

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Sharon A. Fechter, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
From: Dr. Elena Saenz, Associate Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs *ES*
Subject: Updated and Renewed Admission Agreement Between Montgomery College and George Mason University
Date: December 7, 2023

Please find the attached copy of the updated and renewed admission agreement between Montgomery College (MC) and George Mason University (GMU). GMU is the largest public state institution in Virginia. GMU offers 78 undergraduate programs on their campus in Fairfax, Virginia. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate a clear pathway for admission to MC students who intend to graduate with an associate degree and transfer directly to Mason to earn their baccalaureate degree. In addition to this Admission Agreement, MC and GMU also have a specific articulated pathway to GMU's B.A.S in Cloud Computing.

MC students applying under this admission agreement are automatically considered for a non-resident **Patriot Transfer Scholarship**. Students with cumulative grade point averages of 2.85-3.49 are considered for a \$10,000 annual award. Students with cumulative grade point averages of 3.5-4.00 are considered for a \$12,000 annual award. Recipients must be classified as non-residents of Virginia and maintain full-time enrollment each fall and spring semester. The scholarship is offered for 2 academic years. Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.75 Mason GPA.

The duration of this agreement is five years, at the end of which the agreement shall be reviewed for possible renewal.

This memo certifies that the agreement has been read and reviewed by the Office of the General Counsel and by me, and that I recommend it for your signature.

**ADMISSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
AND
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

SECTION I: PURPOSE

George Mason University (Mason) will offer admission to Montgomery College (MC) students according to the terms of this Agreement. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate and communicate a clear pathway for admission to MC students who intend to graduate with a MC associate degree and transfer directly to Mason to earn their baccalaureate degree. MC Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) or Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) degrees and select Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S) degrees are considered for this Agreement. Only those MC students who meet all the terms of this Agreement will be guaranteed admission. Students who present strong academic records but do not meet the terms of this Agreement may be considered for regular transfer admission.

SECTION II: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Mason accepts transfer applications for the fall and spring semesters. Applicants should:

- **Apply by March 1 for fall admission.** Fall applicants are expected to graduate in May. Summer graduates are not considered for fall admission.
- **Apply by October 1 for spring admission.** Spring applicants are expected to graduate in December.
- **Present a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.85 upon application to Mason.**
- English and Math Foundation courses must be completed with grades of C or better before applying to Mason.
- Complete a minimum of 40 college-level credits toward the A.A., A.S. or A.A.T. at MC.
- If all coursework for the transfer degree is not completed at MC, a 2.85 GPA is required on all prior college coursework.
- Provide the Mason Office of Admissions a final MC transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.

SECTION III: ADMISSION TO MAJOR

Under this agreement, MC applicants are eligible for direct entry into most Mason undergraduate majors without additional requirements. Certain majors have selective admission requirements that may exceed those listed in Section II. These majors include:

College of Engineering and Computing

- Applied Computer Science, BS
- Bioengineering, BS
- Civil and Infrastructure Engineering, BS
- Computer Engineering, BS
- Computer Science, BS
- Cyber Security Engineering, BS
- Electrical Engineering, BS
- Mechanical Engineering, BS
- Systems Engineering, BS

Admission to an engineering or computer science major is competitive. For direct admission to the major, Engineering applicants must have completed MATH 181 and 182 with grades of A or B prior to application to Mason. For direct admission to the major, Computer Science applicants must have completed MATH 181 and CMSC 140 with grades of A or B prior to application to Mason.

College of Visual and Performing Arts

- Computer Game Design, BFA
- Dance, BFA
- Film and Video Studies, BA
- Music, BA
- Music, BM
- Theater, BA
- Theater, BFA

Admission to a major within the College of Visual and Performing Arts is competitive. Applicants must successfully audition for Dance, Music and Theater. Applicants to Computer Game Design and Film and Video Studies must successfully pass a portfolio review.

Bachelor of Applied Science

Admission to the Bachelor of Applied Science major is competitive. The Cloud Computing and Network Technology, AAS and Cybersecurity, AAS programs are the only AAS programs included in the Admission Agreement. Students who are conferred these degrees and who meet all other terms of the agreement are guaranteed admission to BAS Cloud Computing or BAS Cyber Security.

SECTION IV: PATRIOT TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

MC students applying under this admission agreement are automatically considered for a non-resident **Patriot Transfer Scholarship**. Students with cumulative grade point averages of 2.85-3.49 are considered for a \$10,000 annual award. Students with cumulative grade point averages of 3.5-4.00 are considered for a \$12,000 annual award. Recipients must be classified as non-residents of Virginia and maintain full-time enrollment each fall and spring semester. The scholarship is offered for 2 academic years. Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.75 Mason GPA.

SECTION V: EXCLUSIONS TO THE ADMISSION AGREEMENT

- a. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this Agreement to students who have been suspended, dismissed or expelled for academic or non-academic reasons from any college or university. Under this Agreement, admission is only offered to students who graduate from MC and transfer directly to Mason. Students who attend other institutions after MC may be considered for regular transfer admission.
- b. High school students who have earned an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation are not eligible for admission under the terms of this Agreement. Such students are considered freshman applicants with transfer credit.

SECTION VI: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

- This Agreement will go into effect for those MC students entering Mason for the fall 2024 semester. The initial term of the Agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years beginning with the fall 2024 semester and end after the spring 2030 semester. The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods unless terminated by either party as set forth below.
- Either party may terminate this agreement by providing written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 120 days prior to the intended date of termination. If this Agreement is terminated, the terms of the Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.
- This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior oral or written Agreements with respect to the subject matter herein. **This Agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master Agreement.** All course-by-course transfer guides and transfer credit equivalency databases may be amended as needed.
- All transfer students are subject to the enrollment and academic policies outlined in the George Mason University Catalog.
- Mason and the MC agree to review this Agreement every three years. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring this Agreement.
- The Institutional Research Offices at MC and Mason agree to share transfer student data in support of this Agreement.

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