



DEPARTMENT OF
**Electrical and
Computer Engineering**
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Graduate Application Materials

Deadlines:

The Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison) follows a rolling admissions process, meaning applications are reviewed soon after they are complete. It is in your best interest to complete your application as soon as possible.

In order to be reviewed for admission, **all** application materials (*online application, application fee, personal statement, transcripts, exam scores, and letters of recommendation*) must be received no later than the following dates:

Enrollment Term	Application Deadline
Fall	December 15
Spring	September 15

Admission Requirements:

1. Applicants must meet the [Graduate School Admission Requirements](#).
2. An applicant must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or a comparable degree from an international institution. International applications can find specific information for their country on the [Graduate School Admission Requirements page](#). The department welcomes applications from scientific, engineering, and mathematical disciplines other than ECE.
3. **All** applicants whose undergraduate degrees are **not** from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university must submit [GRE General Test](#) scores. **All** applicants seeking financial support must submit [GRE General Test](#) scores.

Please contact the ECE Graduate Admissions Team at ece.gradadmissions@uwalumni.com or 608/265-5570 for more information.

Application Materials (must be completed online):

1. **Graduate School Application and Fee:** Applicants must submit an online application to the UW-Madison Graduate School. The online application can be found [here](#). You will also need to submit the application fee directly to the Graduate School. Once submitted online, applicants should **NOT** send in a paper copy of their application.

2. **Supplemental Application Questions:** Once you have completed the online application, you will also need to complete the supplemental application required by the Electrical Engineering program. While completing the supplemental application you will be asked to upload a transcript from each post-secondary institution you have attended. Although not required, uploading your transcript is **very** strongly recommended. You will also have the option to upload supplemental application materials (e.g., resume, publications listing, sample publications, etc.) at this time.

3. **Statement of Purpose:** A statement of purpose for graduate study must be submitted through an applicant's online UW-Madison Graduate School application. Please be concise and limit this important document to 1,000 words. Once submitted online, applicants should **NOT** send in a paper copy of their application.

4. **Letters of Recommendation:** Three letters of recommendation must be submitted through an applicant's online UW-Madison Graduate School application. Applicants not wishing to be reviewed for financial support only need to have two letters submitted. Once submitted online, applicants should **NOT** send in paper copies of their letters.

5. **Graduate Record Examinations (GRE):** **All** applicants whose undergraduate degrees are **not** from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university must submit [GRE General Test](#) scores. **All** applicants seeking financial support must submit [GRE General Test](#) scores. Scores need to be sent directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS) using the **Institution code 1846**. **No** department code is required. GRE scores are only accepted if they are within five years of the start of the admission term. If your name, date of birth, and/or gender from your exam registration does not exactly match your graduate application to UW-Madison, please email us at ece.gradadmissions@uwalumni.com for assistance. Applicants should **NOT** send paper copies of their exam scores.

6. English Proficiency Scores (TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB):

Scores are required unless the applicant meets at least one of the following:

- English is the exclusive language of instruction at the undergraduate level; **or**
- They have earned a degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university not more than 5 years prior to the anticipated semester of enrollment; **or**
- They have completed at least two full-time semesters of graded course work, exclusive of ESL courses, in a U.S. college or university, or at an institution outside the U.S. where English is the exclusive language of instruction, not more than 5 years prior to the anticipated semester of enrollment.

English proficiency scores are accepted if they are within two years of the start of the admission term. Applicants should request that the Educational Testing Service (ETS) send their official TOEFL scores electronically to the UW-Madison (Institution Code: 1846, ***no*** department code is needed). If your name, date of birth, and/or gender from your exam registration does not exactly match your graduate application to UW-Madison, please email us at ece.gradadmissions@uwalumni.com

Enrollment Term	Oldest Accepted GRE Score	Oldest Accepted TOEFL Score
Fall 2011	September 2006	September 2009
Spring 2012	January 2007	January 2010
Fall 2012	September 2007	September 2010
Spring 2013	January 2008	January 2011
Fall 2013	September 2008	September 2011
Spring 2014	January 2009	January 2012

Application Materials (to be mailed):

1. **Transcripts:** One official transcript from each institution you have attended (undergraduate and beyond) must be mailed directly to the ECE Graduate Admissions Office. International academic records must be in the original language accompanied by an official English translation. Documents must be issued by the institution with the official seal/stamp and an official signature.

2. **IELTS Scores:** If applicable, applicants should request that IELTS mail their official scores directly to the ECE Graduate Admissions Office. Do not mail GRE or TOEFL scores.

Mailing Address:
ECE Graduate Admissions Office
2312 Engineering Hall
1415 Engineering Drive
Madison, WI, 53706

**Please write your full name, 10-digit campus ID number, and date of birth on all mailed materials!*

Do Not Mail:

- Printouts of forms that you completed and submitted online
- Copies of your Statement of Purpose
- Copies of GRE and TOEFL scores
- Copies of passports
- Copies of certificates or awards for athletic or other achievements
- Plastic covers, cases, sleeves, or bindings on documents
- Financial documents
- Any photographs not attached to your transcript by your institution

Mailing these items will result in a delay in the processing of your application.

Final Comments:

1. If you have questions regarding the application process or what is expected, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions Page](#) for answers to common questions.

2. Please **DO NOT** contact the Graduate Admissions Office to verify if your transcripts have arrived. You should monitor the status of your application by visiting the “Grad Application Status” window within your [MyUW portal](#). If you are new to UW-Madison, you will first need to activate your NetID by visiting the [NetID Account Activation site](#). You will need your 10-digit UW-Madison campus ID number and your date of birth to complete the NetID activation process.

If your transcripts have not been acknowledged in your “Grad Application Status” window **EIGHT WEEKS** after sending them, please email us at ece.gradadmissions@uwalumni.com and ask the staff to investigate further. Include your full name, 10-digit campus ID number, and date of birth in your email message.

3. If you have additional questions regarding your application, please email the admissions office at ece.gradadmissions@uwalumni.com or call 608-265-5570. Please be prepared to give your full name, 10-digit campus ID number, and date of birth.

Good Luck!

On behalf of the Electrical and Computer Engineering department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Graduate Admissions Team would like to thank you for your interest in our graduate program. We wish you the best of luck during your graduate application process!