

APPLICATION FOR THE Ph.D. PROGRAM

ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN AND TO THE SCHOOL OF INFORMATION

Admission to The University of Texas at Austin is under the direction of the Registrar and Director of Admissions. Admission to the program for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the School of Information (iSchool) is subject further to the recommendation of the iSchool Doctoral Studies Committee and to the approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Incoming students are expected to have a solid educational background that prepares them for their doctoral study. The elements of that background may vary depending on the area of research to be pursued and its associated methodology. Applicants who are admitted without this background may be asked to take additional coursework as part of their doctoral studies in order to develop such a foundation.

For regular admission to doctoral study, you must have a grade-point-average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in all upper-division (junior- and senior- level) and graduate-level course work that you have attempted, and you should have a high score on the Verbal and Quantitative Aptitude portions of the Graduate Record Examinations General Test. An applicant who fails to meet regular admission requirements may be eligible for admission under special conditions.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In applying for admission to the School of Information, you must actually file two different application forms: one to the iSchool itself, and one to the UT-Austin Admissions Office for admission to the Graduate School of the University. The School of Information is an academic program within the Graduate School.

To apply for admission to the School of Information program leading to the degree of Ph.D. in Information Studies, you must take the necessary steps to ensure that

The Office of Admissions
The University of Texas
P.O. Box 7608
Austin, TX 78713-7608

will receive, by the appropriate deadline, the following items:

1. Your completed formal electronic Application for Admission to Graduate Study at The University of Texas at Austin. If you are not a citizen of the

United States, you must send a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 (payable to the University of Texas at Austin) with your Application for Undergraduate & Graduate Admission – Students from Other Countries to cover the cost of processing your application. Additional information will be required by the University’s International Office.

2. Two official copies (e.g., copies bearing an official seal form the registrar) of transcripts of the undergraduate and graduate work you have done at every senior college you have attended. You must request those transcripts form the registrar of each institution.

3. A copy of the report on your Graduate Record Examinations General Test (the GRE) from the Educational Testing Service (ETS), sent directly to the Office of Admissions. If you are an international student whose native language is not English, you also must submit to the Office of Admissions a report of your score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (the TOEFL) form ETS. **PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR SCORE ON EITHER THE GRE OR TOEFL IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FROM ETS, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE TEST AGAIN.**

After all the above credentials have been collected by the Office of Admissions, your application papers will be forwarded to the Graduate School of The University and then to the iSchool for consideration.

Application Deadlines

	U.S. Citizen	Foreign Applicants
Fall Semester		
Priority Deadline	November 15	November 15
Departmental Deadline	November 15	November 15

* You are encouraged to apply early in order to receive an early decision on your application.

In addition to the foregoing items, you are asked to submit the attached Application for Admission to Doctoral Study form directly to

Coordinator, Doctoral Studies Program
 School of Information
 The University of Texas at Austin
 1616 Guadalupe, Ste 5.202
 Austin, TX 78701-1213

The recommendation forms that are attached to the application should be given or mailed to the references whom you list on page 6 of the application. Please ask your references to send the forms directly to the iSchool, not to you .

You will be notified of a decision on your application shortly after the Doctoral Program committee has reviewed all application materials.

Career Service

The School of Information has an active Career Service department. The Director of Career Services will be happy to discuss placement matters with you before or after your admission to the School. While the School cannot guarantee that you will obtain a position, the Career Service Office has a variety of services available to help not only students and new graduates, but also experienced alumni, find jobs suited to their aptitudes and interests.

Personal Data Sheet

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Other surnames used if any _____ Citizenship: _____

UT EID _____ E-mail address _____

Semester and year you wish to enter? _____

Interested in financial awards/scholarships? _____

Permanent Address

Present Address

Phone number _____

Phone Number _____

Work Number _____

Texas Resident _____

Nonresident _____

GRE Scores

Verbal _____

Quantitative _____

V+Q _____

If you have not taken the GRE, on what date do you plan to take it? _____

TOEFL Score (International students only) _____

Letters of recommendation

Please list the names of the people from whom you will request recommendations.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Materials received:

Program application _____

Personal Statement _____

Letter of recommendations _____

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDY

UT EID _____ Date _____

Name in full (Mr. or Ms.) _____

Permanent
Address _____

(Number and Street)

(City, State, ZIP Code)

() _____
(Telephone No. with Area Code)

Present
Address _____

(Number and street)

(City, State, ZIP Code)

() _____
(Telephone No. and Area Code)

Date of Birth _____ Country of which you are a citizen _____

When do you wish to enter? _____ (Please see page 2 of this application form for appropriate application deadlines.)

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY RECORD

Include undergraduate and graduate work here in chronological order

Name of Institution	Inclusive dates	Degree(s) if any and date awarded

List here study of any kind not mentioned above:

Undergraduate
Major Subject _____

Graduate
Major Subject _____

Minor Subject(s) _____

Minor Subject(s) _____

Estimate of GPA in all upper-division courses _____

in all post-bachelor's study _____

If you have taken the GRE, please state your scores on the Aptitude tests: Verbal ____;
Quantitative ____; Analytical _____. If you have not yet taken the GRE, please
indicate when you plan to do so _____.

Please indicate below your familiarity, if any, with languages other than English and with
computer languages.

LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE

Foreign Language	Can Read	Can Write	Can Speak

Computer Language	Can Read Programs	Can Write Programs With Frequent Use of Reference Manual	Can Write With Occasional Use of Reference Manual

What positions have you held? (Please list in chronological order.)

Institution or Organization	Location	Type of Work	Dates of Employment

Military service: give inclusive dates, branch of service, foreign service, etc...

From whom have you requested references? Please list three persons and their complete addresses. These should be selected with care and should include educators and employers who can attest to your professional development and research aptitude.

1.

2.

3.

List below your publications or any other evidence of your research, creative activities, of other scholarly efforts. Please give complete citations. If available, examples of your published or other written work should be submitted.

Please state (in one to two pages) your long-range career objectives and your reasons for pursuing a doctoral degree. Please explain why you want a Ph.D. in information studies in particular and why you want to study at the University of Texas at Austin. Please be as specific as possible.

Please characterize (in approximately two pages) your research interests. In writing this statement, your goal should not be to state some specific research project that you intend to pursue in a Ph.D. program, but rather to discuss what aspects of the idea of research in library and information science are meaningful to you. You may want to include discussion of original research you have done in previous graduate study.