

# GRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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To be admitted to Graduate Student Status, the applicant must have earned a recognized bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution or from a recognized foreign institution with a minimum GPA of 2.50 (C+) on a U.S. 4.00 grading system (or the equivalent GPA on the basis of another grading system) and must comply with the following:

1. Apply online at <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/guam> or file an application form with the Graduate Admissions Office. A non-refundable application fee must accompany the application form. Should you decide not to attend the semester you applied for, you may submit a written request to the Graduate Admissions Office to defer your admittance to the following semester. Application for Admissions is valid for one calendar year.
2. Request official certified transcripts indicating conferral of degree granted from an accredited U.S. Institution or from a recognized foreign institution, sent directly to the Graduate Admissions Office. Nonofficial copies may be provisionally accepted for the first semester of enrollment. Failure to comply may result in loss of graduate student status and forfeiture of credits.
3. Submit to the Graduate Admissions Office a written essay of accomplishments, interests, and goals and reasons for wishing to pursue a graduate degree program. Many programs have specific guidelines addressing this essay requirement. Please consult the program descriptions in this Bulletin for more information.
4. Have at least two letters of reference submitted on your behalf from persons familiar with your academic or professional performance. Some programs may require a third letter of reference. For programs in the School of Education, disposition rubrics are used in lieu of letters of reference.

5. Provide written documentation of a Tuberculin Test (PPD), as per Guam law, for students taking courses on campus. The PPD must be taken within the previous six months (and results of an X-ray if PPD is positive), plus, students born in 1957 or after must also provide evidence of vaccination against mumps, measles, and rubella (MMR).
6. Submit proof of residence. For determining the applicable residency classification for tuition purposes, see Residency Rules later in this Bulletin. Non-immigrant aliens, e.g. B, F, H, E, L visa holders, are classified as non-residents and are not qualified for resident tuition rates or exemptions.

For International (I-20) admission, applicants must submit the following additional requirements on or before the published deadlines. The Graduate Admissions Office must receive all the required documents before an Immigration Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility, will be issued. Students should take the I-20 form to the U.S. Embassy in their home country where they will apply for an F-1 visa. Students should have the F-1 visa in their possession prior to entry into Guam.

1. a. Demonstrate English proficiency through a TOEFL, GRE, or GMAT exam, or in some other manner approved by the director of Graduate Studies.  
b. Affidavit of financial support. This is a certified, sworn document verifying the financial ability of the student to undertake the expenses of education and living on Guam. A financial document attesting to this must be provided. A sample template is provided in the graduate application  
c. Proof of a guaranteed minimum amount of \$1,000 (U.S. dollars) for initial entry to Guam.
- d. Copies of your current passport and any U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement documents

(i.e.: visa, I-20, I-94, etc.) that may have been issued to you.

- e. Proof of valid health or medical insurance with coverage levels in compliance with U.S. visa regulations.