

Denny Cao

Dear Denny,

Congratulations! On behalf of our campus community, I am delighted to let you know that you have been accepted to the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the Fall 2023 semester. The admissions process was highly competitive, and students in this entering class are among the top performers in their communities from across the United States and the world.

You have been admitted to **Computer Science in the Manning College of Information & Computer Sciences**. You have also received a **Chancellor's Award** in the amount of **\$16,000** per academic year.

At UMass Amherst you will join a diverse campus community of bright, bold, and unconventional thinkers. We are proud of our tradition of excellence and we look forward to your contributions to our community. To embark on the next exciting chapter of your life please follow the instructions [here](#) to formally accept your offer of admission.

Below are additional details of your acceptance to UMass Amherst. I encourage you to follow the links that are embedded for additional information. If you have any questions about your admission or any other aspect of the university, please contact us at 413-545-0222 or [mail@admissions.umass.edu](mailto:mail@admissions.umass.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Drish". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Michael Drish  
Director, First-Year Admissions

# **Welcome to UMass Amherst, Denny!**

## **Congratulations! The UMass community is excited to connect with you.**

### **New Student Welcome Guide**

The following information will guide you through the process of exploring UMass Amherst and accepting your offer of admission. Please follow the action items below to ensure you are on track for success at UMass and are aware of the resources available to you. If you have any questions, please see our [webpages for admitted students](#), or [contact us](#).

- 1. Check back to activate your SPIRE account**

SPIRE is our student information system that serves as your portal to other important university information and services. Your SPIRE ID number and network ID will be ready in 3-5 business days. Please return to this section of this letter to retrieve those credentials. Additional information about SPIRE is available [on the admitted student web page](#).

- 2. Major**

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- 3. Pay the nonrefundable enrollment deposit**

[Follow this link](#) to pay your nonrefundable enrollment deposit by **May 1, 2023**, and you're on your way!

- 4. Submit or add UMass Amherst to the FAFSA**

If you haven't already done so, please submit and/or add UMass Amherst to your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. (The UMass Amherst school code is 002221.) To receive full consideration for aid your information needs to be to us no later than March 1, 2023. Additional financial aid information is available on the UMass Amherst financial aid [web site](#).

### 1. **Chancellor's Award**

We are pleased to offer you a Chancellor's Award in the amount of **\$16,000** per academic year. In order to receive and retain this award you must maintain full-time enrollment (12 or more credits per semester) in an undergraduate program; meet satisfactory academic progress standards; and maintain your **Out-of-State** residency status. Any change to your residency status that results in a reduction to your cost of attendance, including university-initiated changes related to the use of military benefits, veterans' benefits, or Massachusetts state employee benefits, will eliminate your award. Your award will be applied to your cost of attendance for up to four years (eight consecutive semesters) of undergraduate coursework at UMass Amherst. This award is based on information you provided with your application and *the amount of the award is not negotiable*. For more information about award criteria, renewal, etc., see our [FAQ page](#).

### 2. **Your Commonwealth Honors College Decision**

The Undergraduate Admissions review team has completed the challenging task of selecting the small group of students to be admitted to the Commonwealth Honors College (CHC). We are sorry to report that we are not able to offer you a place in the Honors College. If you are interested in being part of CHC, the college does have an application process for UMass Amherst students who have completed at least one semester of coursework on the UMass Amherst campus. That information is available on the CHC [web site](#).

### 3. **Residency**

Your residency is **Out-of-State**. This is important because it determines your total cost of attendance and your eligibility for financial aid.

### 4. **Engage with the UMass community from home**

We invite you to join us at a wide range of in-person and virtual experiences specifically for admitted students. A complete listing can be found [here](#), where you can engage with current UMass students, along with campus faculty and staff who are here to support your success and well-being, now more than ever.

### 5. **Your ongoing responsibilities**

Admission is contingent upon maintaining your current level of academic performance. It is your responsibility to notify the Admissions Office of any significant decline in academic performance or disciplinary/criminal history that occurs after the submission of your application. UMass Amherst reserves the right to rescind admission based on this information.