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## Graduate Studies Information for International Applicants

### Important Information

International students interested in pursuing Graduate Studies are required to begin the application process **9-12 months** before they wish to start the program.

### Check Your Equivalency

Learn more about your educational equivalency using Guelph's International Credential Guidelines:  
[www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/graduatestudies/index.cfm?app=credguide](http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/graduatestudies/index.cfm?app=credguide)

### Visa/Funding Letter Requirement

International students will receive a letter with their offer of admission to satisfy their governments' requirements for visa and/or scholarship information.

The University of Guelph is one of Canada's most research-intensive institutions and at the forefront of learner-centred education. Founded in 1964, University of Guelph strives to be Canada's leader in creating, communicating and applying knowledge to improve the cultural and economic quality of life of people in Canada and around the world. With over 90 graduate programs, students have access to programs ranging from the natural and physical sciences to engineering, social sciences, humanities, business, art, agriculture and veterinary science.

### How Do I apply to Graduate Studies?

1. **Choose** a graduate program(s) related to your research interests;
2. **Visit** the department website of the program(s) you are interested in;
3. **Review** minimum admission requirements & application deadlines for the program(s);
4. **Determine** whether or not the program requires you to make contact with a faculty member before applying to the University;

#### Tips for finding a faculty member:

- review the list of faculty in the program (on the department website);
  - choose a faculty member (or two) you are interested in working with;
  - send an email to the faculty member(s) and include information about:
    - your interest in their research,
    - the type of research you are interested in and your experience with this research,
    - your educational experience (including grade average) in the last two years of study,
    - your English proficiency and your plans to improve your English ability if necessary.
5. **Meet** the English proficiency requirements for the University of Guelph;

If your first language is not English, you are required to submit the results of a standardized language test. Please see chart below for acceptable tests and required scores.

Test	Minimum Overall Score
<b>University of Guelph English Language Certificate</b>	Advanced Level
Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)	60
International English Language Testing System (Academic Test) (IELTS)	6.5
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	85
Pearson Test of English-Academic (PTE-A) (with no score less than 60 in the individual components)	60
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - Paper Based Test (PBT) - Internet Based Test (IBT)	550 89
Note: A minimum score of 21 must be achieved in each of the four categories (listening, speaking, reading, writing)	

Please note: Some departments may require a higher English Proficiency score. Review departmental requirements for specific information.



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### Graduate Programs

Animal & Poultry Science MSc, PhD  
 Applied Nutrition MAN  
 Art & Visual Culture MA  
 Bioinformatics MSc, MBIoInf., GDip.  
 Biomedical Sciences MSc, MBS, PhD, DVSc  
 Biophysics MSc, PhD  
 Business Administration MBA  
 - Food & Agribusiness Management  
 - Hospitality & Tourism Management  
 Capacity Development & Extension MSc  
 Chemistry MSc, DVSc, GDip.  
 Clinical Studies MSc, MCS, DVSc, GDip.  
 Computer Science MSc, PhD  
 Creative Writing MFA  
 Criminology & Criminal Justice Policy MA  
 Economics MA, PhD  
 Engineering MEng, MASC, PhD  
 Engineering Design of Sustainable Water Resource Systems GDip.  
 Modeling Applications in Water Resources Engineering GDip.  
 English MA  
 Environmental Science MSc, MES, PhD  
 European Studies MA  
 Family Relations & Applied Nutrition MSc, PhD  
 Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics MSc, PhD  
 Food Safety & Quality Assurance MSc, GDip.  
 Food Science MSc, PhD  
 French Studies MA  
 Geography MA, MSc, PhD  
 History MA, PhD  
 Human Health & Nutritional Sciences MSc, PhD  
 Integrative Biology MSc, PhD  
 International Development Studies\* MA, MSc, PhD  
 Landscape Architecture MLA  
 Latin American & Caribbean Studies MA  
 Leadership Studies MA (Leadership)  
 Literary Studies/Theatre Studies in English PhD  
 Management PhD  
 Market Research GDip.  
 Marketing & Consumer Studies MSc  
 Mathematics & Statistics MSc, PhD  
 Molecular & Cellular Biology MSc, PhD  
 Neuroscience\* MSc, PhD\*  
 Pathobiology MSc, PhD, DVSc, GDip.  
 Philosophy MA, PhD  
 Physics MSc, PhD  
 Plant Agriculture MSc, PhD  
 Political Science MA, PhD  
 Population Medicine MSc, PhD, DVSc  
 Psychology MA, MSc, PhD  
 Public Health MPH, GDip.  
 Public Issues Anthropology MA  
 Rural Planning & Development MSc (Planning), MPlan  
 Rural Studies PhD  
 Sociology MA, PhD  
 Studio Art MFA  
 Theatre Studies MA  
 Toxicology\* MSc, PhD  
 Veterinary Science DVSc

**English Language Certificate Program:** University of Guelph offers an English language program for international students who wish to apply to graduate studies. Successful completion of the Advanced Level of this English Language Certificate Program meets the English language proficiency requirements for admission to graduate studies. For more information please visit: [www.eslguelph.ca](http://www.eslguelph.ca) or contact ESL student admissions at: 519-824-4120 ext. 56463.

#### 6. Apply Online at: <http://horizon.ouac.on.ca/guelph/grad>

- create an online account;
- the application process will take approximately 40-60 minutes to complete;
- the application fee is \$100 [\$150 for MBA or MA (Leadership)];
- the non-refundable application payment can be made by: Internet or telephone bill payment services, credit card (Visa or Master Card), cheque or money order;
- you will be asked to print a copy of the application, please include this copy in your application package;
- applicants are required to submit 2-3 referee forms (this document is provided electronically in the application. It can be emailed or mailed to referees, but must be mailed back to the applicant in a sealed envelope and included in the application package to the department).

#### 7. Arrange & Collect Documents

- a copy of the printed Online application;
- official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) and translated into English;
- two or three hard copy reference letters (review program requirements);
- any other program specific requirements (i.e. portfolio);
- obtain a Study Permit (student visa if necessary).

#### 8. Mail the package of documents directly to the department.

Thank you for your interest in the University of Guelph. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require further information.

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\* Collaborative programs: students can add a collaborative program to their departmental degree (collaborative programs are not stand alone programs).