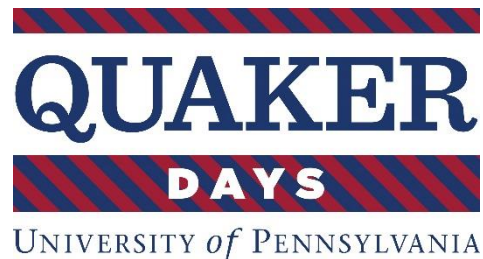


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GENERAL INFORMATION

Q. When are the Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP) and Quaker Days?

A. MSP will begin on campus on Tuesday, April 11. MSP allows admitted students from traditionally underrepresented groups to connect with one another and with our culturally-focused communities at Penn, and then continue with broader Quaker Days programming on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12-13.

Q. What will happen at MSP and Quaker Days?

On Tuesday, April 11, MSP will showcase intellectual and social programming for students with an interest in exploring and celebrating cultural identity and diversity at Penn. It is a special chance to build community with a supportive network of students, faculty, and staff at Penn who are dedicated to the success of students from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

On Wednesday, April 12, undergraduate schools and programs will host welcomes for their admitted students. You and your family may attend the session hosted by the school or program to which you have been admitted. (Students admitted to Huntsman and VIPER will convene on Thursday.)

School and Program Welcome Sessions

Wednesday, April 12

9:30 a.m.	School of Nursing and Nursing and Healthcare Management (NHCM)
11:00 a.m.	Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management (LSM)
11:30 a.m.	Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology (M&T)
12:00 p.m.	School of Engineering and Applied Science
12:30 p.m.	Wharton School
2:00 p.m.	College of Arts and Sciences

Thursday, April 13

9:00 a.m.	Huntsman Program in International Studies & Business
12:00 p.m.	Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research (VIPER)

(Students attending Thursday welcome sessions may wish to arrive in time to participate in Wednesday programming.)

Other Wednesday programs include other academic programs, and interactive sessions with our cultural resource centers, campus hubs, services, and student organizations. A Safety First... Hurrah! begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by **The Hurrah** welcome, led by Dean Eric Furda at 6:00 p.m. Parents and guests will attend a Proud Penn Parents Panel and Reception between 4:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

On Thursday, students can explore a wide array of programming including faculty talks, open houses, student programming, a surprise closing event, and so much more.

Q. When should I plan to arrive for MSP and Quaker Days?

A. On-site check-in for MSP will open at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11 in [Houston Hall](#). Optional campus tours will be offered at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Formal activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. and continue throughout the day and into Wednesday, leading into Quaker Days.

Q. When do the Quaker Days events end?

A. The last official event will take place on Thursday afternoon and run until approximately 5:00 p.m. No official Quaker Days programming will be offered after 5:00 p.m. and check out in Houston Hall will close at 5:30 p.m. **Overnight hosting is not available on Thursday evening.** You will be expected to check out of your College House or pick up your luggage (if you have stored it at the Quaker Days Command Center in Houston Hall) and return home, and we hope you will keep in touch! Join the official Class of 2021 Facebook group and follow @previewingpenn (#penn21) across social media for the latest news and connections.

Q. I am unable to stay for the full duration of MSP and Quaker Days, may I still come?

A. We hope that you can stay for the full duration of MSP and Quaker Days. We understand that for some, previous commitments and conflicts may limit your availability to participate in the full program. Please indicate your planned arrival and departure dates on the registration form.

Q. I am unable to attend MSP and Quaker Days on April 11-13. May I visit another time?

A. Absolutely! As a newly admitted student to Penn you are always welcome to [visit](#) campus. You may also wish to participate in other offerings. Please visit the [admitted student website](#) for more information. Please note that no overnight accommodations are available for admitted students outside of Quaker Days programming.

Q. I appreciate the offer to participate in MSP, but am really only interested in attending Quaker Days. Can I just register for Quaker Days, April 12-13?

A. Yes. You are welcome to attend any portion of the event. Feel free to register for Quaker Days only on the registration form.

Q. I am unable to visit campus. How else may I connect with Penn?

A. Students who are unable to join us on campus will have opportunities to connect with future classmates, current students, faculty, and staff through various online events. You will be able to get your questions answered, share your story, and imagine yourself on campus as a member of the Class of 2021. A growing menu of virtual events is available [online](#). Students should also join the official Class of 2021 Facebook group and follow [@previewingpenn](#) (#penn21) across social media for the latest news and connections.

Q. I really want to come to MSP and Quaker Days, but can't afford the expense. Are funds available to cover my travel costs?

A. Sponsorship funds are limited. Students who will be sponsored to attend MSP and Quaker Days will be contacted directly by Penn Admissions. If you are not offered sponsorship but determine that you cannot attend due to travel cost, you may e-mail quakerdays@admissions.upenn.edu to make a request for sponsorship consideration. If we are unable to accommodate you, please take advantage of upcoming virtual opportunities to get to know Penn by following [@previewingpenn](#) on Facebook and Instagram, and joining the official Class of 2021 Facebook group.

WHO IS INVITED?

Q. Who is invited to attend MSP?

A. Regular Decision admitted students who are US citizens and permanent residents, and who identify as African American, Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Alaska Native, or as members of traditionally underrepresented Asian and Pacific Islander backgrounds, are invited to participate in the Quaker Days Multicultural Scholars Program.

Q. Who is invited to attend Quaker Days?

A. All admitted Regular Decision students are invited to Quaker Days. In addition, all Early Decision students admitted to Nursing, Nursing and Healthcare Management, Huntsman, M&T, VIPER, and LSM are invited to Quaker Days.

Q. Is it essential for me to attend MSP?

A. The choice is yours. MSP will give you a chance to preview your future life at Penn as part of a diverse community. The days will be filled with academic, cultural, and social programming designed to provide a more intimate glimpse into undergraduate life as a Quaker.

Q. My friend was admitted Early Decision to Penn. Why isn't she invited to MSP and Quaker Days?

A. Students accepted to single-degree programs in the College, Engineering, Wharton, and to DMD, AI, and NETS through the Early Decision program were invited to attend ConnectED Quaker Day in February. Every student admitted to Penn is invited to one program.

REGISTRATION

Q. Do I need to register to attend MSP and Quaker Days?

A. Yes! To register, please use the link on the MSP and Quaker Days webpage or through your Penn Applicant Portal. Please indicate which days you will be attending and your travel plans to get to campus. You are able to return to your registration form and update it at any time.

There is a priority registration deadline of April 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Registering by this deadline ensures that you will be provided an overnight host, should you choose to request one. If you register past this deadline, we will attempt to find you a host if requested, but you will need to plan on making alternate overnight arrangements.

If you forget or misplace your logon information, please send an email message to eapps@admissions.upenn.edu with your full name, Common App ID, date of birth and the email address you used to apply.

Q. What information do I need to register?

A. You will be asked information about your arrival and departure dates, specific travel plans, guest information and special needs. You will also be required to upload a current picture of yourself.

If you will be 18 years old by April 11, 2017, you must sign a Student Consent Form indicating your understanding of the rules and regulations. If you are under the age of 18 by April 11, 2017, permission to participate must be granted by your parent or guardian. Both you and your parent must sign consent forms acknowledging your understanding of the rules and regulations.

Q. May I register if I have not yet confirmed my travel plans?

A. Absolutely! If you know that you are able to attend Quaker Days but have not confirmed your travel plans, feel free to register.

Q. What happens if I register after the priority deadline?

A. There is a priority registration deadline of April 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Registering by this deadline ensures that you will be provided an overnight host, should you choose to request one. If you register past this deadline, we will attempt to find you a host if requested, but you will need to plan on making alternate overnight arrangements. If we are able to find you a host, we will contact you to let you know that you have received a hosting assignment and you can cancel your alternate arrangements.

Q. If I have a friend that goes to Penn; can I stay with them for Quaker Days?

A. Yes. If you have a friend at Penn that you would like to stay with, you will include that information in your registration. Our office will reach out to your friend to confirm that they are willing to host you during your stay. If you miss the priority registration deadline, you can still request to stay with your friend through the registration form.

Q. I received a likely admissions letter to Penn. May I register for Quaker Days?

A. As an applicant who received a likely letter, this means that with your continued academic success and good standing in your school, we intend to officially admit you to the Class of 2021 on March 30, 2017. Registration for Quaker Days opens on March 14, 2017 for likely admitted students, so you can plan ahead to join in the fun and take advantage of more economical air and rail fares. Please note that only students officially admitted to Penn will be allowed to attend.

Q. Why do I need to submit a picture at registration? Are there any specifications for how the picture should look?

A. A picture is necessary so that our College Houses and Campus Security know who you are and can verify you as a MSP and Quaker Days participant. Please submit a current picture that is a clear head shot similar to a school photo or driver's license. It does not need to be a professional photo, but should provide a clear image of your face from the front. Non-distorted selfies are welcome. Remember that you will need to bring an official school ID or state-issued photo ID to Quaker Days.

Q. When does registration close for MSP and Quaker Days?

A. Registration will remain open until we have met capacity. However, you must register by April 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EDT to guarantee an overnight host. If you register past this time, we cannot guarantee hosted accommodations.

Q. I registered for MSP and Quaker Days, but do not yet have signed Permission and Consent forms.

A. If you are under 18 on April 11, 2017, you and a parent/guardian must sign Permission and Consent forms by Wednesday, April 6 in order to participate in MSP and Quaker Days. Forms may be signed electronically or a picture/ image of the signed consent form may be uploaded on the registration site.

Q. MSP and Quaker Days is occurring during Passover. What accommodations will be available if I am observing Passover?

A. Admitted students attending Quaker Days who observe Passover are welcome to join the Penn community for services and meals. In addition, Penn Hillel will be hosting a variety of events throughout the week. More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, any questions regarding Jewish life at Penn can be directed to Rachel Hollander, Associate Director at Penn Hillel, rhollander@pennhillel.org.

Q. I have special dietary needs. Where can I include that information and what accommodations will be available?

A. There is a place in the registration form to include any dietary needs or allergies. You are welcome to reach out to our dining hall dietitian, Daniel Connolly, Daniel.connolly@cafebonappetit.com, to get information about the food that will be available to you on campus. For catered events, we will attempt to accommodate as many requests as we can and will reach out to you should we have any questions.

Q. I will need accessibility accommodations. Where can I include those?

A. There is a place in the registration form to include information regarding mobility or accessibility needs. A member of our staff will reach out to you directly to confirm accommodations we will be able to provide.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Q. Please tell me more about the overnight component of MSP and Quaker Days. May I stay overnight in a College House with a current Penn undergraduate?

A. Students residing in our College Houses across campus have volunteered to host admitted students participating in MSP and Quaker Days. We encourage you to take advantage of this insider's opportunity to experience residential life at Penn! If you would like for us to arrange for you to stay with a current Penn undergraduate, please indicate on your registration form, and register by April 5.

You will be matched with a student host in advance of the program. Prior to your arrival, you will be e-mailed contact information for your host. Please keep an eye out for this important email message with subject line "Quaker Days Host Information" and be sure to share host contact information with your family and remember to bring it with you to campus.

All students participating in MSP and Quaker Days are expected to abide by campus rules governing student conduct. In addition, MSP and Quaker Days attendees are expected to return to assigned College House residences by 12:00 midnight.

Accommodations in the College Houses are for admitted students only. None of your guests can or will be accommodated in the College Houses.

Q. I prefer to make my own housing arrangements or my friend has invited me to stay at his/her College House. Is this okay?

A. You are welcome to make your own housing arrangements on or off campus. If you have a friend who is a current student at Penn who agrees in advance to host you during your MSP and Quaker Days stay, you must include their name and contact information on the registration form. Our office will

reach out to your friend to confirm that they are willing to host you during your stay. If you miss the priority registration deadline, you can still request to stay with your friend through the registration form.

Please be advised that you will still need to check in upon arrival to receive credentials necessary for your stay.

Q. May I request to be housed in a specific College House?

A. Due to the anticipated high demand for housing during MSP and Quaker Days, and capacity restrictions in the College Houses, we are unable to accommodate requests to be housed in specific College Houses.

GUESTS

Q. Am I allowed to bring a guest(s) to MSP and Quaker Days?

A. Yes! We welcome you to bring a parent or guardian to accompany you to MSP and Quaker Days. Due to space limitations, you are allowed to bring up to two guests. You must provide your guest's information when you register. Please note, applicants who are waitlisted or were denied admission to Penn are not permitted to register for MSP and Quaker Days or attend as guests. In addition, students previously invited to ConnectED Quaker Day are not allowed to register for MSP and Quaker Days or attend as guests.

Q. Will there be programming for parents and guests?

A. Absolutely! The core content of MSP and Quaker Days is geared towards students admitted to Penn, but there will be plenty of programming for parents and guests. On Tuesday, April 11, optional campus tours will be offered at 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. and a Parent and Guest Reception will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday programs include undergraduate school and specialized academic program sessions and open houses of particular interest to parents and guardians. Parents of students who are first in the family to attend college, may wish to attend a program sponsored by the First Generation, Low Income Program (FGLI) at 1:00 p.m. We are hosting a Proud Penn Parent Panel on Wednesday beginning at 4:15 p.m. Campus administration will share insights on a broad range of topics important for new Quaker parents and guests, including student life, the first-year experience, and campus safety. A casual meet-and-greet reception will follow at 5:30 p.m. with opportunities to speak with members of the panel, admissions staff, parent volunteers, and the Penn Parents team. This will allow parents who are dropping off their students to receive valuable information without needing to stay for the full duration of Quaker Days. During your visit, be sure to stop by the Parents and Guests Lounge in Houston Hall.

For parents and guests who choose to stay, we will host a wide array of additional programming on Thursday, April 13.

Please be aware that due to space limitations some MSP and Quaker Days events will be open to students only.

Guests are also highly encouraged to explore our great city. Philadelphia offers many attractions from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Barnes Foundation. Here is a list of some of our favorite places and activities: [Must-See Places & Local Phenomena](#).

Q. Where can my family stay during their visit?

A. Parents and guests are responsible for their own accommodations. For hotel suggestions, visit [our website](#).

TRANSPORTATION

Q. How do I get to Philadelphia?

A. Penn's campus can be reached by air, rail, bus or car. Conveniently located in University City, West Philadelphia, our campus has easy access to 30th Street Train Station (serviced by Amtrak, SEPTA, and NJ Transit), US I-76, and the Philadelphia International Airport. MSP and Quaker Days check-in will be located in [Houston Hall](#), 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA. [Directions and Parking](#).

Q. We will be driving to Penn. Where can we park our car?

A. Please see [our website](#) for a list and map of parking garages on and around campus.

Q. I am arriving by airplane at the Philadelphia International Airport. How do I get to campus?

A. Transportation to the Penn Campus from the Philadelphia International Airport is convenient and easy. You may choose to take the SEPTA Regional Rail or a taxi cab (see further information below).

Penn Quaker Days –Airport Hospitality Booth: On Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT, Quaker Days volunteers sporting Red and Blue gear will be on hand at our Penn Hospitality Booth, located [in Terminal C near](#) the US Airways Customer Service Center and across from baggage carousel G.

SEPTA Train: Convenient SEPTA Regional Rail transportation is available from the Airport to the University City station located on the Penn campus. After boarding the train, a conductor will ask you to purchase a ticket. The fare for the ride from Philadelphia International Airport to University City station is \$8.00 and must be paid in cash. After exiting the University City station, walk west on South Street. South Street becomes Spruce Street. Quaker Days check-in is located in Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street.

Taxi: If you prefer to take a cab to campus, the flat rate charge for a ride from the Airport to Center City or Penn campus is \$28.50 (and *from* Airport only, \$1 for each additional passenger), (plus tip). Depending upon traffic, the metered charge can range from \$29 and more (including tip). The check-in location for Quaker Days is Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street.

Q. I am arriving by train or bus at 30th Street Station. How do I get to campus?

A. Once you arrive in Philadelphia, Quaker Days volunteers in Red & Blue gear may be there to greet you, or please stop by the Information kiosk located in the center of 30th Street Station to confirm directions. Exit on the Market Street side of the station and walk west on Market Street through the Drexel University campus. At 34th Street, turn left and walk south towards the Penn campus, cross Chestnut Street, cross Walnut Street, and when you get to Spruce Street, turn right at the corner and walk west. Houston Hall is located at 3417 Spruce Street. The walk is approximately 15 minutes.

If you prefer to take a taxi to campus, cab fare from 30th Street Station to Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street, is approximately \$8.50 (including tip).

Public transportation options are also available.

Q. I am arriving by bus at the terminal located at 1001 Filbert Street. How do I get to campus?

A. Public transportation options are available, but you may find it easiest to take a taxi to campus. The metered charge for a cab ride from Filbert Street to the Penn campus is approximately \$16.00 (including tip). On-site check-in is located at Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street.

Q. I'm taking a SEPTA Green Line Trolley to campus. What's the closest stop to Houston Hall?

A. Get off at 37th and Spruce and walk east to Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street.

Q. I'm taking SEPTA's Market-Frankford subway to campus. What's the closest stop to Houston Hall?

A. Get off at 34th and Market and walk south towards the Penn campus, cross Chestnut Street, cross Walnut Street, and when you get to Spruce Street, turn right at the corner and walk west. Houston Hall is located at 3417 Spruce Street.

Q. What do I need to know about going home?

A. Please note pertinent details as you arrive by air, train, bus, car, etc., so you are prepared to make the reverse trip on your own at the conclusion of your MSP/Quaker Days stay. For recommendations on how to return, please stop by the Quaker Days Command Center in Houston Hall.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

Q. Will bedding and linens be provided for me?

A. You are responsible for bringing your own bedding. We highly recommend that you bring a sleeping bag and pillow as you will be staying in a dorm room with a current undergraduate and may be sleeping on a floor.

Q. How should I dress for MSP and Quaker Days?

A. High school attire is perfectly acceptable. April in Philadelphia can sometimes be chilly, so check the [weather](#) forecast in advance and bring a sweater and coat. Please also be mindful to wear comfortable shoes as we have many cobblestone walkways throughout campus, including the famed Locust Walk. And don't forget, we'd love to see you in your Red and Blue attire! Go Quakers!

Q. What should I pack?

A. MSP and Quaker Days Checklist:

- personal identification with photo* (Ex: an official school or state issued photo ID)
*without which you cannot stay overnight
- plane, train, bus tickets, as needed and travel details
- medical insurance card or information
- sleeping bag
- pillow
- towel, wash cloth, soap
- toiletries
- required medicines
- school clothing (including a coat, comfortable shoes, and your favorite Red and Blue attire!)
- cell phone and charger
- cash (for transportation, meals or snacks purchased outside of MSP/Quaker Days events and designated Penn Dining facilities, incidentals, and personal purchases)
- contact information for your student host

Please keep in mind that you will be staying in a dorm room with a current undergraduate and space will be limited. You will be expected to transport your own belongings, so please do not over-pack or bring an excess of items!

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I ARRIVE ON CAMPUS?

Q. What happens at check-in and where is it located?

A. Check-in for MSP and Quaker Days takes place at [Houston Hall](#), **3417 Spruce Street**, and opens at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11. Upon check-in, you will receive your MSP and Quaker Days program with campus map, Quaker Days Card to use for College House and dining access, Penn gear, and other helpful hints.

Q. When do I meet my host?

A. We suggest that you plan to meet your host in or around Houston Hall upon your arrival to campus. It is important that you communicate your travel plans and anticipated arrival to campus to your host in advance. If your host is unavailable to meet at your time of arrival, you can meet between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., (*outside of the scheduled lunch and programming taking place from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*). You will be able to store your belongings in Houston Hall until you are able to meet your host.

Q. What does my Quaker Days Card do?

A. The Quaker Days card grants you access to your College House, libraries, and dining facilities.

Q. During MSP and Quaker Days, what dining options including kosher and other food preferences, are available?

A. At the Quaker Days Command Center, you will receive information on Penn dining services. To access meals, you will be asked to swipe your Quaker Days Card. Food preference options such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and nut-free are accommodated at all dining halls. Kosher meals are served at the Falk Dining Commons in Hillel at Steinhardt Hall on 39th Street between Locust Walk and Walnut street. Please specify special needs on the registration form.

Your Quaker Days Card will be pre-loaded with funds to cover meals that are not otherwise provided during your MSP and Quaker Days stay. Be sure to spend your funds wisely! The funds are for your use only and are not to be shared with current undergraduates, guests or other MSP and Quaker Days participants.

Q. Will I be able to walk to Quaker Days events located on the Penn campus?

A. Yes! The Penn campus is *very* walkable. Our academic and administrative buildings, College Houses, dining facilities, and parking garages are within a 5 to 10 minute walk from Houston Hall. A campus map is available [here](#).

Q. My parents and I have questions about my financial aid package. Is it possible to meet with a representative of Student Financial Services during Quaker Days?

A. Families with questions may stop by Student Financial Services on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT, or call 215-898-1988 to schedule an appointment with a Student Financial Services counselor in advance. Student Financial Services is located in the Franklin Building, Room 100, 3451 Walnut Street.

Q. What's the best way to stay up to date on the schedule?

A. The Quaker Days App is your go-to source for a complete list of Quaker Days events and is updated on a daily basis. It's loaded with information about campus resources and communities, biographies of Penn faculty and student organizations hosting events, and campus contact information.

Q. How do I download and access the Quaker Days App?

A. The Quaker Days App is free and *available in early April* by visiting <http://www.admissions.upenn.edu/admitted/quakerdays/mobileapp>, or searching "Quaker Days 2017" on your device's App Store. You can access a web browser friendly version of the App for computers at <https://quakerdays2017.gatherdigital.com/>. You will need to enter your email address and password "penn21" (all lowercase) to access the Quaker Day App's content. Students, parents, and guardians should use the email from the Penn Application or the email provided during Quaker Days registration. Need help with the App? Don't have a smart phone? Please visit us at the Quaker Days Command Center in Houston Hall.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MSP and QUAKER DAYS?

Q. If I have questions or need assistance *before* MSP and Quaker Days, what's the best way to reach Penn?

A. Contact Quaker Days at quakerdays@admissions.upenn.edu or call Penn Admissions at 215-898-7507 (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT).

Q. If I have questions or need assistance *during* MSP and Quaker Days, what's the best way to reach Penn?

A. **Quaker Days Hotline (April 10-13 only, 24 hours): 215-898-2973**

Quaker Days Command Center (April 11-13 only):

Location: [Houston Hall](#), 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6306

Tuesday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. EDT

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. EDT

Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT

Emergencies: Penn Public Safety - In an emergency, dial **511** from any campus phone, pick up a "Blue Light" phone found in strategic locations across campus, or dial **215-573-3333** from any non-campus phone.

General Public Safety information: 215-898-7297

We did our best to anticipate many of the questions you might have. If you have questions or require additional assistance, please reach out to us at quakerdays@admissions.upenn.edu, 215-898-7507, or (April 10-13 only) 215-898-2973.