The application process

Acceptance guidelines for the Human Ecology Exchange Program.

You should:

• be an undergraduate* student from one of our exchange partner universities.
• have a minimum cumulative GPA equivalent to a U.S. 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (above average grades).
• have completed at least three full-time semesters (one and one half years) of college/university level studies and must continue to assume this status throughout your intended duration of study at Cornell under the exchange program.
• refer to our areas of study to ensure your academic interest relates to the mission of the college. These include Biology and Society, Design and Environmental Analysis, Human Biology Health and Society, Human Development, Nutritional Sciences, Policy Analysis and Management and Fiber Science & Apparel Design. For a complete list of fields of study offered at Human Ecology, please visit each department’s website for available courses.
• be proficient in the English language. Unless explicitly waived by the Human Ecology Exchange Office, you are required to submit either the Test of English as a Foreign Language [TOEFL] or the International English Language Testing System [IELTS] if you are from a non-English medium institution; and/or your first language is not English.
• be recommended by your home institution/university.
  * Graduate level students may be accepted under the terms of our agreement with your home university.

If you meet the above guidelines and you wish to apply for the Human Ecology Exchange Program, you must be currently enrolled at one of our exchange partner universities and be nominated by your home university. Please contact the relevant office at your university which is responsible for student exchange programs to determine your eligibility.

  Application Deadlines: Fall semester or full academic year-March 15th; Spring semester-September 15th.

What you'll need to apply

• Completed 2013-14 Exchange Student Application Form: Typed, and signed by you and your home university. (Obtain from your home university exchange coordinator.)
• **Declaration of Finances Form (2R):** Must be correctly completed or application cannot be processed. (Obtain from your home university exchange coordinator.)

• **Letters of Reference:** Provide 2 letters of reference from professors, lecturers, or employers, explaining your readiness to represent your university as an exchange student at Cornell University. If English is not your native language, the letters of reference should include his/her general impression of your readiness to study in a fast-paced English-speaking environment.

• **Personal statement:** Tell us why you want to spend a semester or year studying at Cornell University as a Human Ecology Student. Include personal characteristics, contributions you can make, personal benefits you anticipate, and how studying at Human Ecology fits into your curriculum and career.

• **Most recent official transcript(s) with an official grading system explanation:** Official seal of your home institution should be included.

• **Official score of a recognized Language Proficiency Test,** if required.

• **Passport:** Include a copy of the passport (personal information pages) on which you intend to travel to the United States. If you also have a U.S. passport, please provide that copy also. Make sure that your Passport(s) will not expire while you are in the United States.

All materials must be submitted by your home university exchange coordinator.