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Wireless Phone Services

Listed below are some of the wireless phone companies that provide services in Pittsburgh. The companies mentioned below are mostly within a 5-10 mile radius of Carnegie Mellon University. All of the companies provide services to make and receive international calls. *The following information is subject to change.*

****Most wireless phone companies recommend that you go in person to the store to open a new account**
Services that do not require customers to have a Social Security Number (SSN) and/or credit history:

| Service | Location/ Contact | Price Range/month | Requirements |
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| Verizon Wireless verizonwireless.com | <u>5th Avenue Store</u> 355 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 310-4600 <u>Waterfront</u> 163 E Bridge Street Homestead, PA 15120 (412) 462-3802 | \$40-\$300 Free cell phone dependent on selected service Prepaid option where minutes are paid for in advance - no plan is required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requires \$125 or \$400 deposit depending on credit history. ▪ Photo ID required ▪ Need to present proof of immigration status to Verizon's credit team ▪ Possible delay in activation could happen |
| Sprint PCS sprint.com | <u>Sprint Store</u> 351 Fifth Avenue Park Building Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 201-2101 | \$40-\$200 Free cell phone dependent on selected service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deposit required depends on credit history. ▪ Photo ID required (immigration documents / passport) ▪ Both local and international students can apply online. |
| T-Mobile tmobile.com | <u>Forbes & Murray Store</u> 5851 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15217 (412) 521-1867 | \$30-\$130 Free cell phone - dependent on selected service. Can be used in other countries with international plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flex Pay: monthly or 2-year plan; paid in advance ▪ If you bring an unlocked phone, month-to-month contract available ▪ Proof of status/ ID required for international students ▪ No deposit required |

Note: Cell phones and plans can be purchased online via the service's website for local students. For international students without an SSN or any credit history in the United States, the deposit required is higher.

Services that require customers to have an SSN:

| Service | Location/Contact | Price Range/month |
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| AT&T Wireless att.com | <u>AT&T Wireless</u> 2400 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 803-3600 <u>AT&T Wireless</u> 7707 McKnight Road Pittsburgh, PA 15237 (412) 635-8413 | \$40-\$200 Free cell phone dependent on selected service |
| Radio Shack radioshack.com | <u>Forbes Store</u> 3606 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412) 681-6550 <u>Squirrel Hill Store</u> 5823 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15217 (412) 521-6356 | Offers AT&T and Sprint wireless phone services in-store |
| Best Buy bestbuy.com | 680 Waterfront Drive E Munhall, PA 15120-5000 (412) 476-8061 | Sell cell phones and plans by various wireless services. Prepaid option available |