

How to Apply to our Graduate Program

Before applying, please read the information below.

Letters of Recommendation:

Two completed letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendations are now requested electronically through the OUAC system. **PLEASE DO NOT MAIL A COPY OF ANY REFERENCE LETTER TO YOUR REFEREES.** Please do not send copies of your reference letters in the mail via Canada Post.

There is no action required on the part of the applicant. An electronic recommendation form is automatically emailed to the referees that you indicate on your OUAC application once UWO receives your On-line Application. Your referees are directed to complete and submit the form to us via email and if the recommendation form is not received within a certain time frame they will be sent reminder emails. You will receive email notification when your referee is sent the electronic form, and once he/she has completed and submitted it to UWO. Your referee will also receive a thank-you email from UWO after submitting the form. The electronic reference will be processed at Western centrally and delivered to the program(s) to which you have applied.

Transcripts:

To support your application, you must forward one official academic transcript* from each post-secondary institution attended. These documents should be mailed directly to the department.

If you have attended or are currently enrolled at any Ontario college or university other than The University of Western Ontario, you must use OUAC to request transcripts. These transcripts will be delivered electronically to each of the programs to which you are applying.

Past or current students of The University of Western Ontario do not need to provide transcripts for their academic history at Western. This information will be obtained internally.

Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) test scores are NOT a requirement of this program.

Area of Interest:

A brief outline of your career goals and the area of your research interests. Please do this in the space provided under Statement of Academic Intent.

Graduate Supervisors:

In your 'Statement of Academic Intent', please list the names of up to three (3) professors (in order of preference) you would prefer to work with as supervisors. It is not necessary to contact them, as supervisors will have access to all complete applications. However, applicants are encouraged to contact individual faculty members to discuss their research interests and possible research projects where applicable. Please note that individual faculty members do not directly admit students. Elsewhere on the OUAC application, you will be able to indicate any potential supervisors with whom you have made contact.

Please see our Electrical and Computer Engineering [Faculty Members](#) page on our web pages for areas of study. If you are a PhD applicant, please ensure you select a faculty member who can supervise PhD students.

Application Fee:

IF YOU ARE APPLYING THROUGH OUAC YOU MUST FOLLOW THE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS ON THEIR WEBSITE.

Applicant may pay by:

- Credit card (Visa or MasterCard)
- Internet or telephone bill payment services
- Cheque or money order

English Proficiency:

Official proof of proficiency in English IF you do not have at least a two year degree from a North American university, and your first language is not English. A final decision on your application will not be made until the official result of ONE of the following has been received by our program:

For TOEFL, the minimum score required is 550 (for paper-based test) **or 213** (for computer-based test), or **minimum 86 iBT** (internet Based TOFEL), and we will *not* accept an individual score on the iBT below 20. Our University TOEFL code number is 0984. Department code 66. Link to Testing Service for [TOEFL](#)

For IELTS, the minimum acceptable score is 6 out of 9 in every section. Link to Testing Service for [IELTS](#)
For MELAB, you need at least 80 on each section and an overall score of at least 85.

International Students:

A copy of your "Record of Landing" if you are a landed immigrant or recent permanent resident is required. Please include a photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card or a photocopy of your Record of Landing. If you are applying to be a permanent resident, but have not been granted landed-immigrant status, you must apply as an international applicant.

OR

International Students

International Students accepted into our graduate program are **REQUIRED** to present an original valid Citizenship and Immigration Canada "**Study Permit**" document to the Faculty of Graduate Studies prior to the official start date of the fall term (September 1st).

According to the Federal Government regulations students will not be eligible to register or attend classes if they do not have this Study Permit valid for the date of **September 1, 2012 (for Fall Term admission)**. For further information and Study Permit Applications see <http://www.cic.gc.ca>

It is recommended that you be aware of all the processes pertaining to applying to a university outside of your country. You may wish to contact the Canadian Consulate nearby as well as your country's Governmental Office for more information on policies and procedures (time frame needed for finalizing the paper work).

Additional application requirements as required by program:

- List of publications etc.
- Landing papers (if applicable)

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All other transcripts must be forwarded in hard copy to Western to complete your application.

**Western considers a transcript official only if it is received in a university envelope that is sealed and signed on the flap by the official person in the office issuing the transcript. If the transcript and degree certificate are not in English, a certified translation must also be included. (Non-English transcripts from institutions within Canada do not require a translation.)*

PLEASE SEE THIS WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING TO OUR PROGRAM:

http://grad.uwo.ca/prospective_students/index.htm

Once you have read the application procedures, click on the following icon to apply:



Please address and mail all correspondence to:

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
The University of Western Ontario
EFS Stores, Thompson Engineering Building
Room TEB 40,
London, Ontario
N6A 5B9
CANADA

Attn: ECE Graduate Office

The responsibility rests with the applicant to make sure that all necessary documentation reaches us by the M.E.Sc. & Ph.D. application deadline of **MARCH 1, 2012**, for classes beginning **September 1, 2012**. **Our Graduate Admissions Committee meets in early January to review all applications received and applicants are notified of our decision BY THE END OF MAY 2012.**

Your application will not be considered if it is incomplete.

Thank you for your interest in our program.