It’s almost time for START!

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START is approaching!
Here’s what you need to know!

Sign-ups for START open May 6th at 2 pm PST - sign-up when you’re ready to commit to OSU

Costs for Hawai‘i START attendance
Students | $150
Parents/Families | $75 per person
Siblings under age 10 | $0 per person

Costs for Corvallis attendance
Students | $10
Siblings under age 10 | $0 person
First Year Parents/Families attending in-person | $80 per person
Transfer Parents/Families | $65 per person
Students to stay in housing night of START | $60 per person
Students/Families attending virtual START | $0

We will have START sessions in Corvallis in June, July, August, and September. Please see newstudents.oregonstate.edu for specific dates and information.

What to expect when signing up for START in Corvallis

- On-campus Engagement: Immerse yourself in the OSU community with both days of START in person! Day 1 features group sessions connecting you with life as an OSU student. Lock in your advising appointment for day two, setting the stage for a personalized academic journey.

- Empowering Advising Sessions: Day 2 is all about you and your academic aspirations. Meet face-to-face with your dedicated academic advising team, explore exciting course options, and finalize your fall class registration. Remote advising is available if joining us physically isn’t feasible, ensuring your success.

- Immerse Yourself in Campus Living: Experience vibrant campus living with an overnight stay in our residence halls! Limited accommodations are available for those traveling from outside the Willamette Valley. Students stay in lively halls with shared bathrooms, while families enjoy suite-style accommodations nearby.

- Family-Focused Support: Parents and families, your involvement is not just encouraged—it’s celebrated! Gain valuable insights into supporting your student’s transition to university life during our tailored sessions. Whether it’s your first student heading off to college or you’re seasoned in higher education, our comprehensive support ensures you’re equipped for OSU’s unique landscape.

What to expect when signing up for START in Hawai‘i

Join us for our exciting in-person Hawai‘i START session, where advisors and university staff bring the OSU experience directly to you! In just one action-packed day, you’ll receive personalized guidance, forge connections with fellow Hawai‘i Beavers, and depart with your fall class schedule in hand. Get ready for a day filled with valuable information and new friendships without the cost of coming to the mainland.

What to expect when signing up for virtual START

Virtual START is designed for self-motivated students who already have support and connections at OSU or in Corvallis. It is a streamlined version of START and we find that students who are older than traditional age, serving their communities in fire service or military, and those with the ability to create community in other ways are the most successful in this START model. This is a completely asynchronous START and while it contains lots of opportunities for engagement, is up to the student to choose to participate in these.