Frequently Asked Question
Graduate Students
Department of Bioengineering

• When is the **deadline** to apply for both MS and PhD? This includes documents.
  o **US Student:**
    ▪ Spring Semester: October 15
    ▪ Summer Semester: April 1
    ▪ Fall Semester: June 15
  o **International Students, Permanent Residents & Resident Aliens**
    ▪ Spring Semester: September 15
    ▪ Summer Semester: February 1
    ▪ Fall Semester: April 1

• **What other documents** do I need besides the application?
  o Official Transcripts from US institutions directly mail from the US institution to Admissions
  o Official transcripts from foreign countries must be accompanied by an exact word for word original English translation
  o Three letters of recommendation (not required for MS) mailed directly to the department. (See address below).
  o GRE Scores
  o TOEFL scores for International Students and/or IELTS scores (sent from the official testing center – **copies are not accepted.**)
  o Application Fee:
    ▪ US Citizen and US Resident Alien (with no international transcripts) $40.00
    ▪ US Citizen and US Resident Alien (with international transcripts) $90.00
    ▪ International Applicants: $90.00

• **I don’t have an Official Transcript, can I send a copy?**
  o Your application cannot be processed until we have received an Official Transcript

• **Where do I send** my documents?
  o Letters of Recommendation should be sent to:
    ▪ Graduate Academic Advisor – University of Texas at Arlington, Department of Bioengineering, Box 19138, Arlington, Texas 76019
  o All other documents should go to:
    ▪ University of Texas at Arlington, Graduate Admissions, Box 19088, Arlington, Texas 76019

• **Am I eligible to apply** in Bioengineering Master/PhD program if my undergraduate degree is in ____________?
  o Everyone is eligible to apply to the program, but some students may be required to take prerequisite courses. This is determined on a case-by-case bases. All students are strongly encouraged to have Cal I, II, III, General Physics I & II,
General Chemistry I & II along with 2 Engineering courses to be determined by your track advisor.

- **What are the minimum GRE, TOEFL and IELTS scores** that I need to get accepted?
  - GRE total (quantitative plus verbal) must be greater than 301 for Master’s, 308 for PhD with a verbal score of 146 or higher
  - An applicant whose native language is not English is required to submit a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 213 on the computer-based TOEFL, 79 on the TOEFL iBT, or 6.5 on the IELTS. PhD students should score above 90 on the TOEFL iBT and 7.0 on the IELTS.

- **What is the minimum GPA** I need to have to get accepted?
  - A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate work in an engineering discipline as calculated by the Graduate School.

- **What if I don’t meet the criteria?** Can I still be accepted into the program?
  - This is determined on a case by case basis, and cannot be determined until you have applied and sent in all the required documents.

- **Will I be funded and/or sponsored prior to applying or receiving admission to UTA?**
  - PhD students should feel free to contact any of our professors regarding a GRA/GTA position, however, as you can imagine, our professors receive hundreds of requests every semester from students wanting to secure a position in their lab. It is extremely time consuming and counter-productive for our professors to discuss these positions with students who may end up not attending UTA. Please feel free to continue to e-mail any of our professors, however, it is unlikely you will be guaranteed a position in anyone’s lab prior to arrival. Since most of the funded positions are graduate research assistantships, prior research experience with either research publications or master thesis is often required. If you have minimal laboratory training, you may be encouraged to undergo laboratory rotation during your first semester.

- **Is there funding for Master’s students?**
  - MS students are eligible to apply for the Graduate Research Assistant positions, however is it rare they are offered one of those positions.

- **Can you waive the application fees?**
  - Unfortunately, we cannot waive the fees for any of our applicants

For questions on what forms or documents are needed and where to send them, please visit the website for the Office of Admissions, Records and Registration at: [http://www.uta.edu/admissions/graduate/](http://www.uta.edu/admissions/graduate/) and click on “Before You Apply” and “Apply”.

If you have additional questions regarding admissions, please visit the website for the Office of Admissions, Records and Registration at [www.uta.edu/admissions/ask](http://www.uta.edu/admissions/ask) and submit your questions there. Please allow sufficient time for them to answer – approximately 8-10 working days. Thank you in advance for your patience.