

“Frequently Asked Questions”

(Information international applicants need most)

Application and Deadlines:

Q. How do I get into a graduate program -- what do I need to do?

You must complete the on-line web-based IUPUI graduate application and provide the supporting application materials required for the application. Please access our *Application Checklist* and read the directions to apply at the following website:

<https://et.iupui.edu/departments/ece/programs/grad/msece/applications>

Q. What is the deadline to submit my application?

Fall (August) session:

January 2: Considerations for University Fellowships, assistantships or financial aid.

May 1: Final deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documentations.

Spring (January) session:

October 1: Final deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documentations. (The University Fellowship is not available for Spring admission.)

Q. May I apply for admission for the summer session?

Admission is primarily and preferably for the fall session. Admission in the Summer session is restricted due to the limited number of graduate-level courses offered in the summer. Most students work on directed projects or specific course assignments during the summer.

Q. May I apply on-line for admission?

Paper applications are no longer used. You must fill out and submit the web-based graduate application on-line. The application fee (\$65) requires payment on-line with a valid credit card.

Application Link to apply: <https://iugraduate.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Note: once you are in the application system, to expedite the finding of our program.....from the "Add Program" page, click on "Filters", select "Campus" and "see more" then check "IUPUI", then search for "Electrical & Computer Engineering".

Q. How much time does the entire application and admission process takes?

First, we need a *complete application with all supporting materials* before processing of your application begins. Apply early. Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for the review and admission process. Once we have received all required supporting application materials, the file is presented to the graduate admissions committee for evaluation and then to the Purdue University Graduate School for final and official approval. If the review and approval process goes smoothly, within 3 to 4 weeks, you will receive notification of the admission decision.

Q. Where do I send all of my official documents?

You can upload all required documents directly to the application. Or you can Mail all application materials and supporting documents to the following address:

**ECE Graduate Programs Office
IUPUI - Purdue School of Engineering & Technology
723 West Michigan Street, SL 160
Indianapolis, IN 46202
U.S.A.**

Admission Eligibility

Q. Am I eligible to apply for graduate admission?

You are eligible to apply for admission to our graduate programs, if you have successfully completed a 4-year Bachelor's (baccalaureate) degree, or if you are studying *in the final year* of a 4-year Bachelor's degree program at an accredited university or in a program that is accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation board.

To be considered for admission, your application must meet the following requirements:

- Total grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 grading scale, or equivalent to a "B" grade or a 75% average.
- Graduate admission test requirements for GRE and TOEFL/IELTS are provided in the following section.

Graduate Admission Test Requirements

ECE Graduate Programs

ALL international applicants with a non-USA undergraduate degree applying for admission **must*** take the GRE test **AND** either the TOEFL or IELTS English proficiency tests. Applicants must also provide official scores from each test for admission. GRE test scores of more than 5 years old are not acceptable and TOEFL/IELTS scores of more than 2 years are not acceptable. (*IUPUI institution code for GRE/TOEFL/IELTS: 1325*)

****GRE/TOEFL/IELTS requirements are waived for those students who are currently in our BS/MS five (5) year program.***

When you apply for admission you can upload your GRE score report or a screen shot of your GRE scores from the ETS website into the online application. We will call the Educational Testing Service to verify your scores.

Q. What are the minimum GRE score requirements for admission to the ECE graduate program?

Our graduate admissions committees specifically look at the scores of the "Quantitative" and "Analytical Writing" sections of the GRE test. There are no set minimum GRE scores; however, your score on the Quantitative section should fall around the 75th percentile and your score for the Analytical Writing section is at least 3.0 and above. We must receive your official

GRE score report directly from the testing agency ETS. (**GRE scores more than 5 years old are not acceptable.**)

You are encouraged to go to the ETS website and use their free test prep:

https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/. You will need to be familiar with the types of questions and be able to pace yourself to finish on time. We place a greater emphasis on the quantitative score, but you also need to demonstrate strong English ability.

Q. What are the minimum TOEFL/IELTS score requirements for admission to the ECE graduate program?

IUPUI sets the minimum requirement for English proficiency of all international students where English is not the primary language of their country of origin. We accept either the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) English proficiency test.

The IUPUI minimum overall & sub-score requirements for the IELTS is an overall band score of 6.5.

Sub-score requirements:

- Writing 5.5
- Speaking 6.0
- Listening 6.0
- Reading 6.5

The IUPUI minimum overall score & sub-score requirements for TOEFL are:

- **Internet-based test (iBT):** Minimum overall total score: 80.
- Sub-score requirements:
 - Writing 18
 - Speaking 18
 - Listening 14
 - Reading 19

(TOEFL/IELTS scores more than 2 years old are not acceptable.)

Q. If my TOEFL score is above the minimum 80 requirement, for admission, am I expected to take English language proficiency classes when I come to IUPUI?

Students who are admitted with TOEFL iBT of 80-99 or IELTS of 6.5-7.0 will take the [English for Academic Purposes \(EAP\)](#) when they arrive at IUPUI, even if the TOEFL/IELTS scores achieved by the students are above the minimum requirement for admission. **This placement test must be taken regardless of TOEFL/IELTS.**

The *English for Academic Purposes (EAP)* placement test determines:

- (i) whether a student needs English language class(es) to improve proficiency, and
- (ii) the level of English class(es) the student will need to improve proficiency in the language.

If the test results show that the student has strong proficiency in the language, then the student will not be required to take additional English classes. However, if the test results show that a student requires additional English class(es), then the student must take the

required English course(s) in the first semester and complete the requirement(s) before graduation.

Financial Aid, Scholarships and University Fellowships

Q. Do you offer financial aid or scholarships?

Yes, we offer scholarships and financial aid. Full financial aid or assistantships as well as partial assistantships are offered. When we consider financial aid and scholarships, we choose students who have excellent academic records and who have strong potential to make valuable contributions to research.

The IUPUI University Fellowship is a prestigious scholarship awarded by the university and is offered only for fall (August) admission. A complete application dossier (including official GRE test scores) must be received by January 2nd to be eligible to be considered for a University Fellowship. Only the GRE test is acceptable for University Fellowships.

Q. Do you offer research assistantships or teaching assistantships?

We offer scholarships and financial assistance to selected outstanding students in the form of University Fellowships, research or graduate assistantships, teaching assistantships, or partial tuition assistantships. Research assistantship and graduate assistantship both mean the same; there is no difference between the two, except in the name. *We usually do not offer positions of teaching assistants to international graduate students in the first year.*

Q. What is full and what is partial financial assistance?

Full tuition financial assistance*: Full (100%) financial tuition assistance or full scholarship means that the program pays tuition fees, student health insurance, and monthly stipend (approximately US\$1,120-\$1,600 per month). Full financial tuition assistance is usually offered as a Research Assistantship or as a Graduate Assistantship for one academic year (Fall and/or Spring semesters). If you receive this award, it may continue for the second year, if you maintain excellent grades and if your research work is strong. The tuition financial award will be posted directly to your bursar account.

Partial tuition financial assistance*: We sometimes offer partial tuition financial assistance in the form of a full or partial waiver of tuition only fees, usually in amount of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$10,000 for one academic year. If you receive this award, you may use it to pay tuition only. The award may continue for the second year only if funds are available and if you maintain excellent grades and progress in research. The tuition financial award will be posted directly to your bursar account.

****Program and/or University related fees are not covered under this award. They are the student's responsibility.***

Q. I want to apply for financial assistance. How do I apply?

Unlike federal or private education loans, which require a formal application process, there is no formal application to be completed for financial assistance from academic departments. We will use the application and supporting documents that you submit to consider you for admission and financial aid or scholarship. Admission to the graduate programs and especially awards of financial aid are highly competitive and selective. We evaluate your application and credentials in relation to all the applications that we receive.

Q. I cannot come to IUPUI if I am not offered financial aid. Can you help me?

Every year, many students in the USA and students from all over the world seek financial aid for higher education. There is never enough funding even for the very top students. If you do not receive funding from IUPUI or from another university, you must provide funding from personal sources or from a sponsor. Do not plan to come to the USA with insufficient funds, hoping that you can work or get financial aid after you arrive. The probability of obtaining funding or additional funding after arriving in the US is quite low. The US Embassy requires proof of adequate funding as a qualification for the student visa.

Q. How will I know if I am offered financial aid?

We will notify you by email if you are offered financial assistance. If you accept the offer of financial aid, the department will send a formal letter of award or offer. Unfortunately, there is often a shortage of financial aid. In that case, we will not be able to give you an early answer to your inquiries about financial aid. Sometimes we must wait until late in the year to determine how much financial aid we can offer.