



GRADUATE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2019

Northwestern Engineering has prepared this guide to help you navigate the sometimes complex application process for MS or PhD admission. You can also refer to each department's website for more information.

PHD APPLICATIONS

If your ultimate goal is a PhD degree, apply for admission to the PhD program of your choice. Please note that PhD program admission does not require an MS degree; very few of our new PhD students hold an MS degree. Also note that if you are not admitted to a PhD program, you may request admission for self-funded MS study in most departments.

MS APPLICATIONS

See below for information on departmental MS programs.

If you are interested in one of the following programs, please refer to the program's website for application instructions and deadlines:

Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence (MSAI) \ Master of Science in Biotechnology Program (MBP) \ Master of Engineering Management (MEM) \ Master of Project Management (MPM) \ Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT) \ The MMM Program \ Master of Science in Analytics (MSIA) \ Master of Product Design and Development Management (MPD2) \ Master of Science in Robotics (MSR) \ Master of Science in Engineering Design Innovation (EDI) \ Master of Science in Executive Management and Design Construction (EMDC) \



APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

The online application websites open in September each year. See The Graduate School website for more details.

You can begin your application in early September. During the process you can save your work and then delay submission of the application and application fee until closer to the deadline.

The application deadline for most PhD programs will be December 15. The deadline for engineering sciences and applied mathematics is December 31. The deadline for industrial engineering and management sciences is December 5.

MS application deadlines vary by program. Please refer to departmental and program websites for specific MS application deadlines.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS FOR APPLICATIONS

TEST SCORES

Applicants can use the ETS system to send GRE and TOEFL scores (if TOEFL is required for you) to Northwestern University (ETS code 1565).

Northwestern will accept scanned copies of score reports with the online application and verify those scores with ETS.

The minimum Internet-based TOEFL scores are 90 for PhD applicants and 80 for MS applicants in most programs. Higher TOEFL scores may be required for some MS programs. Please see departmental websites for that information. A score of 7.0 may also be used from the IELTS.

RESUME/CV AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please include your resume/CV and statement of purpose with the online application.

TRANSCRIPTS

Applicants upload unofficial transcripts with the online application.

Official transcripts will be required only for new students who enroll at Northwestern. Those will be collected in the summer months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

All recommendations should be submitted through the online process. Two or three recommendations are required depending on the program.

Please do not have your references send hard copies by mail.

ONCE YOU HAVE APPLIED

During the application process, you will work with the departmental graduate program assistant to complete your application file. You will also be able to track your status online in the application system.





ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN ADMITTED

PhD programs: Admitted PhD students have until April 15 to accept or decline the offer of admission. Those residing in the United States are invited to campus in late winter. Northwestern Engineering will help defray expenses for your travel to Evanston.

MS programs: Admitted MS students will receive specific acceptance deadline information from their department or program.

FUNDING

PhD programs: Northwestern Engineering fully funds PhD students with paid tuition, paid health insurance, and a monthly stipend. After admission, PhD applicants will receive a formal PhD funding offer letter.

MS programs: Northwestern Engineering generally does not fund MS students. To help make sure that all of our master's degree students can fund their educations regardless of personal financial circumstances, Northwestern Engineering provides opportunities for access to a variety of federal and private loan and funding options. (See end of the brochure for more financial aid information.)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please check with your specific program for specific instructions.

- Complete online application

INCLUDE WITH ONLINE APPLICATION

- Recommenders' contact information
Resume/CV
Statement of purpose
Unofficial transcripts
GRE scores
TOEFL scores (if required; if English was the language of instruction at the institution where you received your bachelor's or master's degree, then the TOEFL requirement is waived.)
IELTS scores (as an alternative to TOEFL scores)

Do not send hard copies of materials that have been submitted electronically. It slows the processing of your application.

NEED ASSISTANCE? HAVE A QUESTION?

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