

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

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PRESENTATION FORMAT & PROGRAM INFORMATION

ASK QUESTIONS IN Q&A AND **ALL ANSWERS ARE VISIBLE IN Q&A**

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://GOGRAD.KU.EDU/PORTAL/PROG_WEBSITE](https://gograd.ku.edu/portal/prog_website)

IF UNABLE TO FIND INFORMATION OR HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, EMAIL: GRADUATEADM@KU.EDU

PREPARATION

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

- Undergraduate courses
 - Plus, any post-bachelor coursework
- GPA
- Undergraduate institution
- Research experience
- GRE
- Volunteer activities
- Tutoring/teaching experience/internship

WHAT ARE MY INTERESTS?

- Master's degree
- Doctoral degree

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

- Play to the strengths of your experiences
- Gain additional skills/experiences

FINDING A PROGRAM

- Understand the discipline
- Identify your niche
- Locate programs in your field
- Find universities that have the programs you want: consider location, funding, and format
- Talk with faculty: learn about the program, discuss research interests, is the program a good fit for you?
- Talk to students, post-docs, and graduate coordinators (graduate program staff)

Do research on the institution's website

Identify Your Coaches/Mentors

- Faculty at your institution
- Faculty from summer research program
- Supervisors
- Mentors

APPLICATION

PROCESS

Common Application Materials

- Proof of a bachelor's degree (plus any post-bachelor coursework/degrees)
- Proof of English proficiency: TOEFL, IELTS (less than two years old) or other proof defined by policy. Different institutions will have different requirements.
- Support or supplementary materials: letter of introduction/interest (personal statement), resume, letters of recommendation, writing sample, GRE scores (no more than 5 years old), etc.

COMMON ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - KU

- At least a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited US institution or foreign university with substantially equivalent bachelor's master's, or doctoral degree requirements.
- Graduate programs may require a specific GPA but there is no institution minimum.

CURRENT KU ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS*

	Full Admission (no AEC check in)	Admission Proficiency (check in at AEC)
TOEFL (iBT)*	Total 80, no part score below 20	Total 55, no part score below 13
IELTS Academic*	Total 6.5, no part score below 6.0	Total 5.5, no part score below 5.0
PTE Academic*	Total 60, no part score below 55	Total 42, no part score below 35

*Test center and online/at home

Go to <https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply> and <https://gradapply.ku.edu/english-requirements> for information on admission requirements

Programs may have higher requirements for admission

TYPICAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

PERSONAL STATEMENT (DEPARTMENT DETERMINES REQUIREMENT)

- Typically asked to include:
 - Research and/or professional interests and your experiences
 - Why the program to which you are applying is a good fit for your interests
- Have faculty read and comment
- Get help at a writing center; get feedback from fellow students
- Write. Edit. Rewrite. Finalize.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (DEPARTMENT DETERMINES REQUIREMENT)

- Purpose?
- Who should write a letter?
- How do I ask?
- Submission process
- Waive right to see? YES
- How many?

TYPICAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

GRE/GMAT (DEPARTMENT DETERMINES REQUIREMENT)

- Practice will improve your score
- Understand the structure
- Know what works for you
- Keep it in perspective

TRANSCRIPTS

- Copy of official for initial review
- Degree conferred official sent directly from institution needed for second semester of enrollment
- gradapply.ku.edu/apply

FORMS

- Complete forms online
 - Save changes
 - Go back to complete the application
 - Remember your account for checking status
- Follow the instructions
- Send transcripts
 - Double check instructions
 - Official and sealed
- Confirm receipt

TYPICAL ADMISSION PROCESS

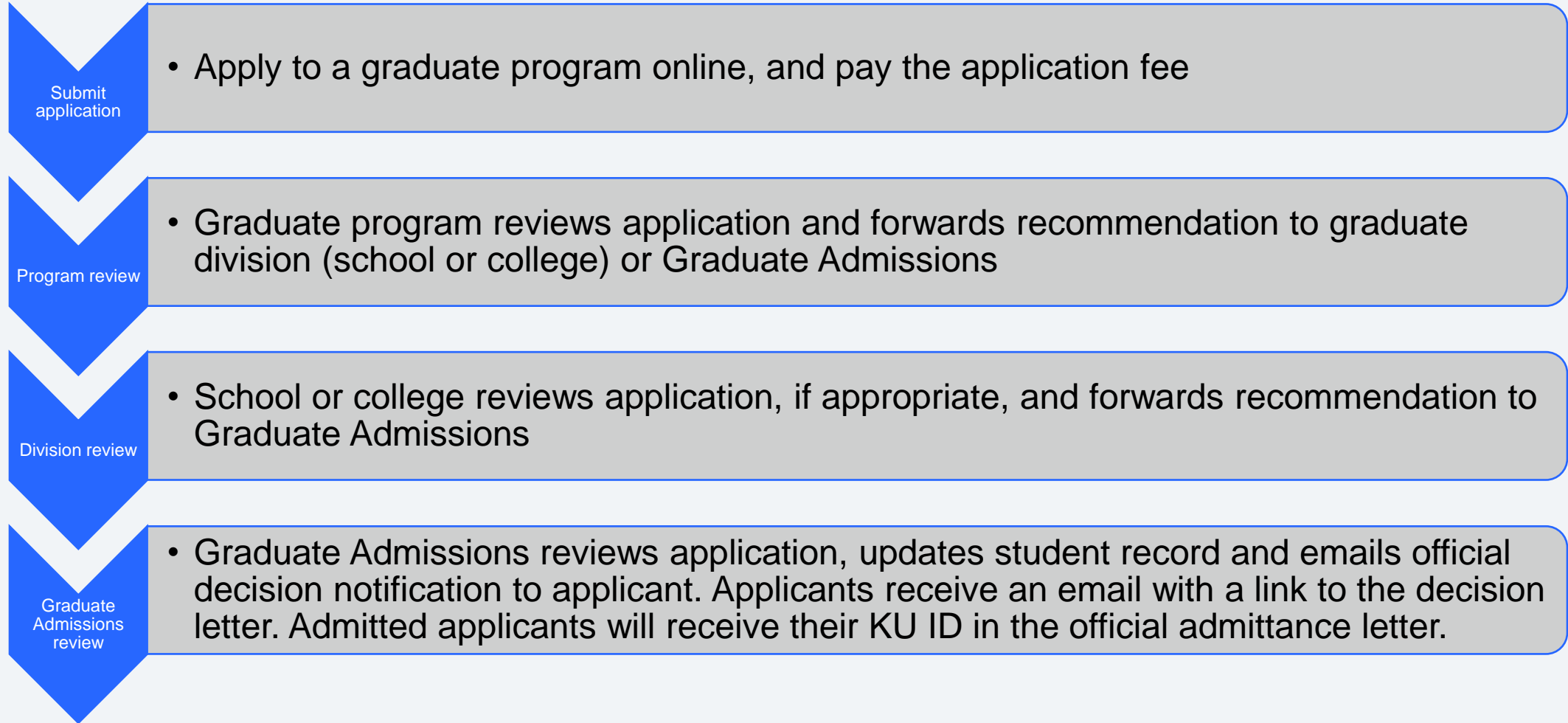
FACULTY PERSPECTIVE

- Looking for students
- More likely to speak for students they know

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEES LOOK AT THE ENTIRE PACKAGE

- Undergraduate institution
- Grades and courses
- Letters of recommendation
- Fit of research interests
- Research experience
- Professional experience

KU ADMISSION PROCESS



FINANCING YOUR DEGREE

- Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA)
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA)
- Graduate Assistantship (GA)
- Fellowships, scholarships and sponsorships
- Ask about: stipends, tuition, benefits

REMEMBER...

- Funding is different for different disciplines
- Funding is different at different universities
- Funding is related to the level of your studies
- Get it in writing

ADMISSION ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

ACCEPTANCE: TWO-PART PROCESS

- The program offers you admissions (and financial support)
- Accept or decline the offer

BEFORE YOU DECIDE

- Financial support?
- Campus visit (in-person or virtual)?
- Faculty mentors?
- Career goals?

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