of Molecular Genetics

“My philosophy as a teacher is to instill the ability to integrate theoretical concepts into practical and useful engineering solutions.”

—Dr. Moncef Tayahi, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science



Changing the World

CLEVELAND STATE GRADUATES EXCEL in leadership and workforce positions throughout northeast Ohio and around the world, with mid-career salaries that are more than \$10,000 higher than similar graduates from other universities (Brookings Institution, 2018).

DID YOU KNOW?

100,000+

alumni live and work in northeast Ohio.

80%

of CSU graduates stay in the area and boost the local economy.

112,860

alumni globally

Opportunities through OPT

Career opportunities are available for international students with the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program. OPT allows you to find up to 12 months of temporary employment during school or upon graduation. Employment must be related to field of study.

“Providing college students with hands-on experiences in their field of study augments classroom instruction, enhances retention and better prepares graduates for meaningful careers.”

—President Harlan Sands



Excel in Your Career

Greater Cleveland is home to hundreds of companies that host CSU interns.

- First Energy
- Parker Hannifin
- Rockwell Automation
- General Electric
- NASA
- Lubrizol
- Philips
- Sherwin-Williams
- Honda
- Goodyear Tire
- Cleveland Clinic

Beyond Cleveland State: Inspiring Alumni



SUSTAINABLE HEALTH EDUCATION IN AFRICA: MATT, BS '15

Upon graduating, Matt joined the Peace Corps and moved to Africa, serving as a health extension volunteer in Zambia. During his placement, he raised awareness on basic nutrition, sanitation and disease prevention and helped improve roads in the district. He also formed a women's empowerment group and continues to forge sustainable, community-based development projects in Zambia.

ONCOLOGY AND BEYOND: MARIA, PH.D. '00

Maria serves as the executive director of Immune Oncology Development at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. Founded by physician-scientists, the firm has developed six FDA-approved medicines for pain, asthma, cancer and infectious diseases.



“My internship with NASA allowed me to apply what I learned in college outside of school, providing me with first-hand work experience. It demonstrates to employers that I have initiative.”

—Melanie, Operations and Supply Chain Management, BBA '16

“CSU opened a new world for me. The professors were phenomenal and had an enormous impact on my love of learning. Cleveland State really does change students' lives and it changed mine. I am so grateful that CSU is part of my life.”

—Tim, Political Science
BA '83, Law '87

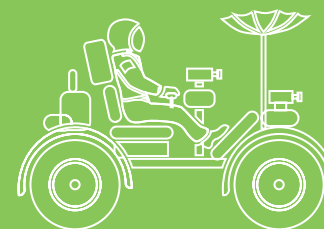
BRIDGING THE WORLD OF MEDICINE: AHMED, MBA '15

Originally from Lebanon, Ahmed now serves as a Business Development Manager in the U.S. for Nationwide Children's Hospital. Working at the largest pediatric hospital and research network in the country, Ahmed works with foreign governments to help children get healthcare access.



DID YOU KNOW?

A number of CSU alumni now serve in key leadership positions throughout NASA.



SPACE SCIENCE IN CLEVELAND

The John H. Glenn Research Center, one of NASA's central science and engineering laboratories, is named for the famous Ohio-born astronaut.

- \$700M+ annual economic activity
- 7,000+ jobs
- \$177M+ employee payroll
- \$13.9M+ research grants issued

—NASA Economic Impact Study, 2017

STEM- DESIGNATED DEGREES

MONTE AHUJA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**Master of Computer and Information Science-
Information Systems (MCIS-IS)**

WASHKEWICZ COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**Master of Computer and Information Science-Computer
Science (MCIS-CS)**

Master of Science in Software Engineering (MSSE)

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE)

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (MSCE)

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME)

Master of Science in Environmental Engineering (MSENV)

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (MSBME)

Master of Science in Chemical Engineering (MSCE)

College of Business

THE MONTE AHUJA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS provides students with an experiential and engaged business education. As a trusted partner to successful businesses all over the region, graduates are ready to lead and drive success at their organizations.

STEM-DESIGNATED DEGREE OFFERINGS

Master of Computer Information Science-Information Systems (MCIS-IS)*

SAMPLE CORE CURRICULUM

IST 616 Emerging Technologies
An introduction to current research topics in information systems and state-of-the-art industrial practices.

IST 621 Advanced Analysis and Design
An exploration of logical analysis, design and modeling of software systems.

IST 634 Enterprise Databases
The study of modern relational and non-relational database systems.

IST 636 Managing Network Security and Risk
A dive into data communications and networking as they relate to computer security.

5%



The Monte Ahuja College of Business is among 5% of business schools worldwide that have earned accreditation from AACSB International—a mark of excellence in management education.

2,000+

U.S. companies where a CSU graduate has risen to executive management

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



RADHIKA R. MBA, '91

Radhika holds a Masters of Accountancy from CSU. She and fellow alumna Irene are the founders of Ariel Ventures LLC, including four other firms owned by women and minorities. Headquartered near downtown Cleveland, Ariel Ventures provides finance, economic development and information technology consulting services.

The Weston Ideation Lab

The Weston Ideation Lab is a collaborative environment dedicated to students' innovation. Located in Cleveland Heights, the center aims to accelerate Ohio's economy by helping others start, sustain and grow their businesses. The SBDC's on-site business advisors provide students with individual counseling, training, technical assistance, loan packaging guidance and other services to help ideas become business-ready.

*The (MCIS-IS) degree will be called Master of Information Systems (MIS) starting in Spring 2020.



College of Engineering

THE WASHKEWICZ COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING promotes research to empower sustainable urban living. Graduates are prepared to solve real-world challenges, including securing clean energy, assuring economic growth and developing affordable and high-quality health care.

STEM-DESIGNATED DEGREE OFFERINGS

**Master of Computer and Information Science-
Computer Science (MCIS-CS)***
Master of Science in Software Engineering (MSSE)
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE)
Master of Science in Civil Engineering (MSCE)
Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME)
Master of Science in Environmental Engineering (MSENV)
Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (MSBME)
Master of Science in Chemical Engineering (MSCE)

According to the Center for Cyber Safety and Education, organizations' cybersecurity needs are becoming increasingly specialized. And so are the educational programs that prepare students for careers in the emerging field. Reaching upwards of **1.8 million** unfilled positions by 2020, CSU graduates will meet the demands of a growing market.

NASA's John H. Glenn Research Center was instrumental in the 2003 founding of the Washkewicz's Center for Research in Electronics & Aerospace Technology.

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Best Engineering Schools
—U.S. News & World Report, 2019

Brand New Engineering Facilities

CSU's state-of-the-art engineering facility was made possible by a combined \$20 million gift. The building features teaching and research laboratories, simulation labs for computer modeling, student collaboration spaces and smart classrooms. The space includes:

- The Industrial Space Systems Lab
- Parker Hannifin Human Motion and Control Lab
- The Dan T. Moore MakerSpace



*The (MCIS-CS) degree will be called Master of Computer Science (MCS) starting in Spring 2020.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

From Hyderabad to Cleveland

K. ADITYA, MS '17

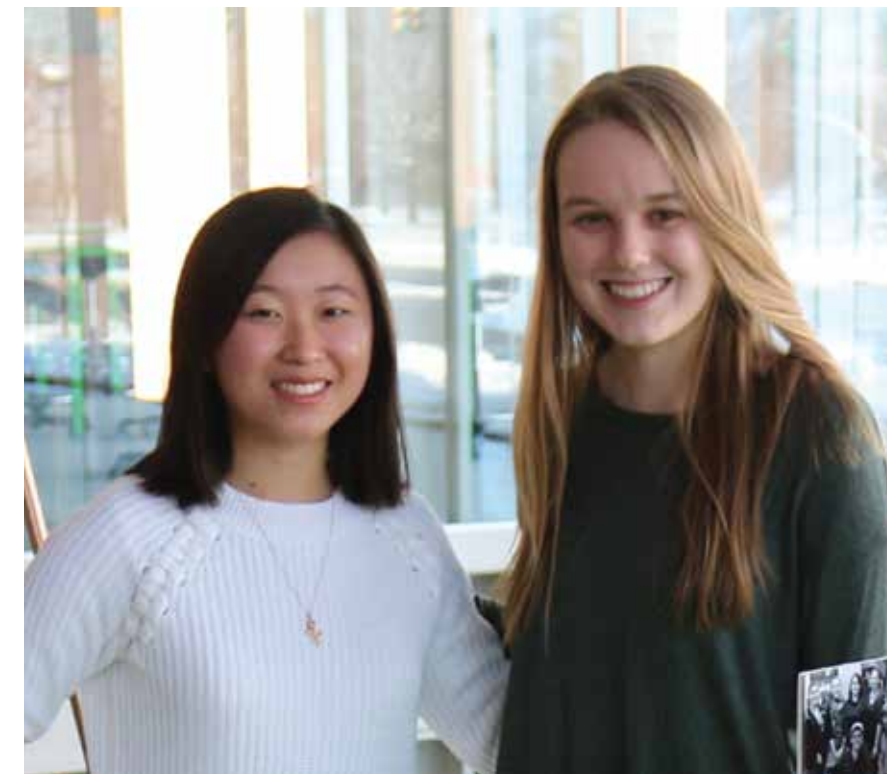
I started my college education at GITAM University in Hyderabad, India, studying electronics and instrumentation. Upon completing my undergraduate degree, I wanted to pursue my master's in Electrical Engineering the U.S., ultimately selecting Cleveland State University.

CSU is a prestigious university with friendly faculty and staff. The college has a good reputation and ranking, its campus located in the heart of the city. I was challenged by rewarding course work, learning the importance of remaining proactive in asking questions.

There is a large international student body, with many students from India. When I craved food from home, I found that Indian foods were easily available. Indian festivals are celebrated by the Indian community, with a Hindu temple in Parma, accessible by bus.

There were also many opportunities to meet others on campus. I was a member of CSU's Indian student association and International Friendships Inc., where students share their country, culture and values. The Campus Activities Board (CAB) provided students with job preparation and opportunities to network. Through these student groups, I even connected with other students before my arrival in the U.S.

I was truly impressed with the respect Americans show each other, despite their job titles. The U.S. has amazing opportunities for higher education and CSU offers many part-time jobs to students. I loved the learning flexibility coupled with meeting others from different cultures. Studying in the U.S. is an experience I'll never forget.



THE FUTURE OF ENGINEERING IS FEMALE. To embrace the enrollment of female engineering students at CSU, Fenn Academy has piloted two new events: Women Exploring Engineering and the Pathways to Engineering after-school program.

Women Exploring Engineering

This inspiring one-day event welcomes female high school students' participation in lab tours, competitions and presentations led by female engineers and students of the Society of Women Engineers chapter organization. Students explore concepts in civil, mechanical, electrical, computer and chemical engineering.

Pathways to Engineering

In Spring 2018, this six-week program invited students from grades 4-12 to participate in weekly hands-on competitions while engaging with professors and industry professionals. Pathways to Engineering is created in partnership with career development program, Explore.



PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

WEI ZHANG, PH.D.

Dr. Wei Zhang is an assistant professor for CSU's Department of Mechanical Engineering. She uses advanced laser-based measurement techniques to understand kinetic energy transport. Zhang's research goal is to examine complex turbulent flows through the development of new data processing methods.

WELCOME TO CLEVELAND STATE GLOBAL

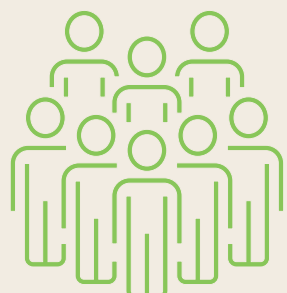


DISCOVER THE ULTIMATE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE.

Even for graduate students, the move to a university in the U.S. can be challenging — there's navigating the admissions processes, learning a new language and adjusting to a new home.

To make your transition to Cleveland State University as easy as possible, the Cleveland State Global team sets you up for success. We give you personal attention with exclusive services designed specifically for our international students.

1,000+ international students



Signature Student Experience

As an international student enrolling through the Cleveland State Global program, you will get access to exclusive programs and services as part of your graduate degree.

To make your transition as easy and productive as possible, we set you up for success with:

Application Support
→ Streamlined application process
→ Assigned counselor
→ Major/field of study guidance

Pre-Arrival Guidance
→ Visa interview help
→ Prep webinars & checklists
→ Help with required forms

Campus Transition
→ Airport welcome
→ Student & parent orientation
→ Cultural group outings

Academic Support
→ Classes for your academic level
→ English-language & ESL help
→ Tutoring support

Career Growth
→ Career Accelerator Program
→ Internship assistance
→ Job search help

Preparing You for the Global Workforce

THE CAREER ACCELERATOR is our exclusive professional development program designed to help international students like you build a successful career and establish a global network.

Skills. Confidence. Success.

Through our innovative Career Accelerator program, you will have access to career support services such as:



A personal career advisor



Internship & job search assistance



Resume, cover letter & interview prep



Networking opportunities



Webinars and events with hiring managers



Advanced seminars on emotional intelligence, communication skills & work-visa options

Love Where You Live

WHETHER YOU'RE CONSIDERING living on or off campus, Cleveland State University offers a dynamic campus experience for our 1,000+ international students.



THE LANGSTON APARTMENTS



EUCLID COMMONS

HOUSING

THE LANGSTON APARTMENTS

Bordering the CSU campus, the Langston Apartments offer restaurants and cafes at street level for comfortable, college-style living. All apartments include kitchen, laundry, internet, cable and water. Roommate matching is also provided.

EUCLID COMMONS

CSU's on-campus housing community hosts over 600 students and provides a lifestyle conducive to achieving academic success. Students are close to the center of campus, for easy access to classes and events.

DINING DONE RIGHT

Late-night breakfasts. Sushi Saturdays. The craft of BBQ. Whether you are a full-fledged foodie, follow a vegan diet or want to grab and go, CSU Viking Marketplace has a broad range of options located across campus and meal plans that are tailored to you. You'll find a variety of well-balanced and healthy food options, all served in a comfortable atmosphere.

THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Ultra-modern residence halls that all feature private bathrooms
- More than **200 student organizations**, including student government, academic and social clubs, intramural sports, community service group and Greek life
- Center for International Services & Programs (CISP), which provides dedicated services to international students
- Dedicated commuter lounge and events
- Recreation Center featuring an Olympic-sized pool, huge variety of fitness classes, machines and equipment, indoor track and adventure programs
- The Student Center is the hub of campus, featuring several dining options, campus bookstore, student organization offices, computer lab and lounges.



ATHLETICS AT CSU

Division I 18 288

CSU competes in NCAA Division I sports student athletes

The Application Process

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY offers a simple, streamlined admissions process designed to ensure your success in and out of the classroom. Our admissions team looks at your academic qualifications, English-language level and personal preferences.

THE BENEFITS OF APPLYING TO CLEVELAND STATE GLOBAL

STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a simple application and receive an offer of admission that’s best for you.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES ADVISOR

With counseling from start to finish, we make the enrollment process easy to understand and finish quickly.

VISA INTERVIEW SUPPORT

Navigating the U.S. visa process can be overwhelming, but we’re here to help. Whether you have questions about the correct visa or what to expect during your interview, our advisors will guide you.

PRE-ARRIVAL SUPPORT

From what to pack to booking your flight, we give you detailed information on how to prepare for your campus arrival.



HOW TO APPLY: Applying online is the best and easiest way to apply—visit global.csuohio.edu for more information. After you apply, our international admissions team will reach out to you within a week with next steps and program information. Here’s how it works:

1. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Visit global.csuohio.edu or email the following documents to admissions@clevelandstateglobal.org

- Completed application form
- Post-secondary school transcript, as well as a certified English translation
- Copy of your post-secondary school diploma (if you have graduated), as well as a certified English translation

2. RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

Qualified students will receive a conditional offer of admission. The offer letter will outline conditions that must be fulfilled before receiving a formal offer of admission.

3. FULFILL CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

- Conditions of admission include, but are not limited to:
- A copy of your passport
 - Proof of English-language ability [TOEFL score of 78 (no part below 17), or completion of the university’s Intensive English Language Program (IELP)]
 - I-20 request form
 - Certificate of Finance form
 - Financial documentation covering the full amount listed on the Certificate of Finance
 - Deposit (for the amount listed on your conditional offer letter)

If you are currently studying in the United States and will be transferring your I-20, you will also need to submit the current I-20 and the online Transfer Form.

4. RECEIVE YOUR OFFER OF ADMISSION

It’s time to celebrate! Once accepted, you will receive information on the required documents to apply for your visa.

If you are a sponsored student, please share your offer of admission with your sponsorship entity to obtain your full financial guarantee. Once you submit the financial guarantee, you will receive your I-20.

5. GET YOUR VISA

Visit usembassy.gov to learn more about applying for your visa and scheduling your visa interview.

6. PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

Follow the steps on our “Before You Arrive” page to make sure that you have everything in place before you arrive on campus:

- Submit your arrival details
- Pay your tuition and fees
- Complete other required forms



APPLICATION DEADLINE

SPRING 2020	DECEMBER 10, 2019
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ESTIMATED TUITION AND FEES STARTING AT

TUITION AND FEES (1 SEMESTER)	\$9,795 — \$10,350
HOUSING	\$2,660 — \$5,916
DINING	\$1,505 — \$1,855
HEALTH INSURANCE*	\$2,000
MISCELLANEOUS COSTS	\$2,100
TOTAL	\$18,060 — \$22,221

**Health Insurance is billed for 12 months*





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