



## PLU International Student Undergraduate Application

Attached are the forms necessary to apply for admission to Pacific Lutheran University. Be sure to read the instructions below and complete all requirements as listed.

Students are admitted for either the Fall (September) or Spring (February) Semester. Acceptance to the Fall Term also approves enrollment in the prior Summer Session. Spring Semester acceptance approves enrollment in the January Term. Candidates are notified of their status as soon as their completed application has been received and evaluated.

### Application Requirements for International Students

*Submit the following to the Office of Admission:*

1. **International Student Application** with a non-refundable \$40.00 USD application fee payable to PLU. Application fee will be waived for online application which may be accessed at [www.plu.edu/external/admission/apply/](http://www.plu.edu/external/admission/apply/)
2. **OFFICIAL Transcripts** with English translation from each: (a) secondary school, (b) English as a second language program, (c) college or university attended in the United States, home country or other country. Transcripts must be sent directly from each institution. Faxed copies are not acceptable.
3. **English proficiency**, if your first language is other than English, measured by one of the following:
  - a. TOEFL - Internet Based: 79, Computer Based: 213, Paper Based: 550; or IELTS: 6.5, or
  - b. Two quarters or one semester of college-level English writing from a U.S. college with grades of "B" or better, or
  - c. Completion of Embassy CES/Study Group English language institute located on the PLU campus
4. **One Academic Reference** from school officials or others in a position to evaluate your ability to succeed in a baccalaureate program.
5. **Transfer Statement of Good Standing** only for students who have previously attended college or university in the United States prior to attending PLU.
6. **International Student Declaration of Finances** (enclosed) **and bank statement**
7. **Personal Essay** on one of the three questions listed in the "Supplements" section of the application for admission.
8. **Copy of Passport photopage**

*Forms listed above may be found online at [www.plu.edu](http://www.plu.edu)*

**Mail all materials and \$40.00 USD application fee to:**

Office of Admission  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Tacoma, WA 98447-0003  
U.S.A.

Phone: 1-253-535-7151

Fax: 1-253-536-5136

E-mail: [admission@plu.edu](mailto:admission@plu.edu)

Web site: [www.plu.edu](http://www.plu.edu)

## Finalizing All Offers of Admission

Once admitted, you will receive an acceptance packet containing the necessary forms to confirm your enrollment. The following must be submitted before you may register for classes:

- Advance Tuition Payment of \$200.00 USD*
- Residential Life Information Form*
- Medical History Record*
- New Student Information Form*
- Official Final Transcripts*

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE\*\*** An I-20 **will not** be sent to you until the \$200.00 USD Advance Tuition Payment and a copy of your passport photopage have been received by PLU.

## Housing Assignments

After receiving a letter of acceptance, you may apply for on-campus housing by submitting the \$200.00 USD Advance Tuition Payment with the New Student and Residential Life Information forms.

## Insurance

All international students are required to purchase the PLU plan for international students. A copy of this plan may be obtained from the Health Center online at <http://www.plu.edu/health-center>.

## Financing Your Education

PLU costs are outlined on the enclosed International Student Declaration of Finances. Students must demonstrate the ability to meet all costs of attending Pacific Lutheran University.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

(PLEASE SUBMIT \$40 NONREFUNDABLE FEE WITH YOUR APPLICATION. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PLU.)

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee Paid Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fee Waived  
 Received by \_\_\_\_\_

### Certification of Accuracy

Signing this form certifies that all application information is accurate, and complete. I understand that failure to submit complete, official transcripts from all schools, colleges or universities attended may result in the denial of this application. Furthermore, I understand that submitting falsified or fraudulent documents or information will jeopardize admission status and enrollment privileges.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Information

Please check the box next to the semester you are applying for:

- Fall Semester, September Year \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority date May 1)  
 Spring Semester, February Year \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority date December 1)

#### Are you applying as:

- Freshman (first year)  Transfer  Second Bachelors  Non-Degree Seeking

Intended major/area of study \_\_\_\_\_

If undecided, what subject area or career interests you? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to PLU?  Yes Year \_\_\_\_\_  No

Do you plan to apply for on-campus housing?  Yes  No

Are you applying under any of the following programs?

- PLU Namibia Program  PLU Sichuan Program  PLU Trinidad and Tobago Program  Market Economist  
 Non-Degree Study Abroad Home Institution \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Information

1. Legal name (as it appears on passport):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 LAST/SURNAME FIRST/GIVEN MIDDLE

Preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_

Former name (If previous academic records under a different name): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_. 3.  Male  Female  
 month day year

4. Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Visa type/classification (if currently reside in the U.S.): \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information

7. Student home country address:

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(INCLUDING COUNTRY/AREA CODE)

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
(INCLUDING COUNTRY/AREA CODE)

8. Mailing address (If different from above):

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(INCLUDING COUNTRY/AREA CODE)

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
(INCLUDING COUNTRY/AREA CODE)

9. Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Agency address (If applicable):

If an agency address is provided, all materials will be sent to the agency, unless requested otherwise.

Agency name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent name: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

Agency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(INCLUDING COUNTRY/AREA CODE)

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Religious preference (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are you a child of clergy?  Yes  No

13. How did you learn about Pacific Lutheran University? (example: web site, advertisement, family friend, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Educational Information

14. List below the names and dates of each school you have attended, beginning with high school and including college.

NAME OF INSTITUTION ATTENDED	LOCATION (CITY/COUNTRY)	DATE OF ENTRANCE (MONTH/YEAR)	DATE OF LEAVING (MONTH/YEAR)	CERTIFICATE, DEGREE, OR DIPLOMA RECEIVED	DATE RECEIVED

15. Have you taken any of these standardized tests? If yes, please indicate dates and scores:

TOEFL <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Computer <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Date_____ Score_____	IELTS Date_____ Composite Score_____	SAT Date_____ Composite Score_____	ACT Date_____ Composite Score_____
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(NOTE: Official test scores must be provided)

16. Are you willing to study with Embassy CES/Study Group before enrolling at Pacific Lutheran University if it is determined you need to improve your English skills?  Yes  No *For admission to the Transition Program, English proficiency equivalent to a TOEFL score of Internet-based Test: 32 (Computer-based Test: 97, Paper-based test: 400) or an IELTS score of 3.5 is required. If you do not have these scores, you will be asked to take an on-line Study Group English proficiency test (free) as a part of the admission requirement.*

### Current Academic Year Information

To be completed by beginning freshman and transfer students if currently enrolled in high school or college.

17. List all courses to be completed during the current academic year.

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### Family Information

18. Parent/Spouse Information:

Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST/SURNAME	FIRST/GIVEN	MIDDLE	
ADDRESS			
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE/PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY

19. Please list all dependents that will be living with you while attending PLU:

LAST NAME/SURNAME	FIRST/GIVEN	DATE OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT

20. Please list names of family members or friends who have attended Pacific Lutheran University:


21. Language(s) spoken at home: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Where would you like to receive the I-20?  Home Country  Mailing  Parent  Agent  Other (If other, fill in below)

NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE/PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
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23. Have you ever been dismissed from school for disciplinary reasons?  Yes  No If yes, include an explanation.

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### Statement of Character and Signature

24. Applicants to PLU must present evidence of good character in order to be accepted for admission. In accordance, do you certify that you have not been convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor, and that you do not have a court case pending against you at this time?

Yes I so certify.  No If no, please attach written details with your application.

NAME OF APPLICANT (PRINT)	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
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### Supplements

25. **Personal Essay**

The essay allows the admission committee to get to know you as a person, as well as to evaluate your writing ability. We are interested in learning more about you and your interests, and the essay is a great way to understand you beyond your test scores and grades. Please choose from the following admission essay options and check the box of the option you have selected. *Using a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay on one of the following topics.*

- Option 1:** PLU encourages students to consider the question raised by the poet, Mary Oliver: “What will you do with your one wild and precious life?” What hopes and plans do you have for your future at PLU and how will you use your unique leadership skills and past experiences to make a positive contribution to campus and your life after college?
- Option 2:** Please submit an essay on a topic of your choice.
- Option 3:** Describe a time that you have been both challenged and supported. Which was more important and why?

*Please type or print legibly and write your name on each page.*

26. Describe any special circumstances you believe should be considered in connection with this application (attach additional page).





## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION

### To be completed by applicant

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER AND STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate   -   -      
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Term Beginning \_\_\_\_\_

In compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, effective November 21, 1974, this letter of recommendation, which will be placed in the applicant's admission file, may be reviewed by the applicant upon request unless this waiver has been signed.

Do you waive the right to be shown information on this form, which is to be used for undergraduate admissions purposes only.

Yes  No

NAME OF APPLICANT (PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

### To be completed by respondent *(a qualified person such as a principal, teacher or counselor)*

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT

DATE

***Please respond to the following questions, which will be considered in the application and scholarship process. PLU welcomes the inclusion of letters of recommendation in an applicant's admission file.***

How long have you known the applicant and in what context?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

What course(s) have you taught this student?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

What four words would you use to describe this applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe that the applicant's academic record is reflective of his or her ability?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Based on academic potential and skills, how would you rate this student's ability to succeed in a rigorous baccalaureate program?

No Basis  Below Average  Average  Good  Top 10%

One of the best I have encountered in my career

How familiar are you with PLU?

I am a PLU alum  I know PLU well  I am familiar with PLU  I know very little about PLU

Do you recommend this applicant for admission to PLU?

Yes, without reservation  Yes  Yes, but with concern  No

**Return this completed form to:**

Office of Admission, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma WA, 98447-0003, U.S.A.



**INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER APPLICATION –  
STATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING**

This form must be submitted to PLU before final action can be taken on your application for admission. Please sign the following release and give the form to the Dean of Students at the college/university you have attended most recently in the U.S.A.

*“I have applied for admission to PLU and I authorize the release of the following information.”*

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT’S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT’S SIGNATURE

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Dean of Students:**

The student named above has applied for admission to Pacific Lutheran University. This form must be on file before a final admission decision can be made. Please complete this form and return directly to PLU in an official, sealed envelope.

1. When was this student in attendance at your college/university? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Has the student been:  
 On scholastic probation?       Yes     No  
 On disciplinary probation?     Yes     No  
 In violation of conduct standards?     Yes     No  
 If yes to any of the above, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

3. May the student continue in good standing at your institution?     Yes     No  
 If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4. If known, indicate reason student is leaving your institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please report any additional comments on the reverse side of this form.

6. Report based on:       Records only                       Close personal contact  
                                   Casual contacts/observations       Intensive counseling contacts

*By signing this statement of good standing, you are acknowledging that you have the authority to release the above information.*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MM/DD/YY

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