Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning Admissions Information

Autumn 2014 Application Deadline | January 6, 2014
Fellowship Deadline and deadline for financial aid priority consideration | U.S. Students: December 13, 2013
| International Students: November 30, 2013

For step-by-step instructions on how to use the online application, please refer to gradadmissions.osu.edu. Required application materials are listed below.

STEP ONE: COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ONLINE

- OSU Graduate School Admissions Application online at gradapply.osu.edu
- Statement of Intent (1-2 pages; Upload through the online application)
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (No more than 2 pages; Upload through the online application)
- Example of research or written work (i.e. literature review, empirical study, term paper, or thesis. Design portfolios are not appropriate; Upload through the online application)
- Ph.D. in CRP Application (download here and upload the document through the online application)
- Three Letters of Recommendation. In the online application, you will be asked to include recommender names and email addresses. Please check the box to allow each recommender to use the online form. Submission instructions will be automatically sent to recommenders once the application is submitted. Online submissions are preferred.
- Application Fee submitted online ($60 for US citizens or permanent residents; $70 for international applicants)
- Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores (OSU reporting code: 1592) GRE scores are only required for applicants whose cumulative undergraduate GPA is below 3.0. Though not required, GRE scores are highly encouraged. Applicants wishing to be considered for fellowships must also submit GRE scores.
- Evidence of English Proficiency via official TOEFL, IELTS or MELAB scores (OSU reporting code: 1592; for details regarding who is required to submit language scores, go to gradadmissions.osu.edu for FAQs).

STEP TWO: COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO THE OSU GRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

- Official Transcripts from all colleges and universities from which you have received credit (OSU transcripts are not required for credit earned at OSU). If you have a copy of your official transcript, you may upload a scan to the online application instead of sending in the official copy. If admitted, you would be required to submit an official transcript.

MAILING INFORMATION

OSU Graduate Admissions Office
The Ohio State University
Graduate Admissions Office
PO Box 182004
Columbus, OH 43218-2004

Express Mail (mail not sent via USPS)
The Ohio State University
Student Academic Services Building
281 West Lane Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210-1132

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STEP THREE: MONITOR YOUR STATUS ONLINE

Once an application has been submitted, you can monitor the status of your application at gradadmissions.osu.edu. As materials are received, they should be noted as complete online within a week or so. If you believe an item should have been received and is not posted, see below for which office to contact if you would like to inquire. Please note that during the months of December/January, we do receive an influx of applications and processing time may take longer. Admissions decisions will typically be announced between the months of January-March.

With questions regarding, transcripts, or test scores, contact OSU Graduate Admissions (e): gradadmissions@osu.edu (t): 614-292-9444

With any other questions, contact Knowlton School Graduate Admissions Office (e): ksagradinfo@knowlton.osu.edu (t): 614-292-1404

ADMISSIONS QUALIFICATIONS

Previous Education
Applications to the PhD in CRP program are accepted from students about to complete and/or have completed their baccalaureate or master’s program(s). While the program places no restrictions on previous fields of study, applicants are encouraged to review our faculty pages to gain a better understanding of if and how their research interests will align with one or more of our faculty members.

GPA
In order to be considered for admission, applicants should generally have at least a 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA on a 4.0 scale, or a B average on another scale. If an applicant has taken coursework at multiple institutions, their GPA will be combined into one undergraduate GPA. If an applicant has taken graduate coursework, their graduate GPA will also be taken into consideration. Undergraduate and graduate GPAs will not be combined.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores
GRE scores are only required for applicants whose cumulative undergraduate GPA is below 3.0/4.0 or below a B average on another scale. Though not required, GRE scores are highly encouraged. Applicants wishing to be considered for fellowships must also submit GRE scores. Valid test scores must be from within the last five years.

English Proficiency Scores
Please refer to the gradadmissions.osu.edu website for details regarding who is required to submit language scores. Also note that Knowlton School TOEFL score requirements are higher than the general OSU requirement. Target scores: 600 paper-based TOEFL, 100 IBT, 86 MELAB, or 8.0 IELTS. Valid test scores must be from within the last two years.

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