

2009-2010 ADMISSION GUIDE FOR GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

GRADUATE & INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS • THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

The University of Tennessee is the official land-grant institution for the State of Tennessee. It is a comprehensive institution offering a wide range of graduate and undergraduate programs leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. More than 5600 graduate and professional students are enrolled both on and off campus. Undergraduate enrollment is approximately 21,000. The University welcomes applications for admission from all countries and encourages students to examine and compare the many educational opportunities available at the University of Tennessee. For more information, visit our website at:

<http://admissions.utk.edu/graduate>
and browse the Graduate Catalog at:
<http://catalog.utk.edu/index.php?catid=2>

ADMISSION CALENDAR

The following deadlines are critical for the success of your application. Many departments have early application deadlines, so please check with the department to which you intend to apply for more information. Pay close attention to the following deadlines:

| FOR ENTRY | FALL | SPRING |
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| Submission of application and Supporting Documents | Feb. 1 | June 15 |
| Admission Decision* | May 15 | Oct. 1 |

* All of your official documents including complete transcripts, degree certificate/diploma, and financial documents must be received before this date.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

US degree holders must have earned a minimum 2.7 out of a possible 4.0 GPA or a minimum of 3.0 during the senior year of undergraduate study. Applicants with previous graduate work must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or equivalent on all graduate work. Individuals with degrees from foreign institutions must have earned a minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on all undergraduate work and a minimum of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale on all graduate work.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Applicants whose native language is not English are required to take and pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Passing marks are 550, 213, 80, and 6.5 for paper-based, computer-based, internet-based (iBT) TOEFL, and IELTS respectively. Official scores must be received directly from the appropriate testing service.

The University of Tennessee's score reporting code for TOEFL is 1843. The score must not be older than two years. Applicants who have received a degree from an accredited US institution in the past two years are exempt from the TOEFL or IELTS requirement.

TOEFL information may be obtained from: www.toefl.org
IELTS information may be obtained from: www.ielts.org

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for admission, an international applicant must submit the following items 1-5 directly to:

Office of Graduate and International Admissions
201 Student Services Building
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN 37996-0221 USA

1. Completed Application for Admission Form using your name as it appears on your passport. Indicate any other names that may appear on other official documents.
2. \$35 non-refundable application fee. Payment should be made in US dollars by either a cashier's check, money order, or a personal check payable to the University of Tennessee. If payment is by personal check, the check must be drawn on a US bank to be honored in US currency. Checks drawn on overseas banks are not accepted. International money orders are suggested. If the fee is not attached, the application will not be processed.
3. Official transcripts and degree certificate/diploma. If your academic documents are not in English, they must be accompanied by a certified translation. Notarized copies are not considered official.
4. GRE or GMAT scores must be officially reported by the testing organization.
5. Documented evidence of financial resources sufficient to support the student for 12 months of study. If applying online, the form will be emailed to you with your confirmation. Otherwise this form is available on our website at <http://admissions.utk.edu/graduate>.

Submit item 6 directly to the program to which you are applying.

6. Additional program requirements such as a departmental application form, reference letters, or rating forms. Contact the program directly for information about additional requirements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Office of Graduate and International Admissions offers official admission to graduate applicants to the university. Your admission is not complete until you receive notification from this office. Notices concerning admission that do not come from the Office of Graduate and International Admissions do not imply official admission to the university.

Applications will be considered only after receiving all official documents and required test scores.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the Office of Graduate and International Admissions has received all materials. For inquiries, please email: graduateadmissions@utk.edu.

Once received, all application materials become the property of the university and will not be returned.

Federal regulations require that information about applicants must not be released to individuals or third parties without the written consent of the applicant.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Costs

Before admission can be completed, applicants must document availability of sufficient funds for the first 12 months of studies. The amount required for the 2009-2010 year is \$33,463.00 and is subject to change.

2009 - 2010 Estimate of Expenses

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Tuition & Fees | \$22,963.00 |
| Living Expenses | \$10,500.00 |
| Grand Total | \$33,463.00 |

Assistantships

Scholarships in the forms of Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTA), Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA) and Graduate Assistantships (GA) are awarded on a competitive basis through many departments and colleges. Full assistantship generally covers the tuition cost, and offers a monthly stipend. For information, please contact the academic department directly.

CONTACTS:

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The Graduate School
111 Student Services Building
Knoxville, TN 37996-0211
(865) 974-2475 / (865) 946-1090 FAX
web address: <http://gradschool.utk.edu>
Email: gradschool@utk.edu

Center for International Education
1620 Melrose Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37996-3531
(865) 974-3177 / (865) 974-2985 FAX
web address: <http://www.utk.edu/~globe>
email: cie@utk.edu

English Language Institute
907 Mountcastle Street
Knoxville, TN 37996-4530
Phone: (865) 974-3404 / (865) 974-6383 FAX
web address: <http://www.outreach.utk.edu/ELI>
Email: eli@tennessee.edu

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