

Instructions for International Applicants

The College of Engineering offers programs leading to the Master of Science (MS) and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in the fields of study listed on the Program Information Sheet. Applicants should refer to this sheet before filling out the application form. Please be sure to check everything carefully, especially the application instructions and application deadlines, before submitting your application.

PLEASE NOTE: The applicant's name on the application form must appear exactly the same as on the applicant's passport. Also, if the applicant's name on any supporting documents/credentials appears differently than on the application form, the applicant must notify the Admissions Office of the discrepancy to ensure that all documents can be successfully matched to the appropriate application.

Materials Required for Paper Application for Admission to the College of Engineering Graduate Programs

1. An application fee of \$70 payable by check or international money order in U.S. dollars. Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank. The fee cannot be refunded or waived. Applications submitted without the fee will not be considered. Please write the name and date of birth of the applicant on the check.
2. A completed Application for Admission form (3 pages) indicating major field of study and degree program desired, and area of specialization if known.
3. A personal statement.
4. A résumé, if available.
5. Two sealed letters of recommendation, in English, from faculty members in your proposed field of study who are familiar with the U.S. system of higher education (envelopes are enclosed). Please refer to the "Credentials Required" section on the first page of this application for additional information.
6. A certified official copy (not photocopy) and certified English translations of all academic records from every college or university you have attended, submitted in an envelope sealed and signed by the registrar.
7. General Record Examination (GRE) scores. Please use code 3105 to submit official scores (no department code is required). A GRE score is valid for six years. The six-year expiration date is based on January for fall applicants and October for spring applicants. For example, if an applicant is applying for Fall 2009, a GRE test taken prior to January 2003 is expired. To receive registration materials or information, contact GRE, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, NJ 08541-6000, USA; Tel: 609-771-7670; Fax: 609-771-7906; E-mail: GREinfo@ets.org; Internet: www.gre.org.
8. A completed International Student Data Form (ISDF). Please submit all four pages along with a copy of your passport. You must attach documentation of all sources of financial support as stated in the Financial Declaration portion of the ISDF. Please see the "Estimate of Expenses" for help in financial planning. The expenses generally increase by approximately 4 percent each year. This should be taken into account when preparing financial documentation. If you are currently in the United States, it is essential to include a photocopy of your current visa, passport, and other visa documents indicated on page 4 of the ISDF.
9. If your native language is not English, you must submit results for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An IELTS score of 6.0 or higher is required for admission. A TOEFL score of 550 or higher on the written exam or 213 or higher on the computer-based exam is required for admission. If a student takes the new Internet-Based Test (iBT), a total score of 84 is the required minimum total. The scores on the individual sections should be, at a minimum: Reading—21, Listening—18, Speaking—23, and Writing—22. The IELTS score will be sent directly to Boston University. Please use code 3105 to submit official TOEFL scores (no department code is required). Both exams are valid for two years. The two-year expiration date is based on January for fall applicants and October for spring applicants. For example, if an applicant is applying for September 2009, a language test taken prior to January 2007 is expired. The IELTS and TOEFL exams are administered in major centers around the world. To obtain registration information, go to the IELTS website at www.ielts.org or the TOEFL website at www.ets.org/toefl.
10. Financial Aid Application Form to apply for financial assistance. Please also check the "yes" box following the questions about financial aid on the Application for Admission to be considered for Boston University sources of financial aid available to all applicants.

The Biomedical Engineering Department does not accept applications for the spring/January semester. Financial aid such as fellowships, scholarships, and assistantships are available to international students, but awards are made on the basis of merit instead of financial need. If you wish to be considered for any of these forms of financial aid, please return the Financial Aid Application Form with your application. International applicants who want to be considered for admission and financial aid must submit their application no later than December 15 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester. For admission to the Biomedical Department (with or without financial aid consideration)

international applications must be submitted by December 15 for the fall semester.

All credentials are to be mailed directly to the College of Engineering Graduate Programs Office. International students must make arrangements for travel to and from Boston and have adequate financial resources (including tuition and living expenses) for at least one year at Boston University.

A limited number of appointments to teaching fellowships and assistantships are available to qualified international students with superior fluency in English. International students will be considered for graduate teaching fellowships only if their IELTS score is 6.5 or higher or their TOEFL score is 600 or higher on the written exam or 250

or higher on the computer-based exam, or 100 on the iBT exam and their verbal score on the general GRE is at least 450. Immigration regulations prohibit international students from accepting employment during the first year of study in the United States, unless the University offers an appointment together with admission. Information and assistance regarding governmental and other University regulations may be obtained by writing to the International Students and Scholars Office, 19 Deerfield Street, Boston, MA 02215, U.S.A. E-mail: isso@bu.edu. For further advice and assistance in seeking admission, international students are advised to consult the nearest United States Embassy, Consulate, or information center.