

BienvenueTU'22 FAQ

Congrats on being admitted into Tulane and for being invited to BienvenueTU this year! Below you will find some information about how the program will look in the coming months. This year BienvenueTU will be a in-person and virtual program. BienvenueTU will consist of invite-only interviews, in-person events, virtual events, and will end with a final virtual closing event in early April.

Below are answers to frequently asked questions:

1. What is the process for interviews? Interviews are an **invite only** opportunity. Interviews will begin on Monday, January 24th and will last until Friday, April 1st. The purpose of the interview is to give students the opportunity to interview for more scholarship. If you are invited, then you will need to sign up on in your Green Wave Portal.

2. What does the interview and scholarship component look like for the program?

Students who are not currently recipients of full-tuition awards will be interviewing for an additional merit scholarship that typically ranges between \$3,000 and \$10,000. While everyone's financial aid package is unique to family circumstance, it is the expectation that this award will be added on top of existing merit or grant aid.

Receiving this scholarship will be dependent on whether a student has completed and received their financial aid package first. It is therefore essential that students attending BTU complete the financial aid process prior to attending. Any delay in financial aid will delay the receiving of this award.

3. Am I required to travel to campus for the program? No, traveling to Tulane's campus is completely optional and not required at all. However for those interested in coming to campus, we do have 4 BienvenueTU in-person dates that you are more than welcome to sign up for. The dates are in conjunction with the admitted student event, Destination Tulane, and are as follows:

- Friday, February 18th & Monday, February 21st
- Saturday, March 5th & Saturday, April 9th

Students who plan on visiting campus only need to sign up for **ONE** of the in-person dates. The format for the day will be Destination Tulane programming in the morning and BienvenueTU/Multicultural Life programming in the afternoon which means that families need to plan their travel around doing **a full day (9am - 5pm) event**. Breakfast refreshments, boxed lunch and snacks will be provided throughout the day.

We will also be providing a **travel reimbursement stipend** for students and families who are interested in coming to an in-person event. To take advantage of the stipend, you must sign up for one of the dates and then email both Angel Carter, acarte3@tulane.edu, and Kaycee Filson, kfilson@tulane.edu, directly.

4. If I do end up traveling to campus, when will I receive my travel reimbursement?

The Reimbursement process starts once all programming is over on April 15th. Before the program begins, you should make sure your flight itinerary and receipts are properly uploaded to your Green Wave Portal. The reimbursement process can take on average 6-12 weeks, but is dependent on the proper documents being uploaded in a timely fashion.

5. Where can I find and sign up for the virtual BTU Welcome Event as well as other BTU Virtual Events? Our entire BienvenueTU virtual event calendar is on our website, so please look there to sign up. **It is strongly recommended that students sign up and make plans to attend the BTU Welcome Event on February 10th at 6pm.**

6. Can parents/guardians or family attend?

Yes, parents are more than welcome to attend the virtual and in-person programming this year as we will have parent-specific programming. There will be more information to come within the emails of those students who are invited

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7. Who can I reach out to if I have further questions?

Please reach out directly to the Assistant Director of Admission, Angel Carter - acarte3@tulane.edu - and she will assist you with any further questions that you may have

8. Where can I find more information about what to expect during BTU?

In addition to our website, please keep an eye out on your email, as most of our updates and important information will be sent that way. We also have an Instagram account (@BienvenueTU) you can follow that is managed by our very own Diversity Fellows, who will share reminders and tips for coming to campus.