



## School of Data Science Deferral Process (2020-21)

### May I defer my enrollment?

The School of Data Science does not as a policy allow students to defer admissions, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the unprecedented disruption to all institutions of higher learning, students applying for admission during the 2020-2021 academic year, will be eligible to defer admittance for one academic year.

If you are reasonably certain that you will enroll at the University of Virginia's School of Data Science in Summer 2021, you may request to defer your admission by confirming your intention to accept your place in the class by accepting your spot (*a deposit will not be required*), and requesting a deferral in writing at that time from the Associate Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. We will ask you to reconfirm your intention to enroll in early 2021. Financial aid commitments typically cannot be deferred to a subsequent year since awards of need-based assistance will require an updated needs analysis. Requests for deferral must be received by the deposit deadline, **June 15, 2020**. *Students that have already deposited will receive a credit toward their deposit for the following academic year (2021-22).*

If you do not wish to make a commitment to attend UVA's School of Data Science, you may elect simply to decline your offer of admission and reapply for the next academic year. While we cannot guarantee your admission, we do give substantial weight to a commitment made in a previous year. Having declined an offer of admission will not be a

disadvantage in the process. Candidates reapplying for admission will be asked to complete a new application form, submit an updated personal statement, and, in the case of applicants who had not completed undergraduate school at the time of the initial application, submit a final unofficial transcript from institution of conferral that includes grades earned in the final year of study.