

The High School Counselor's Guide to SlideRoom

This short guide is a resource for high school counselors and teachers who want to help their students navigate SlideRoom during the college application process. The guide covers general questions about SlideRoom, how students use it to apply for college, as well as how organizations use it to evaluate everything.

Goals of this guide

- ✓ SlideRoom overview
 - ✓ Learn how organizations use SlideRoom
 - ✓ Discover how applicants use SlideRoom
 - ✓ Understand the SlideRoom integration with the Common Application
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SlideRoom overview

SlideRoom is an online platform for schools to receive applications, particularly ones with portfolios. Unlike an e-Portfolio platform, SlideRoom portfolios are not public-facing. This means that each SlideRoom portfolio a student creates is a response to the settings and instructions set by the particular school to which they are applying.

Portfolios are accepted across many fields, even beyond the arts. Any digital documentation of projects can be easily uploaded or imported into SlideRoom. No special preparation is required.


How Schools use SlideRoom

Each school has their own SlideRoom account. Colleges and universities use SlideRoom to collect portfolios and applications that meet specific criteria defined as "programs," which refer to specific application opportunities. Programs that are currently available and accepting applications will be visible in that school's unique SlideRoom applicant portal, which is usually linked from the school's "apply" page and is accessible to anyone.

or

InstitutionLogo

Apply Here.



Welcome to our online portal for applicants to submit their materials. This is a demo so institutions can evaluate how the submission process could work for applicants. Since this portal is entirely web-based, there is nothing to download or install. And these portals are individually branded with the institution's name, logo and colors. To get to this portal, applicants simply click on a URL, like <http://username.slideroom.com>

This text can even be formatted. If applicants have already used SlideRoom in the past, they can simply login and begin a new submission. Each program can have a unique set of steps, which may include application forms, adding media and payment.

[Login](#) or [Sign up](#) to get started.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Fall 2017
 Deadline: December 31, 2016 • Fee (USD): \$10.00

Spring 2017
 Deadline: December 31, 2016 • Fee (USD): \$10.00

Once an applicant submits their portfolio or application, the school's reviewers can view and score the applications assigned to them. They will see a full-screen view of each application, including thumbnails of all the media submitted as part of the portfolio section of the application. Reviewers can click on any of these thumbnails to see full-screen versions of the media, as well as highlight and comment on any item that stands out. After everything has been evaluated, decisions are communicated to students using the school's notification process.

The screenshot displays a user profile for Jason Smith in the SlideRoom system. The profile is categorized under 'Film & Digital Content' with ID# 51604763. It shows submission and resubmission dates from 2015. The user's work is evaluated with a score of 70.2 out of 100, based on 2 evaluations and 7 comments. The status is 'Accepted'. Contact information includes an email address and a physical address in Prosper, TX. A 'General Information' section at the bottom states the program's goal to identify proven leaders for humanitarian challenges.

How applicants use SlideRoom

The applicant's path to using SlideRoom is easy. If they use Facebook or Youtube, they won't have any trouble using SlideRoom. First, they need to visit a school's portal and create a SlideRoom account. They will then be able to create an account using the following form:

Sign up for a SlideRoom account

Already have an account? [Log in](#)

Email Address *

Password *

Confirm Password *

I have read and agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

or [Cancel](#)

Once the student has signed up, an email with an activation link will be sent to their email address from noreply@slideroom.com. Clicking that activation link will take them to a page where they can log in and continue with their portfolio or application.

When the student first logs in, they will see a list of all the currently-available programs. If there is a large number of programs, this list can be filtered by category to help find the program they are interested in. The top right corner will have institutional contact information if they have a question for the school about expectations, requirements, deadlines, and logistics. The top left features the email address for SlideRoom applicant support, which they can contact with questions about the technical use of SlideRoom.

Welcome Natalie Smolenski

For questions about our policies, please use the contact information on the right. For technical assistance with this application process, please click the "Help" link above or email support@slideroom.com.

Contact

support@slideroom.com
469.828.3178
[Visit Website](#)

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Once the student locates the program they want, clicking on that listing will take them to a page with a detailed breakdown of all requirements. If they confirm this is the correct program, they can click "Begin Application."

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This program is defined by forms of active inquiry and mutual respect that support learning and professional growth. Creating a collaborative educational community begins with the selection of a talented, energetic, and diverse cohort of students during the admission process. Program applicants must have received a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the liberal arts with a major (or equivalent) in the discipline they intend to study. Students are accepted into the program on the basis of an assessment of various components: records of academic achievement, evaluations in the letters of reference, and professional goals.

[Begin Application](#)

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Work Samples

Work samples are a freeform way to showcase your work. These are uncurated and option, but they allow you to show what you're best at. Remember, these should be different from anything you submit in your portfolio.

1. What types of work samples will you submit?

Select all that apply

* This question may have follow-up questions.

2. How many samples will you provide?

Note: we do not want more than three links to your work samples

If the student has not yet created a SlideRoom profile, they will now be prompted to complete a form with their basic background information. They only

need to fill it out one time; after that, it will be used for all of their applications, no matter which school's application portal they are using. They can always edit this information by clicking on their name in the top right corner of their applicant dashboard, then choosing "Account Information."

You are about to start your first application. Before you do, please take a moment to complete your SlideRoom Profile.

Note: You only have to do this once. Your profile information will be used for all future SlideRoom applications.

(* = required)

First Name *

Last Name *

Primary Address *

Suite/apt

Country *

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Phone Number *

[Continue to Application](#) [Cancel](#)

When the student has filled out their SlideRoom profile, they will be taken to the application itself. The SlideRoom application flow goes in the following order: Forms > References > Portfolio > Submit. Not all institutions will use all sections for every application, in which case the unused sections will not appear in those SlideRoom applications. All students need to do is follow the question prompts to complete each section of the application.

Forms — References — Portfolio — **4** Submit
NEXT >

- ✓ Work Samples
- ✓ Entrance Questions
- ✓ Standard Information

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1. What types of work samples will you submit? *

Select all that apply

- Code/Software
- Video
- Artwork/Photography
- Music
- Writing
- Other

2. How many samples will you provide? *

Note: we do not want more than three links to your work samples

- One
- Two
- Three

Once the student has submitted their application, they will receive a confirmation email with the date and time of their submission, as well as the name of the program they applied to and an application ID they should keep for future reference.

At any time, students can log back into their SlideRoom account through any school's applicant portal and access past submissions. They can do this by clicking their name in the top right corner and then selecting "All Activity." This will show them a list of all the portfolios and applications they have submitted through SlideRoom. Clicking on one of these past submissions will take them back into that application, where they can view it, print it, or download the media they submitted.

SlideRoom integration with the Common Application

SlideRoom is the exclusive partner of the Common Application to collect and evaluate portfolio supplements. If a school is using the Common App, there will

be a question in their application asking whether the student is applying to a program that requires a portfolio supplement. When the applicant answers in a way that triggers the portfolio supplement requirement, a link will appear, directing the applicant to the school's SlideRoom portal.

If the applicant already has a SlideRoom account, they can log in using their email and password. Their Common App ID, High School CEEB code, Name, Email, Entry Term, and Decision Type will all transfer automatically to their SlideRoom portfolio, allowing the organization to match the applicant's SlideRoom submission to their Common Application submission. If the applicant goes to the institution's SlideRoom portal on their own, without following the Common App link, they will need to enter their Common App ID before they can submit their portfolio.

For more information about SlideRoom's partnership with Common App and the applicant experience, please see the link in the "Additional Resources" section below.

Additional Resources

We hope this helps get you started, but there are plenty of additional resources available for you. These include:

[SlideRoom Applicant Help Center](#)

[SlideRoom and the Common Application: Applicant Experience](#)

[SlideRoom Website](#)

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