The Carnegie Mellon University, School of Architecture (SoA) is excited to welcome you to our graduate program! Please read through the information provided in this file to assist you as you plan to begin your program this fall.

**Overall Helpful Links about Graduate Programs at CMU:**
The university has created several helpful webpages for incoming graduate students:
- http://www.cmu.edu/graduate/ for other programs, services, financial matters, policies, etc.
- http://www.cmu.edu/graduate/incoming-students/index.html for moving to Pittsburgh, etc.
- http://www.cmu.edu/student-affairs/index.html for student affairs, wellness, etc.
- https://www.cmu.edu/stugov/gsa/ for Graduate Student Association (GSA) info

**Obtaining and Accessing your Andrew ID and Student ID:**
Your Andrew User ID provides you with the ability to access the university’s computing services such as Student Information Online, the computing clusters and your Andrew email account. You will also need your Andrew ID and password to submit your health history and immunization forms, enroll in student health insurance, register for classes, and apply for temporary or permanent university housing. You should expect to receive an email from Computing Services with the subject line “Receive your Andrew userID” within the next several weeks. The email will be sent to your personal email used in your application. The email will contain a link for retrieving your Andrew userID and instructions for continuing the First Pass process to set your initial password.

To receive your Andrew userID and set your initial password:

1. Follow the link in the email you receive from Computing Services (it-help@cmu.edu).
2. Note: The link is unique and can only be used once. Be sure to visit the web page before the expiration date stated in the email.
3. Follow the on screen First Pass instructions to receive your Andrew user ID. Write down your Andrew userID; you will only see it once and you will need it to set your password.
4. Once you have received your Andrew user ID, a confirmation page will be displayed.
5. You will receive another email with instructions on how to set a permanent password.

Your Andrew email account is your source for official and important Carnegie Mellon communications. Please check it frequently before you arrive on campus and during your academic career (for international students, I-20 information is sent to your andrew email!).

**Andrew ID:**
All incoming students are issued an "Andrew ID". Your Andrew ID acts as your Carnegie Mellon User ID, and allows you access to the University's various websites. Your Andrew ID is also used as your CMU email address (example: AndrewID@andrew.cmu.edu).

**Student ID Number (SID):**
Newly admitted students will use "the first eight (8) digits" of their assigned Student ID Number (SID) as their initial (temporary) password. Upon first logging into CMU’s network, you will immediately be instructed to create a new and personal password for your Student Account. Your SID will also act as...
a replacement for your Social Security Number during your time at CMU. This number is unique to you and should be kept private.

The HUB (Student Services):
The HUB has most of the information that you will need to manage your time as a student here at CMU. If you have not already, please take some time to look through their website. As a student, it is here that you can register for classes (OLR), check your finances and grades (SIO), find information on course offerings (SOC)...all of these can be found in the lower half of the left-most column. You will also find many "helpful links" and answers to "frequently asked questions" in the colored boxes at the right of the page.

Student Information Online:
(SIO) is your personal student account containing information on Finances, Grades, Courses, and much more.
Fall Orientation:
Carnegie Mellon University will host the University Graduate Student Orientation the week of August 13, 2018, required for all new entering graduate students. The program and registration will be available July 1, 2018 at http://www.cmu.edu/graduate/programs-services/orientation/index.html
Questions can be addressed to grad-ed@cmu.edu.

International graduate students are required to participate in a mandatory orientation/immigration session that the Office of International Education (OIE) will conduct several times during the week of August 13, 2018. See www.cmu.edu/oie for additional information about arrival and international orientation.

The School of Architecture’s annual Graduate Programs Orientation is scheduled the week of August 20, 2018. This orientation provides an introduction and overview of program and university computing, administrative policies, and procedures. It has proven essential for all new students. More information will be available on-line in the coming months.

As your participation in these orientations is required, please plan your arrival accordingly. If you have questions, please contact soagrad@andrew.cmu.edu.

***Some SoA graduate programs may host events/workshops specific to the needs of that program during CMU’s orientation weeks. If your graduate program will have additional events/workshops, you will be notified well in advance to your arrival in Pittsburgh.

Housing:
Information about housing, finding a place to live, and living in Pittsburgh can be found at: https://www.cmu.edu/graduate/incoming-students/after-you-arrive/housing.html

Many of our graduate students live off-campus in nearby neighborhoods, including Shadyside, Squirrel Hill, Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, Greenfield, and Oakland. Additional resources: http://www.cmu.edu/graduate/incoming-students/living-in-pgh/index.html.

SoA Graduate Facebook Page:
We recommend you join our SoA Graduate Student Facebook page! This is an easy way to connect with current students and incoming students, and is a great way to find roommates or to learn about housing: https://www.facebook.com/groups/CMUArchGrad

Financial Assistance:
For information on non-SoA financial assistance, visit: http://www.cmu.edu/graduate/financial-assistance/index.html

Immunization & Health Insurance Requirements:
All incoming students are required to meet certain immunizations standards as well as carry personal health insurance. Please visit the following link for details on these requirements, and direct all related questions to University Health Services: http://www.cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance/index.html
Computers & Technology
Students are provided access to many computer labs on campus with necessary software for coursework, but students are not guaranteed computer access. Students will need to own their own computer/laptop. SoA facilities include a woodshop and digital fabrication lab.

Official Transcripts
Students will need to mail official copies of their transcripts prior to orientation week, August 13, 2018. Please mail transcripts to:

Graduate Admissions
Carnegie Mellon University
School of Architecture
201 College of Fine Arts
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
USA

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Congratulations again, and see you in August!

Sincerely,

Carnegie Mellon University, School of Architecture
Graduate Program Faculty & Staff