Application for Admission

Potential students may apply through our on-line application process which can be accessed from the Graduate Studies website (http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/apply/).

Please check with the specific program of interest for application date deadlines. The applicant is responsible for assembling all relevant documentation (see below) and any additional program-specific application materials (outlined on the program-specific website). In order to be considered for admission to graduate studies, the applicant must submit all required admission documents to the student information system (WebAdvisor) to complete the applicant process.

Transcripts: Applicants are required to submit through WebAdvisor a copy of their transcripts for each previous undergraduate and graduate program from each postsecondary institution attended. Should the applicant be offered conditional acceptance to a program, a certified official transcript from any and all postsecondary institutions attended must be submitted by the first day of class of the semester in which the program at the University of Guelph is started. Applicants from institutions where only one official transcript/degree certificate is provided should contact the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies before submitting the application.

Referee Assessment Forms: Assessment forms must be submitted by at least two individuals who are well acquainted with the applicant’s academic record, and academic and research aptitude, capacity and proficiency. Academic references are preferred, but former employers are also acceptable referees. Referees will be contacted via email by the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies requesting the reference on the behalf of the applicant after the application is submitted.

English Proficiency: Courses at the University of Guelph are completed in approximately 12 weeks. Students therefore must be proficient in the use of English, both written and oral, when they begin their studies at Guelph. The university requires that certification of such proficiency be provided by applicants whose first language is not English.

Examples of acceptable assessment of proficiency include official scores or results from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of the Educational Testing Service, the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB), Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE-A) and the Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) assessment. The minimum overall scores are 89 with no individual component below 21 for Internet Based TOEFL, 6.5 for IELTS, 85 for MELAB, an overall score of 60 with a minimum score of 60 in each of the 4 categories for PTE-A and 70 for CAEL (these minimum acceptable scores are subject to change). Applicants should make arrangements to take one of these tests at least nine months before the first day of the semester. Other forms of proficiency assessment may apply in individual cases; please contact the admitting department or program for additional information.

Applicants may choose to enrol in the University of Guelph’s English Language Certificate Program (ELCP) which is offered through the University of Guelph’s Open Learning and Educational Support. Applicants who complete the advanced level of this program are considered to have fulfilled the English language requirements and are eligible to apply to a graduate program at the University of Guelph.