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Dear students,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Brown! We are delighted that you will be joining the Brown community, and have designed this packet of information to help orient you to the academic and campus life of the College. In this mailing, you will find Guide to Brown, a booklet that describes Brown’s academic culture, student support services, and co-curricular life on campus. The mailing also contains a number of important forms that we ask you to complete and return by the dates indicated on the return envelopes. The summer planning timeline on pages 12–14 of the Guide will help you keep track of these due dates, as well as deadlines for course selection, academic advising, and Orientation programming for incoming students.

We strongly encourage you to bookmark Brown’s Orientation website for incoming students (brown.edu/orientation). Here you will find essential information for your summer academic planning. In June, all incoming students will receive a mailing that includes course pre-registration instructions. Over the summer, you will receive information on fall Orientation and on Brown’s expectations regarding student conduct in and out of the classroom. Before arriving on campus, you are required to complete an online tutorial about the principles of the Brown University community.

When you make your travel arrangements to Brown, bear in mind that all students are expected to participate in Orientation, which begins Saturday, September 5. You are allowed to move into residence halls on the same day. If you are studying at Brown on a student visa, you should plan to arrive on Wednesday, September 2, so you can participate in a required orientation to life in the U.S. Any student who identifies as international is encouraged to participate in this earlier orientation.

All students are invited to consider Brown’s pre-orientation programs: the Third World Transition Program (TWTP), designed to build community and encourage diversity at Brown through dialogue and outreach, and Excellence at Brown, designed to help students transition to academic life. You may read more about these optional programs in Guide to Brown and apply for the one that most interests you on Brown’s website.

We welcome you all and look forward to getting to know you online this summer and in person in the fall.

Sincerely,

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