Admissions and Finances

Admissions

Graduate Admissions Office
The Graduate Affairs and Admissions Office is available to answer questions about the Krieger and Whiting Schools’ full-time graduate program application process and respond to general admissions inquiries and requests for information. Please visit grad.jhu.edu for a complete list of graduate programs offered by the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Whiting School of Engineering and for information regarding the admissions process.

General Admissions Checklist

- Application
- Application Fee ($75)
- Statement of Purpose
- Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- GRE Scores
- TOEFL or IELTS
- Samples of Work (department dependent)
- Financial Assistance
- Supplementary Application Form (department dependent)
- The online application is designed for admission to full-time graduate study in the schools of Arts and Sciences and Engineering only. Students applying to more than one program must submit separate applications. The application is available at grad.jhu.edu.
- All application documents must be provided in English. Translations of original documents will only be accepted as official if the translation is done by an authentic third party institution, such as World Education Services.

Application Policies
Accuracy is expected in all documents provided by applicants to the full-time graduate programs. Applicants for full-time graduate admission must not make inaccurate statements or material omissions on their applications, nor submit any false materials related to or in connection with seeking admission. Violation of this requirement may result in the application being rejected.

Authentication of Documents
Letters of recommendation, transcripts, publications (samples of work), test scores, and supplemental documents may be traced back to their origin in order to establish authenticity.

Documents uploaded into the online application are verified through TurnItIn for Admissions. For more information, please visit: turnitin.com (http://turnitin.com).

If a violation is discovered after an applicant has been admitted but prior to matriculation, admission may be rescinded. All applicants may also be subject to a background check. If a violation is discovered after a full-time graduate student has registered, the case will be reviewed by the Vice Dean of Graduate Education for the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences or the Vice Dean of Education for the Whiting School of Engineering, who will determine what action is to be taken, up to and including dismissal from the University. If the discovery occurs after a degree has been awarded, the University may revoke the degree and/or take other appropriate action.

Applications and supporting documents for graduate admissions to the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Whiting School of Engineering become the property of the University. The University does not return documents to applicants, nor does it forward documents to third parties. Applicants who anticipate a need for documents submitted to the University are advised to retain photocopies or to obtain duplicate copies from the originator.

Application Fee
A non-refundable fee of $75.00 is required for each application to the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Whiting School of Engineering, with the following exceptions: the departments of Civil Engineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, and the Information Security Institute charge a non-refundable $25.00 application fee. Materials Science and Engineering waives the application fee for U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Payment may be made online via Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

The application fee may be waived for applicants with documented participation in one of the following programs: Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers, Posse Foundation Alumni Network, Graduate Horizons, McNair Scholars Program, GEM, Vietnam Education Foundation, SACNAS, Choctaw/Chickasaw Scholarship Advisement Program, Baltimore Scholars Program, Leadership Alliance, UMBC Meyerhoff Program, LSAMP, and the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program. For further information please complete the Contact Form on the admissions website (grad.jhu.edu). Requests must be made prior to submitting the application.

Statement of Purpose
The statement of purpose articulates and demonstrates an applicant’s specific qualifications for a program of study. Programs are interested in an applicant’s intended course of study, why that applicant wishes to pursue that field, what research or academic experience the candidate will bring to Johns Hopkins University and finally, what that applicant’s end goal might be once their work is completed. This document is to be submitted only through the online application.

Writing Seminars M.F.A. Applicants
An M.F.A applicant’s statement of purpose should consist of a two-page (at most) introduction and critique. This statement should give admissions faculty a view to the scope and thoughtfulness of the work submitted and a sense of the student’s ability to contribute in the writing workshops.

Transcripts
All applicants are required to upload unofficial transcripts of all previous college and university study to their online ApplyYourself application. Failure to upload unofficial transcripts will result in an inability to complete and submit the online application.

In addition to uploading unofficial transcripts, all applicants are required to submit official transcripts of all college and university study in sealed envelopes, or via third party electronic distributors such as Scrip-Safe, WES, or Interfolio. Official transcripts must be...
received by the departmental admissions deadline. Please consult with your institution to see if it participates in sending electronic transcripts. All official transcripts sent electronically should be sent to graduateadmissions@jhu.edu. Mailed transcripts should be sent in their fully sealed, institutional envelopes and using the mandatory mailing label and cover sheet.

Applicants should also send a list of current courses and any other courses that will be taken before beginning graduate study at Johns Hopkins that do not appear on their transcripts.

Students applying to more than one department may request to use the same set(s) of official transcripts for each application. When mailing hard-copy official transcripts, applicants must include the mandatory cover sheet, clearly noting on the cover sheet every department and corresponding ApplyYourself PIN or ID for which they have a current application. If the transcripts are being sent electronically, via third party electronic distributors such as Scrip-Safe, WES, or Interfolio, please contact us using our online contact form and select the category ‘Application Requirements and Process’ and sub-category ‘Applying to More Than One Program’. Please note that applicants with multiple applications are still required to upload unofficial transcripts to each application separately.

Letters of Recommendation
Applicants should ask faculty members to write letters of recommendation on their behalf. The required method of delivery is for the letter to be submitted through our online application system. Some departments require two letters of recommendation, while others require three letters. Applicants should check grad.jhu.edu/admissions/apply/ for the list of which departments require two and which require three.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
Applicants are required to request recent GRE scores from ETS. Results should be sent directly to the Graduate Affairs and Admissions Office by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and must be received prior to the application deadline.

In order for the scores to be delivered successfully, the applicant must do two things. First, the correct institution code (5332) must be given to ETS when requesting the scores. Second, on the application you must enter the ETS registration number from when you took the test, not when you make the request for the scores to be sent. Entering the wrong registration number on the application it will delay posting your score to your application.

Information about the GRE General and Subject Exams are available at grad.jhu.edu/admissions/apply/ and at the ETS website ets.org/gre (http://ets.org/gre).

English Proficiency (TOEFL and IELTS)
Johns Hopkins University requires graduate students to have adequate English proficiency for their course of study. Graduate students must be able to read, speak, and write English fluently upon their arrival at the University. Successful study demands understanding oral lectures and taking comprehensive notes during lectures. Applicants whose native language is not English must submit proof of their proficiency in English before they can be offered admissions and before a visa certificate can be issued. Johns Hopkins prefers an International English Language Test System (IELTS) Academic Band Score equal to 7, or a minimum score of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based), and 100 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Results should be sent directly to the Graduate Affairs and Admissions Office by either the IELTS Global Recognition System or the Educational Testing Service (ETS) which administers TOEFL. Scores sent by applicants are not acceptable. Further information about the TOEFL and the IELTS can be found at grad.jhu.edu/admissions/apply.

Samples of Work
Some departments require each applicant to submit a sample of work, such as a paper, thesis or publication. Applicants should consult the department before submitting any documentation. Further details about departmental guidelines can be found at grad.jhu.edu/admissions/apply.

Financial Assistance
Applicants in need of financial assistance should indicate their need on the application. Federal loans and work study are available on the basis of financial need to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Interested students should go to the Student Financial Services website at jhu.edu/finaid for further information.

Mailing Instructions
Applicants are required to use the Mailing Label and Cover Sheet when submitting application materials. Using these documents as directed ensures the accurate and timely processing of admissions documents. For detailed mailing instructions, applicants should visit: grad.jhu.edu/admissions/mailing.

Frequently Asked Questions
Graduate applicants may consider reading the Frequently Asked Questions page on the graduate admissions website (grad.jhu.edu/faqs/), or completing the online Information Request Form (grad.jhu.edu) before applying to our graduate programs. The FAQs page is a helpful, self-service way of learning more about the application process, life in Baltimore and making the transition to graduate life on the Homewood campus.

Visiting and Volunteer Graduate Student Information
The schools of Arts and Sciences and Engineering recognize and appreciate the contributions of volunteers and visiting graduate students to its mission of education and research and has policies in place to enable both schools to retain and set forth requirements pertaining to volunteers and visiting graduate students. Interested applicants should visit: http://grad.jhu.edu/visitingstudent for more information.

Costs of Attendance and Financial Aid
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See http://Grad.jhu.edu/admissions/cost-financial-aid/.

Financial Aid and Student Loans
All financial aid is distributed by individual departments. Graduate students should contact their departments for information concerning aid disbursement or the availability of funds. Students are required to fill out a new FAFSA form every year if they wish to continue receiving
Financial aid. For more information on student loans and work-study opportunities, go to the Student Financial Services website (http://www.jhu.edu/finaid/grads.html) or visit their office in Garland Hall.

Fellowships

Diversity Fellowships
Johns Hopkins is a community committed to sharing values of diversity and inclusion in order to achieve and sustain excellence. We firmly believe that we can best promote excellence by recruiting and retaining a diverse group of students, faculty and staff and by creating a climate of respect that is supportive of their success. This climate for diversity, inclusion and excellence is critical to attaining the best research, scholarship, teaching, health care and other strategic goals of the Health System and the University. Taken together these values are recognized and supported fully by the Johns Hopkins Institutions leadership at all levels. Further, we recognize that the responsibility for excellence, diversity and inclusion lies with all of us at the Institutions: leadership, administration, faculty, staff and students.

See http://grad.jhu.edu/admissions/diversity/fellowships/.

WSE-Specific Graduate Fellowship Information
The Whiting School of Engineering offers a number of endowed fellowships that provide supplemental financial aid to incoming and current full-time engineering students. Full-time degree seeking graduate students are automatically considered for the fellowships. Visit this link for more information.

KSAS-Specific Graduate Fellowship Information
The Krieger School of Arts and Sciences offers an incredible array of opportunities for student researchers in the areas of natural science, social science, and humanities. Visit this link for more information.

Veterans Educational Benefits
Johns Hopkins is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the training of veterans and the widows and children of deceased veterans under the provisions of the various federal laws pertaining to veterans’ educational benefits. Information about veterans’ benefits and enrollment procedures may be obtained at web.jhu.edu/registrar/veterans.html or the Office of the Registrar, 75 Garland Hall, 410-516-7071.

Students eligible for veterans’ benefits register and pay their university bills in the same manner as nonveteran students. The Department of Veteran Affairs determines the educational benefit a veteran is eligible to receive. Veterans educational benefits payments cover only a portion of assigned course fees. To receive veterans educational benefits the student must comply with the following procedures:

Initial Enrollment
Once admitted to the university, the student must complete an Application for Program of education or Training (VA Form 22-1990) from the Department of Veteran Affairs at www.gibill.va.gov. A copy of the completed application, along with a certified copy of the DD-214, is sent to the Veterans Desk, Office of the Registrar, 75 Garland Hall, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

The student who is transferring from another university or college will need to obtain a Request for Change of Place of Training (VA Form 22-1995) from the Department of Veteran Affairs at www.gibill.va.gov. The completed form should be sent to the Veterans Desk at the university.

Re-enrollment
Students who received veterans’ benefits at the university the preceding semester and plan to enroll with no change of objective should inform the Registrar’s Office at the time of registration that they want to be recertified under the provisions of their original VA Form 22-1990.

Students receiving veterans’ benefits must take courses that lead toward the exact objective (usually a specific degree) on the original VA application. Otherwise, they must submit a Request for Change of Program (VA Form 22-1995). Students utilizing veterans’ benefits must let the registrar know immediately of any change in their program or status that might affect the amount of their VA payment. If they fail to do so, the Department of Veteran Affairs will seek reimbursement from the student for any overpayment.

Standards of Progress
Continuation of VA payments depends on the student’s meeting the university’s academic standards for all students. The student must also meet any standards of progress which may be established by VA regulations.