

ATMOSPHERIC AND OCEANIC SCIENCES: RESEARCH PROGRAM, MS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program’s admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program’s website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 1
Spring Deadline	October 12
Summer Deadline	January 1
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required but may be considered if available.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

Supplemental form indicating research areas and advisor preferences required.

Overall, our criteria for admissions is holistic and we generally favor high quality applicants who have:

- Evidence of interest in meteorological, climate, ocean, and/or remote sensing research
- Sufficient background in prerequisite courses to be successful in ATM OCN courses and research, regardless of academic major
- Interests that match interests of current faculty seeking students

- Prior experience in research through thesis work, practicum courses, internships, summer research experiences, presentation/publication, etc...
- Received nationally competitive or University-wide awards or fellowships (e.g., NSF GFRP)
- Evidence of solid written and oral English and scientific communication skills
- GPA, GRE, and English proficiency test scores reflective of academic strength
- Ability to enhance the academic, geographic, gender, ethnic, economic, or cultural diversity of our department, especially for underrepresented groups

Applications submitted by the above deadline are given highest consideration for fall semester admission. Spring semester admission is also possible, but less common. All applicants are assessed and ranked by an admissions committee chaired by the Graduate Program Chair. Admission priority is given to the highest ranked applicants who best meet our application criteria (usually ~25-30% for domestic applicants). International applications are not admitted without a source of funding (assistantship, fellowship, or personal) and advisor directly identified.

An offer of admission for fall, typically made in February or early March, does not guarantee funding. Assistantship and internal fellowship decisions are made jointly by the admissions committee and the faculty or group providing the funding in a separate process, with decisions made typically by March-April. You will be notified if funding for you becomes available. Typically, we are able to fund approximately 8-10 students a year, primarily by research assistantship. We do not typically provide teaching assistantships to incoming students. The department discourages self-funding of PhD degrees, but will allow it for MS. For fall admission, you will have until April 15 to accept or reject any offers of admission or funding.