Frequently Asked Questions
(Questions international applicants frequently ask)

APPLICATION AND DEADLINES

Q. I am an international applicant applying from overseas. What is the deadline to submit my application?

A. Fall (August) session:
   • January 2: Priority considerations for University Fellowships and departmental financial aid or assistantships. Application must be complete with all required supporting documentations.
   • May 1: Final deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documentations.

   Spring (January) session:
   • August 31: Final deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documentations. (The University Fellowship is not available for Spring admission.)

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Q. Can I apply for admission for the summer session?
A. Graduate course offerings are limited in the summer. International students with F-1 student visas are required to maintain full-time enrollment in the first semester, hence admission in the summer session is not advisable. International applicants apply primarily for Fall and Spring admission sessions.

Q. Can I apply online for admission?
A. You must fill out and submit the web-based IUPUI graduate application online. The electronic application requires payment of the international application fee (US $65) online using a valid credit card.

Q. How much time does the entire application and admission process take?
A. Prepare your application early. It takes approximately 2 1/2 - 3 months for international admission processing to complete -- from when you submit the application to when you receive the official IUPUI admission letter and immigration document for your student visa application.

   First, we need a complete application packet before processing of your application begins. Once we have received all required supporting application materials, we prepare your file and send it to the program graduate admissions committee for consideration. Graduate admissions processing involves multiple parties/offices and require between 5 - 6 weeks before you will receive official notification of the admission decision. After you have been notified of admission, the university will prepare for you the IUPUI admission letter and the immigration document that you will use to apply for a U.S. student visa. Allow an additional 3 - 4 weeks for these documents to be ready. The amount of time that it takes to get a
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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?*

A. 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 or college nationally recognized by a professional or a government accreditation board.

To be considered for admission, your application is expected to 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. Details on TOEFL and GRE requirements are provided in the following section.

Q. *Can I apply with photocopies or scanned copies of my transcripts and degree diplomas/certificates and submit the official documents after I am admitted to the program?*

A. Yes, upload scanned pdf files of your official academic transcripts/mark sheets and degree diplomas/certificates to the online IUPUI graduate application. You may upload up to five (5) supporting documents to the application. Use the Application Checklist provided at the application website to determine the required supporting materials. Then mail your official academic transcripts and officially certified degree diploma to the correct department mailing address. Official transcripts must be stamped and/or signed by university officials and in untampered sealed university registrar’s envelope/s.

**TOEFL OR IELTS AND GRE REQUIREMENTS (IUPUI INSTITUTION CODE: 1325)**

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

- **Internet-based test (iBT):** Each of the following five (5) minimum scores must be achieved in a single test sitting: **Reading:** 19; **Writing:** 18; **Speaking:** 18; **Listening:** 14; **Total score:** 80.
- **Computer-based test:** Minimum score required: 213.
- **Paper-based test:** Minimum score required: 550.

Q. *Is the IELTS exam acceptable for graduate admission? What is the minimum score required?*

A. Yes, the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) exam is acceptable in lieu of TOEFL. The following five (5) minimum scores must be achieved in a single test sitting: **Reading:** 6.5; **Writing:** 5.5; **Speaking:** 6.0; **Listening:** 6.0; **Overall band score (OBS):** 6.5. We must receive official IELTS score report directly from the testing agency.
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Q. What are the minimum score requirements for the GRE?
A. We require only the GRE General Test. There is no requirement for minimum GRE scores. Our graduate admissions committees look at scores specifically for the “Quantitative” and “Analytical Writing” sections of the GRE test. You improve your chances of getting financial assistance, if your scores on the Quantitative section is at least 162 / 80% and above and the Analytical Writing section is at least 4.0 / 59% and above. Only applicants with the strongest GRE scores are selected to be considered for the University Fellowship or any financial assistance. We must receive your official GRE score report directly from ETS. **GRE scores that are more than 5 years old 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?
A. All international students are required to take the **IUPUI English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Placement Test** before enrolling for classes after arrival at IUPUI. Students with TOEFL total score of 100 and above or IELTS overall band score of 7.5 and above are exempted from the EAP test requirement.

The **IUPUI 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.

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 must complete the requirement(s) before graduation.

English language courses are not part of the graduate degree program requirements and cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements for graduation.

**FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS (IUPUI UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS)**

Q. I need financial assistance. Do you offer financial aid?
A. 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 credentials and who have strong potential to make valuable contributions to research.

Q. Do you offer research assistantship or teaching assistantship?
A. We offer scholarships and financial aid to select outstanding students in the form of University Fellowships, research or graduate assistantships, or partial tuition assistantships.
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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 admission test scores) must be received in our office by January 2 to be eligible to be considered for a University Fellowship. We typically do not offer teaching assistant positions to international graduate students in the first year.

Q. What is full and what is partial financial assistance?
A. Full financial assistance/aid:
Full financial assistance or full scholarship means that the program pays instructional fees, student health insurance, and stipend (US$1,200-$1,600 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). The award may continue for the second year, if you maintain excellent grades and your research work is strong.

Partial financial assistance/aid:
We offer partial financial assistance in the form of a full or partial waiver of instructional (tuition) fees, usually in amount of $4,000 per semester 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, 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?
A. There is no formal application to be completed for financial assistance. We will use the application and supporting documents you submit to consider for admission and for financial aid or scholarship. If a separate financial aid application is required, you will be informed of so. 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 we received for the particular admission session.

Q. I cannot come to IUPUI if I am not offered financial aid. Can you help me?
A. If you are not awarded funding from IUPUI, you must provide funding from personal sources or from a private 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.

Q. How will I know if I am offered financial aid?
A. We will notify you by e-mail if you are awarded financial assistance. The department will send a formal letter of offer. 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. Often, financial aid is offered in the second or third semester of study after students demonstrate academic excellence and strong research potential.