

Frequently Asked Questions (Questions which international applicants frequently ask.)

APPLICATION AND DEADLINES

Q.→ What is the deadline to submit my application?

Fall (August) session:

- **January 2:** Priority considerations for University Fellowships and assistantships or financial aid.

- **May 31:** Final deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documentations.

Spring (January) session:

- **September 15:** Final deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documentations.

(The University Fellowship is not available for Spring admission.)

Refer to the following website for more deadlines:

<http://www.engr.iupui.edu/gradprogs/appdeadlines.shtml?>

Q.→ May I apply for admission for the summer session?

We do not admit international students overseas for the Summer session. We admit international students applying from overseas for the Fall and Spring sessions only.

Q.→ May I apply on-line for admission?

Yes, you must fill out and submit the web-based graduate application on-line. Paper application is no longer used. The electronic application requires payment on-line using a valid credit card.

Q.→ How much time does the entire application and admission process takes?

First, we need a *complete application packet* before processing of your application begins. When we have received all required supporting application materials, we send it to the graduate committee for consideration and we enter data into the computer. Within 2¹/₂- 3 months, we will send you notice of the decision. We will also send you the documentation that you need to get the student visa. The amount of time that it takes to get a student visa varies, depending on where you live. Check with the U.S. Embassy website in your country for more information about student visas.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY

Q.→ Am I eligible to apply for graduate admission?

You are eligible to apply for admission to our graduate programs, if you have successfully completed a 4-year Bachelor's (baccalaureate) degree, or if you are studying *in the final year* of a 4-year Bachelor's degree program, at a university nationally recognized by a professional or a government accreditation board.

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To be considered for admission, your application must meet the following requirements:

- Total grade point average of 3.00/4.00, or equivalent to a “B” grade or a 75% average.
- Minimum TOEFL scores and GRE scores. Details on TOEFL and GRE requirements are provided in the following section.

TOEFL AND GRE REQUIREMENTS (IUPUI INSTITUTION CODE: 1325)

Q.→ What are the minimum score requirements for the TOEFL?

- **Internet-based test (iBT):** The following five (5) minimum scores must be met: Writing: 18; Speaking: 18; Listening: 14; Reading: 19; Total score: 79.
- **Computer-based test:** Minimum score required: 213.
- **Paper-based test:** Minimum score required: 550.

Q.→ What are the minimum score requirements for the GRE?

We require only the GRE General Test. Our graduate admissions committees look at scores specifically for the “*Quantitative*” and “*Analytical Writing*” sections of the GRE test. There is no requirement for minimum GRE scores. However, you improve your chances of getting financial assistance, if your score on the Quantitative section is at least 740 and above and your score for the Analytical Writing section is at least 4.0 and above. Only applicants with the strongest GRE scores are eligible to be considered for the University Fellowship. We must receive your official GRE score report *directly from* ETS. GRE scores for tests taken prior to October 2002 are not acceptable.

Q.→ My TOEFL score is above the minimum requirement for admission. Am I expected to take English language proficiency classes when I come to IUPUI?

All international students must take the IUPUI *English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Placement Test* when they arrive at IUPUI, even if the TOEFL scores achieved by the students are above the minimum requirement for admission. This placement test must be taken regardless of TOEFL.

The *English for Academic Purposes (EAP)* placement test determines:

- (i) whether a student needs English language class(es) to improve proficiency, and
- (ii) the level of English class(es) the student will need to improve proficiency in the language.

If the test results show that the student has strong proficiency in the language, then the student will not be required to take additional English classes. However, if the test results show that a student requires additional English class(es), then the student must take the required English course(s) in the first semester and complete the requirement(s) before graduation.

Q.→ I have a "Second Class" degree.

We strongly prefer a "first class" degree for graduate admission.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS (UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP)

Q.→ I need financial assistance. Do you offer financial aid?

We offer scholarships and financial aid to top students who are committed to graduate study and research. Many students ask for financial aid; we award financial aid to only the very best and deserving students. Full financial aid or assistantships as well as partial assistantships are offered. When we consider financial aid and scholarships, we choose students who have excellent academic records and who have strong potential to make valuable contributions to research.

Q.→ Do you offer research assistantship or teaching assistantship?

We offer scholarships and financial aid or financial assistance to selected outstanding students in the form of University Fellowships, research or graduate assistantships, or partial tuition assistantships. The University Fellowship is a prestigious scholarship awarded by the university and is offered only for fall (August) admission. A complete application packet (including required test scores) must be received by January 15 to be eligible to be considered for a University Fellowship.

Research assistantship and graduate assistantship both mean the same; there is no difference between the two, except in the name. *We usually do not offer positions of teaching assistants to international graduate students in the first year.*

Q.→ What is full and what is partial financial assistance?

Full financial assistance:

Full (100%) financial assistance or full scholarship means that the program pays instructional fees, student health insurance, and stipend (US\$1,100-\$1,400 per month). Full financial assistance is usually offered as a Research Assistantship or as a Graduate Assistantship for one academic year (Fall and/or Spring semesters). If you receive this award, it may continue for the second year only if you maintain excellent grades and only if your research work is strong.

Partial financial assistance:

We sometimes offer partial financial assistance in the form of a full or partial waiver of instructional fees, usually in amount of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$10,000 for one academic year. If you receive this award, you may use it only to pay instructional fees. The award may continue for the second year only if funds are available and if you maintain excellent grades and progress in research.

Q.→ I want to apply for financial assistance. How do I apply?

You do not need to apply for financial assistance. There is no application to be completed. We will use the application and supporting documents that you submit to consider you for admission and for financial aid or scholarship. Admission to the graduate programs and awards of financial aid are highly competitive and selective. We evaluate your application and credentials in relation to all the applications that we receive.

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Q.→ I cannot come to IUPUI if I am not offered financial aid. Can you help me?

Every year, many students in the USA and students from all over the world seek financial aid for higher education. There is never enough funding even for the very top students. If you do not receive funding from IUPUI or from another university, you must provide funding from personal sources or from a sponsor. Do not plan to come to the USA with insufficient funds, hoping that you can work or get financial aid after you arrive. The probability of obtaining funding or additional funding after arriving in the US is quite low. The US Embassy requires proof of adequate funding as a qualification for the student visa.

Q.→ How will I know if I am offered financial aid?

We will notify you by email if you are offered financial assistance. If you accept the offer of financial aid, the department will mail you a formal letter of award. Unfortunately, there is often a shortage of financial aid. In that case, we will not be able to give you an early answer to your inquiries about financial aid. Sometimes we must wait until late in the year to determine how much financial aid we can offer.

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