



The Graduate Programs at GW

We are pleased you are considering graduate study at The George Washington University.

We understand the difference you want to make in your life, your career, the world. Through over 200 innovative master's, doctoral, and graduate certificate programs, our faculty of world-renowned scholars and practitioners will help you apply theory and practice to realize your goals.

GW has been in the heart of the nation's capital for over 175 years, connecting students to the people, ideas, and power in one of the world's most dynamic and influential cities. With students from all 50 states and 120 countries pursuing advanced study in our nine graduate and professional schools, we are a vibrant, truly international university that will prepare you to lead the way in an ever-changing world.

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AMBITION.

General Guidelines for Applying for Admission

The George Washington University expects all applicants to graduate programs in the schools listed below to submit their application online at www.gwu.edu/gradinfo. The online system maintains your confidentiality through the assignment of a personal identification number and also allows you to complete the application at your convenience. If you are unable to use the online application process, you should contact the school's admissions office to request a downloadable version of the General Guidelines, the appropriate school-specific instructions, and all necessary forms. **These guidelines apply to graduate programs in the following schools.**

College of Professional Studies

(includes the Graduate School of Political Management)

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

(includes the School of Media and Public Affairs and the School of Public Policy and Public Administration)

Elliott School of International Affairs

Graduate School of Education and Human Development

School of Business

School of Engineering and Applied Science

The following schools and programs have separate applications. To apply, please contact them directly for an admissions packet.

Elliott School of International Affairs certificate programs: 202-994-7050

Law School: 202-994-7230

School of Medicine and Health Sciences:

M.D. program: 202-994-3506

Health Sciences programs: 202-994-8528

School of Public Health and Health Services: 202-994-2160

The application and all other required materials need thoughtful preparation. **Before starting the application, you must review the specific requirements of the school and program for which you wish to apply.** This information is provided under the school guidelines.

To prevent delays in processing your application, all materials (with the exception of official test scores) that are not submitted online should be mailed to the appropriate admissions office in one envelope. **Applications will not be reviewed until they are complete.**

All applications and supporting documents become the property of The George Washington University and cannot be returned. Original materials must be submitted; facsimile copies will not be accepted. The George Washington University considers applicant information records to be confidential.

Required Application Materials

The following materials are required for all applicants. Some schools or programs require different numbers of recommendations or transcripts, and some require supplemental materials. For specific information on the requirements of your program, please refer to the appropriate school guidelines.

A non-refundable application fee of \$60

The application fee may be submitted by either check or money order, made payable to The George Washington University. Cash will not be accepted, and credit card payment is accepted only from applicants submitting an online application. This fee is waived *only* for the following applicants:

- GW graduates
- Current degree or graduate certificate candidates at GW
- Current McNair Program Scholars (*a completed Certification of McNair Program Participation and Request for Admission Application Fee Waiver form must be included with your application*)

A completed and signed application form

Official or certified copies of academic records

These are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes. If academic records are in a language other than English, a certified English translation must be provided. Translations alone will not be accepted.

Applicants who previously applied to or attended The George Washington University must also provide transcripts for non-GW institutions, even if these materials had been submitted as part of an earlier application.

Statement of Purpose

Your statement should follow the length and content requirements described under the guidelines for the school and program to which you are applying.

Recommendations

Check the school guidelines for the specific number and type of recommendations required. Recommendations submitted by paper should be returned in sealed envelopes along with your application. As a courtesy, we suggest you provide each person with a stamped envelope pre-addressed to you. It's also a good idea to distribute the forms at least a month in advance to make sure you receive the recommendations before the application deadline.

Standardized test scores

Scores from standardized tests, such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), are required or preferred by most graduate programs. Have the appropriate official score reports sent directly to GW. **The GRE code for the University is 5246; codes for other tests are provided under each school's guidelines.** Tests should be taken early enough to allow scores to reach the admissions office before the application deadline. Please refer to the school guidelines to determine which scores are required or preferred by your program. Test scores that are more than five years old are generally not accepted for admissions review. Scores from Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) may not be more than two years old.

Applicants who previously applied to or attended The George Washington University must provide official copies of score reports, even if these reports have been submitted as part of an earlier application.

Admissions Deadlines

Listed below are the general deadlines for receiving completed admission applications. A number of programs within the schools have earlier or different deadlines. These are noted under the specific program in the appropriate school's guidelines. The school guidelines also indicate the semesters in which admission is offered. Note: If a deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday or a GW holiday, applications will be accepted the next business day.

Later applications will be considered for admission and financial assistance if space and awards are available.

	Fall	Spring	Summer
UNIVERSITY DEADLINES			
Doctoral programs (Ph.D., Ed.D., and D.Sc.)	Jan. 15	Sept. 1*	*
Fellowship/assistantship applicants	Jan. 15	Sept. 1	n/a
Applicants requiring a visa from GW	Jan. 15	Sept. 1	*
SCHOOL DEADLINES for admission to master's and graduate certificate programs			
Columbian College of Arts & Sciences	Apr. 1	Oct. 1	Mar. 1
College of Professional Studies	Apr. 1	Oct. 1	Mar. 1
Elliott School of International Affairs	Feb. 1	*	n/a
Graduate School of Education & Human Development	Apr. 1	Oct. 1	Mar. 1
School of Business			
M.B.A. applicants: Full-time	May 1	n/a	n/a
Part-time	May 15	Nov. 15	n/a
Executive	June 30	n/a	n/a
All other master's and certificate applicants	May 1	Nov. 15	Mar. 1
School of Engineering and Applied Science	May 1	Oct. 1	Mar. 1

* Please note the following possible exceptions:

Elliott School of International Affairs: A limited number of programs accept spring applicants. To confirm whether a program in the Elliott School of International Affairs accepts applications for the spring, contact the school's admissions office.

Graduate School of Education and Human Development: Doctoral applicants to the off-campus Ed.D. programs can apply for summer, with a March 1 deadline. Also, a limited number of programs accept summer applications from international applicants. To confirm whether a Graduate School of Education and Human Development program admits international applicants for the summer session and to determine deadline dates, contact the school's admissions office.

School of Business: Applications to the doctoral program are **not** accepted for spring.

School of Engineering and Applied Science: A limited number of doctoral applicants are accepted for the summer. Please contact the school's admissions office for details.

Although you should make every effort to meet the admission application deadline, we know that some applicants will decide to attend graduate school after the stated deadlines. If this occurs, discuss your situation with the graduate admission director for your school. There may still be space available in your program. If not, you may use the forms in this booklet to apply now for the next semester in which your program begins.

Submitting Your Application

As GW's admissions process is decentralized, all application materials must be submitted directly to the school to which you are applying.

When you're ready to send in your application packet, please check to make sure you have provided all required documents. When mailing materials, please be sure to put "Office of Graduate Admissions" and the name of the school on the front of the envelope, along with your return address.

Admissions Criteria and Decisions

Specific admission criteria for schools and programs are listed in the *Graduate Programs Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* is available online at www.gwu.edu/~bulletin.

To be considered for admission, applicants should have academic backgrounds of excellence and hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning. Criteria and standards for admission vary by school and program. Many departments set higher admission standards, and the number of spaces available for new graduate students is limited. Admissions decisions are based on an evaluation of all components of the application, although not all are given equal weight in the decision-making process.

Be aware that graduate courses taken prior to admission while in nondegree status may not be used in assessing admissibility to degree programs.

For most programs, the University has a rolling admissions system: applications are evaluated as soon as they are complete. However, the Elliott School and some programs in Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education and Human Development process all applications after the admission deadlines. Processing an application usually takes four to six weeks.

Offers of admission are valid for the semester stated in the admissions letter. Anyone wishing to postpone attendance to graduate school must notify the appropriate admissions office, in writing, of this intent. The policies regarding deferment of attendance vary by school, and you must adhere to the policy of the school to which you've been admitted.

Instructions for checking the status of your submitted application are provided at:

www.gwu.edu/~gradinfo/Admission_appstatus.cfm

International Applicants

Helpful information and resources for international applicants, as well as supplemental application guidelines and forms, are provided at www.gwu.edu/gradinfo, under the *International Applicants* section. Please review those materials for information on additional required documents and test scores. For instance, an original certified English translation must be provided for any documents submitted in a language other than English, and applicants whose native language is not English must meet the English language requirements.

IF YOU WILL REQUIRE AN I-20 OR DS-2019 from The George Washington University, you will need to complete the Visa Request and Financial Certificate form and provide supplemental documents as detailed on the form. The deadline for submission of these materials and all other required application documents is January 16 for fall admission and September 1 for spring admission.

Tuition, Fees, and Living Costs

On-campus tuition and fees for the 2007–2008 academic year are listed below. These charges may vary by school, program, and location and can be expected to increase in subsequent years. A complete list of current on- and off-campus tuition and fees are available online at www.gwu.edu/gradinfo/Grad_tuition.cfm.

Tuition	\$1,012 per credit hour
Student Association Fee	\$1 per credit hour (to a maximum of \$15 per semester)
Elliott School Fee	\$900 per semester for four semesters (for Elliott School M.A. students) \$1,800 per semester additional for the first two semesters (for Elliott School M.I.P.P. students)

The following figures are provided to help you accurately estimate your expenses while attending GW. They are based on a nine-month academic year of full-time study and represent anticipated average expenditures for a twelve-month period.

Living Expenses	\$16,790 (food, housing, utilities)
Other	\$2,280 (books, supplies, health insurance)

Housing

Limited University housing is available to graduate students. Links for information on on- and off-campus housing options are provided online at www.gwu.edu/gradinfo, under *Student Resources*.

Visiting the GW Campus

Tours of the main (Foggy Bottom) campus are offered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:30 pm. Tours begin at the Office of Graduate Student Enrollment Management (2121 Eye Street, NW, Suite 603) and are usually conducted by current graduate students. For more information and to register for a tour, please visit www.gwu.edu/gradinfo.

University Information

General University Information

GW Home Page: www.gwu.edu

Graduate Admissions Home Page: www.gwu.edu/gradinfo
(includes the online application and a searchable database of all GW graduate programs)

University Bulletins: www.gwu.edu/~bulletin

Class Schedules: www.gwu.edu/~schedule

Graduate Student Resources

Graduate Student Enrollment Management: www.gwu.edu/gradinfo

Office of Graduate Student Support: www.gwu.edu/~fellows

Office of Grad Life: gradlife.gwu.edu

Schools

College of Professional Studies: www.cps.gwu.edu/

Graduate School of Political Management: www.gwu.edu/~gsprm

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences: columbian.gwu.edu

School of Media and Public Affairs: smpa.gwu.edu

School of Public Policy and Public Administration: www.gwu.edu/~spppa

Elliott School of International Affairs: www.gwu.edu/~elliott

Graduate School of Education and Human Development: gsehd.gwu.edu

Law School: www.law.gwu.edu

School of Business: www.business.gwu.edu

School of Engineering and Applied Science: www.seas.gwu.edu

School of Medicine and Health Sciences: www.gwumc.edu/smhs

School of Public Health and Health Services: www.gwumc.edu/sphhs

Additional GW Programs

GW Graduate Programs Near You: www.gwu.edu/GWnearyou

Virginia Campus: www.gwvirginia.gwu.edu

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the application form, the admissions process, or application deadlines, contact the admissions office to which you are applying. Complete contact information, including office hours, is listed at the top of the school guidelines.