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DIGIPEN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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#NEWDRAGON2025

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# WELCOME DRAGON!

Are you ready for **your** adventure to begin?

## Congratulations on your admission to DigiPen!

We can't wait for you and your soon-to-be classmates to arrive on campus this fall and coming spring.

In recognition of the journey ahead of you, we've prepared this handy kit, filled with a few fun and informational materials to help get you ready to enroll and psyched to begin your education.

**LET'S GO!**

# A PLACE TO
## *BE YOU*

Your time at DigiPen will be many things — one of knowledge building and creativity.
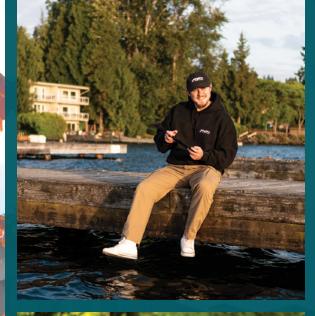
It's also a chance to grow and connect with hundreds of amazing people who share many of the same likes and interests as you. We're not shy about our love of video games, anime, e-sports, gadgets, computers, and plenty of other nerd-culture activities.

But it's really just the start of what makes our community great. Because as much as we enjoy what we have in common, we also celebrate the things that make us individually one-of-a-kind. Regardless of your specific tastes and hobbies, there's a place for you here — a place to be your authentic self.

Maybe you're a hip hop aficionado, or an expert on classic cars. Maybe you love Victorian literature, or you're really into table tennis. Whatever it is, share that passion with your friends! Try starting a new campus club, or bring those influences into your next student project.
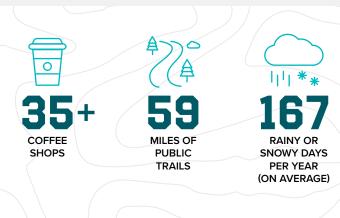
**LET THIS BE YOUR TIME TO SHINE!**

# ALL ABOUT REDMOND

## It's green. It rains frequently
*(but rarely pours).*

It's a world-renowned technology hub, with a healthy balance of urban living mixed with the great outdoors. It belongs to an area colloquially referred to as the 'Eastside.' It's also known as the Bicycle Capital of the Northwest.

We're talking, of course, about Redmond, Washington, and it's a city that many DigiPen Dragons have come to know and love. With tons of great places to eat, play, and explore, we think you'll like it too!

**35+**
COFFEE SHOPS

**59**
MILES OF PUBLIC TRAILS

**167**
RAINY OR SNOWY DAYS PER YEAR (ON AVERAGE)

# WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

DigiPen Housing provides a comfortable and welcoming living environment for you and your peers, and it's a great option if you're living away from home for the first time. We handle the lease and utilities so that you can focus on your studies, and our DigiPen Housing staff is on hand to help and support you as you adjust to college life.

How does it work? As a DigiPen Housing resident, we'll match you with a small group of roommates and set you up in a nearby apartment residence that is furnished and supported by a full-time resident assistant. You'll be close to campus, with free shuttle service that can get you back and forth in the mornings, evenings, or in-between. Additionally, you and your roommates will have full access to all of the on-site amenities of the apartment complex where you reside.

Going with DigiPen Housing is not a requirement, but it's an option that comes with several benefits, including:

- Furnished bedrooms, living room, dining room, and full-size kitchen with dishwasher and in-unit washer/dryer.
- Convenient terms of eight months.
- Shuttle service between apartment complexes and campus.
- A single bill each semester that includes all housing-related expenses (except cable).
- Roommate matching, mediation, and conflict resolution services.
- Monthly events and activities hosted by DigiPen Housing RAs.

## HOW TO APPLY

Placement in DigiPen Housing is available to all first-year DigiPen students, however, housing preferences are prioritized for those who apply by the June 1 housing deadline. For more information, including important dates and how to apply, please visit our website at: *digipen.edu/housing*

## HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT DIGIPEN HOUSING?

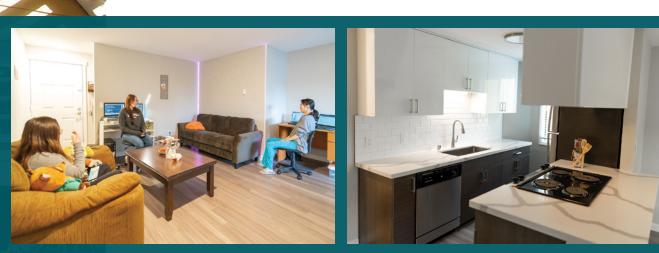Send us an email at *housing@digipen.edu* or call us at (425) 895-4411.

Whether you're already in Washington or coming to DigiPen from outside the region, you might be wondering about what to do for living arrangements. We can help!

# *FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION*

## Let's find the best financial aid package for you!

If you need help with funding your DigiPen education, our Office of Financial Aid is ready to assist you in all stages of the process. Our office can help you with the following:

- How to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Finding and applying for grants and scholarships.
- Financial literacy and college budgeting help for students.
- Information about other ways to fund your education, such as loans, state aid, veteran benefits, and 529 plans.

The first step in beginning the financial aid process is to submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid online at *studentaid.gov*. The FAFSA for the 2025-26 academic year will be made available by December 1, 2024. DigiPen's Office of Financial Aid is available to help with any FAFSA-related questions.

Now is also a great time to start researching scholarship opportunities and other types of financial aid. DigiPen offers incoming and continuing student scholarships, and outside scholarships are also available for those who apply.

## DIGIPEN SCHOLARSHIPS

**Bridge Scholarship**
- Up to $12,000 per year for up to four years
- Students automatically considered for Bridge Scholarship with FAFSA or WASFA application
- Separate application required for international students

**Dragon Opportunity Scholarship**
- Up to $10,000 per year for up to four years
- Separate application required

**Jim Johnson Memorial Scholarship**
- Up to $6,000 per year for up to four years
- Separate application required
- BFA degree program only

**Undergraduate Merit Scholarship**
- Up to $12,000 per year for up to four years
- Incoming students automatically considered for merit scholarships

**CS Undergraduate Merit Scholarship**
- Up to $14,000 per year for up to four years
- Incoming computer science students automatically considered for this merit scholarship

**President's Technology Academy Merit Scholarship**
- Max award: 50% of first-year tuition per year for up to four years
- Separate application required

For more info, including deadlines, eligibility, and requirements, go to: *digipen.edu/scholarships*

*NOTE: Financial aid is available to those who qualify.*

# WHAT'S NEXT?

We are so excited for you to begin your education at DigiPen!
To summarize, here's what you can do in preparation.

## 1 GET READY TO ENROLL

Now that you've been admitted, there are still a few next steps you'll need to take care of to confirm and finalize your plans to attend.

◯ **Say YES to DigiPen**

From your online application status portal, fill out your Decision Reply Form to let us know you're on board.

◯ **Complete your online learning self-check**

Next, complete the Online Learning Readiness Self-Check, also available through the application portal.

◯ **Sign your Student Enrollment Agreement**

At this point, you should receive an email with your enrollment agreement, which includes program details and a tuition payment schedule.

◯ **Pay your $150 enrollment fee, either by:**

- Online credit card payment via the application portal **OR**
- By mail with check payable to DigiPen:
  DigiPen Institute of Technology (Attn: Admissions)
  9931 Willows Road NE, Redmond, WA 98052

◯ **Send us your final transcripts**

Ask your school to send your final transcripts to DigiPen prior to New Student Orientation — preferably sooner! Final transcripts are those that show all of your completed coursework with grades. For graduating students, the final transcripts will also indicate the date of your graduation from high school or when your degree was conferred. *(For international students, some additional steps may be required. Please check with the Office of Admissions for more details.)*

## 2 APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

If you plan on seeking financial assistance, now is a good time to take care of some essential steps.

### ◯ Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online

Once the FAFSA is available, go to *studentaid.gov* and submit your application. This will be used as the basis for determining your financial aid eligibility. The FAFSA is only open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

*The FAFSA for 2025-26 will be made available by December 1, 2024.*

### ◯ Research and apply for scholarships

DigiPen scholarship applications will open October 1, 2024. You can find information about our scholarships at: *digipen.edu/scholarships*

As an admitted student, you can also search for outside scholarships using the Scholarship Manager online service. Log in with your DigiPen credentials (you should receive an email with your credentials shortly after admittance) at: *digipen.edu/scholarship-manager*

### ◯ Review your cost of attendance

To get a better picture of your out-of-pocket costs, we recommend using our Net Price Calculator, which provides an estimate of your expected cost of attendance and potential eligibility for federal, state, and institutional financial aid. Go to: *digipen.edu/npc*

## 3 FIND HOUSING

It's also a good time to start thinking about your living arrangements.

### ◯ Research your housing options

If you're looking for a hassle-free solution, be sure to apply for DigiPen Housing. We'll set you up in a nearby apartment complex, where you'll live alongside a small cluster of fellow students and a full-time resident assistant.

For information on how to apply, please go to: *digipen.edu/housing*

## 4 CONNECT

Stay connected with DigiPen, and start meeting with your future classmates!

### ◯ Keep an eye on your inbox

From here on out, we'll be sending you frequent messages via email and Microsoft Teams. We encourage you to check in often for important updates!

### ◯ Come to Admitted Dragon Day

Save the date for either or our two Admitted Dragon Day events on **April 19, 2025**, and **May 17, 2025**. This is a great chance to make new friends and learn more about what to expect at the start of your first semester. For details and registration, go to: *digipen.edu/admitted*

### ◯ Join the new cohort Discord group

Join the DigiPen Incoming Cohort Discord server and start meeting other students from the new incoming class.

Go to: *https://dgpn.link/2025cohort* *(URL is case sensitive)*

## QUESTIONS?
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