

# READY, SET, GO!

Helpful tips from FDU's Admissions Team to kick off your college search

## 1 Do Your Research

- Make a list of the features most important to you in a college
  - Consider size, academics, location, cost, housing, campus life, athletics, and religious affiliation
- Use the internet to research your college choices
  - Don't overlook talking with your parents, counselors, teachers, coaches, current college students, and other people you admire
- Schedule a virtual or in-person visit with your college guidance office
- Attend virtual and/or onsite college fairs to experience your college choices

## 2 Stay Organized

- Create a folder for each college of interest
- Put together a master calendar with "don't miss" dates:
  - Special events (Open Houses, Major Days)
  - Application deadlines (Early Decision, Early Action or Regular)
  - Deadlines for financial aid and scholarships
- Start writing your essay(s) if required
- Keep copies of all important admissions documents

## 3 Visit Your Top Choices — Virtually or In-Person

- Campus visits — online and in-person — are key to finding the right college
- Check with your college to see if on-campus visits are permitted
- Follow college social media, plus student posts, for insights into a college's people and campus life

## 4 Get to Know Your College Admissions Counselor

- Reach out early to your admissions counselor at your top choice schools
- Stay in contact with your admissions counselor for help throughout the process
- Admissions counselors know their college: ask questions!

## 5 File Your Application

- Narrow down your choices and begin filing your applications
- See if your choices participate in the Common Application (commonapp.com)
- Take the SAT or ACT if required (NOTE: Some colleges no longer require scores for admission but they may be needed for scholarship consideration or admission to selective programs)
- Don't wait until the last minute** to collect supporting documents and submit your completed application!  
*Application requirements can differ by college, but a complete application typically includes:*
  - High school transcript (Request from your high school counselor)
  - SAT/ACT scores
  - Letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors
  - Student essay



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**4** UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES  
(2 NJ & 2 International)

- Teaneck, NJ
- Madison, NJ
- Wroxtton, ENG
- Vancouver, CA

**Teaneck, N.J.**  
6 miles from New York City

**50%**  
of all incoming students live on campus

**3,040**  
undergraduate students

**1,707** graduate students

**74**  
student clubs and organizations

**97%** FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES receive some form of aid

**12:1** STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

OVER **100** COUNTRIES represented at FDU

**36** NCAA DIVISION I & DIVISION III sports teams

**A PRIVATE EDUCATION** close to the cost of a public education

**92%** STUDENTS enter graduate school or are employed within one year of graduation

**Madison, N.J.**  
35 miles from New York City

**72%**  
of all incoming students live on campus

**2,604**  
undergraduate students

**741** graduate students

**72**  
student clubs and organizations

**We're Here for You!**



Fairleigh Dickinson University's admissions team is here to help you any time with questions you may have about your college search or about the opportunities FDU can offer you. Contact us at any time!

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