



OLPD M.A. Application Instructions

Requirements for All Applicants

Materials	How to Submit
Application	<p>Required fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Information • Application Information • Educational Background • Languages • Awards & Activities • Employment/Residence Information • Financial Support • Applicant Statements #1 & #2 • Recommendation Letters (limit 2) • Resume or CV <p>Optional fields: All other fields or application materials are optional, but will be taken into consideration if submitted.</p> <p>Click here to access the online application.</p>
Application Fee	Click here for more information about fees.
Transcripts	<p>Unofficial transcripts or academic records should be uploaded directly to the online application. Please do not mail in paper copies of your transcripts, there is no need for official transcripts or academic records for initial review.</p> <p>If you are admitted, the University will then request official copies of this material.</p> <p>Click here for more information about transcripts and credentials.</p>
GRE Scores	GRE scores are waived for the 2020-21 application cycle and will not be considered.
Applicant Statements	<p>Complete Statements #1 & #2; Statement #3 is optional.</p> <p><i>Note: Paper copies are not accepted—upload via the online application using “Applicant Statements.”</i></p> <p><u>Statement #1: Personal Statement</u> Please provide a statement outlining your immediate educational and long-range career objectives in relation to your chosen field. If there is a particular faculty member with whom you wish to study, please give that person’s name and explain why you want to study with that person. You may also wish to include other information, such as any undergraduate research experience, internships, or other experiences you may have had to document your preparation for advanced study in your chosen field. [Please do not exceed two pages.]</p>

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Applicant Statements, continued	<p><u>Statement #2: Diversity</u> Enrolling and graduating a diverse student body is central to the University of Minnesota’s mission. Please write a statement that identifies the distinctive qualities, characteristics, and life experiences you would contribute to your graduate program and to the education of fellow students at the University of Minnesota. You may wish to include examples that address your contribution to the diversity of the student body and illustrate your motivation to succeed by setting high standards for accomplishing intellectual and other goals, overcoming obstacles to achievement, and/or helping others to gain access to the resources necessary for success. [Please do not exceed one page.]</p> <p><u>Statement #3: Extenuating Circumstances (optional)</u> If your grades and/or test scores are not strong, and you would like to provide an explanation, please do so. [Limit 1200 characters.]</p>
Letters of Recommendation	<p>Two letters of recommendation required. Acceptable recommendations will come from current or former professors who can assess your potential for graduate work. Other recommenders, such as employers, are also acceptable.</p> <p><i>Note: Paper copies are not accepted—upload via the online application using either the “Recommendation” section or the “Program Supplementary Information” section as “upload 2.”</i></p>

Additional Requirements for International Applicants

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English Language Test Scores (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)	<p>Click here for more information about TOEFL Scores.</p> <p>International students who will have completed 16 semester credits (within the past 24 months) in residence as a full-time student at a recognized institution of higher learning in the United States before entering the University of Minnesota are exempt from the testing requirement, but may be asked to take locally administered English tests after arrival on campus.</p>

Optional Requirements

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Common Ground Consortium Fellowship	<p>If you wish to be considered for a Common Ground Consortium fellowship for African-American students indicate this by uploading your statement in the Program Supplementary Information - Upload #1 section. The statement should briefly address the following: Given that the UMN is a public land grant institution, it is imperative that CGC scholars can both benefit personally from their membership in the program as well as further the university’s founding mission to contribute to scholarship that benefits the local and greater communities. Please describe how your participation as a CGC scholar would do the following: (a) enhance your graduate student experience, (b) prepare you for your chosen career, and (c) benefit the public.</p>



Questions

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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