

About the Wait List

What is the wait list?

You are being offered a place on Cornell's wait list because, given enrollment limitations, we cannot offer you admission at this time. Keeping your name on our wait list will give you the opportunity to keep your application active until the admission selection committees can determine whether sufficient numbers of currently accepted applicants will enroll. If spaces still remain after the May 1 reply date, we may be able to extend an offer of admission to you.

What are the chances of being selected from the wait list?

Cornell's selection committees are not able to estimate your chances for admission at this time. However, over the past five years, an average of 1,800 applicants a year have confirmed a place on Cornell University's wait list. During this time, we have admitted as many as 168 students (and as few as 0) from the wait list. Please keep in mind that no admission offers will be made until we know how many openings there will be and how many applicants have decided to remain on the wait list. As a reminder, Cornell's wait list is managed college by college.

Some general advice:

Applicants who were admitted during the regular selection process must let us know by the May 1 reply date if they plan to enroll. Shortly thereafter, the selection committees should know whether they are able to offer admission to additional candidates.

We notify wait list candidates of their status as soon as it is clear that additional offers of admission can be made or that no space is available. Meanwhile, it is important that you assure yourself of a place at another college or university to which you have been admitted.

We encourage you to update your admission application if you choose to remain on the wait list. We are particularly interested in receiving new grade reports, information about new honors or awards, and updates on your activities. Of course, we would welcome any other information, too. Please send updates to undergradapp@cornell.edu.

How to reply:

Please let us know by April 11 if you are interested in keeping your name on our wait list by submitting your reply on our website at admissions.cornell.edu/waitlistreply.

Further questions?

If you have further questions about the wait list, please contact the appropriate undergraduate college admissions office at Cornell.

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