

GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, PHD

ADMISSIONS

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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	December 15
Spring Deadline	September 1
Summer Deadline	December 15
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
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

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the Graduate School's admission requirements (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>) to be considered for admission. Departmental admission is by committee review. Applications submitted after the fall deadline through March 15 will be reviewed if complete and will be considered for admission by the program if space is still available. To check if space is available, please email: glegradadmission@engr.wisc.edu.

In addition, applicants must also meet the department's requirements listed below to be considered for admission:

Grades

A minimum undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on the equivalent of the last 60 semester hours (approximately two years of work) or a master's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA

of 3.00 is required. Applicants from an international institution must demonstrate strong academic achievement comparable to a 3.00 for an undergraduate or master's degree. The Graduate School will use your institution's grading scale. Do not convert your grades to a 4.00 scale.

Degree

A bachelor's degree from an ABET-accredited engineering program or from a recognized international institution is preferred or bachelor's degree in physical sciences. Admission to the program requires approval of the admissions committee.

Funding

Funded offers for MS (research) and PhD students, in the form of research assistantships, project assistantships, and/or teaching assistantships come directly from individual faculty members (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/departments/civil-environmental-engineering/research/geological-engineering/>). Please contact interested faculty before or after you have applied to inquire about assistantship opportunities. Funding is not guaranteed with admission.

COMPLETE APPLICATION

A complete graduate application is required before an application will be reviewed by the faculty. A complete graduate application contains the following:

Graduate School Application

Applicants must submit an online application to the UW-Madison Graduate School. See Graduate School Admissions (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/>) to apply.

Statement of Purpose

Submit a statement of purpose of 1,000 words or less in the online application. This statement should cover your technical areas of interest, coursework emphasis, research experience, professional goals, faculty members you are interested in working with, and any other items relevant to your qualifications for graduate school. See the Graduate School for additional guidelines for the Statement of Purpose (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/prepare/>) (scroll to bottom of page).

Three Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation must be submitted through the online application. These letters should be from people who can judge the applicant's academic, research, and/or work performance.

See the Graduate School for FAQs (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/#FAQ>) regarding these letters.

Academic Transcripts

Upload the most recent copies of your transcripts to the online application, from each institution attended. Study abroad transcripts are not required if coursework is reflected on the degree granting university's transcript. Unofficial copies of transcripts are used for departmental review. If the applicant is recommended for admission, then the Graduate School will follow-up with instructions for official transcript submission. Please do not send transcripts or any other application materials to the Graduate School or the Department unless requested.

Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Upload your most recent resume or curriculum vitae in the online application.

English Proficiency Score

Applicants whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must provide an English proficiency test score. Scores are accepted if they are within two years of the start of the

admission term. Self-reported exam information is acceptable during departmental review; however, if you are recommended for admission, official test scores must be sent directly to the Graduate School from the testing body. See Graduate School Admission Requirements (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>) for more information on the English proficiency requirement. (NOTE: TOEFL scores may be sent electronically via ETS using institution code 1846)

Application Fee

A one-time application fee is required. See the Graduate School frequently asked questions (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/#FAQ>) for fee information. Fee grants are offered by the Graduate School on a limited basis and under certain conditions, as outlined here (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/fee-grant/>). The department does not offer an application fee waiver due to the large volume of applications received. However, if you are working with a specific faculty member, then they may offer you a fee voucher.