

To be considered for admission to graduate degree programs in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) every applicant must submit the following:

1. An official Graduate School application for admission form (see “How to Apply” (link to this doc on our ECE website please)
2. A detailed personal statement
3. A personal resume or curriculum vitae
4. Official transcripts from all previous undergraduate and graduate studies (with or without degree completion)
5. At least two (2) letters of recommendation from persons able to attest to your academic capabilities (electronic reference letters are not acceptable)
6. The official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score report (General TEST -Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical) from Educational Testing Services (ETS) headquarters.

NOTE: Unofficial scores may be submitted to avoid a late application, however, the OFFICIAL GRE score report must be submitted by ETS or your application WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. GRE scores are valid for five (5) years prior to the date of anticipated enrollment.

7. The official TOEFL score report (Test of English as a Foreign Language examination) is required if you are not a native English speaker. (Foreign applicants who have earned a college level degree from an accredited university in the USA need not submit TOEFL scores. A minimum score of 550 is required by the UMass Graduate School.
8. The International Student Financial Statement must be submitted by **all** International applicants.
9. Application Fee  
\$40.00 for all U.S. citizens and permanent US residents.  
\$65.00 for all International Applicants.

NOTE: The Graduate School does not waive or defer this fee and applications will NOT be processed unless this fee is paid (no exceptions).

### **Assistantships and Fellowships (financial support)**

Be sure to complete the relevant portion of the application form if you would like to be considered for an assistantship or fellowship. International applicants must submit the International Student Financial Statement and check the appropriate box. If full financial support is required, the box “Totally reliant on...” must be checked.

Teaching (TA) and research assistantships (RA) are awarded on a competitive basis. The number of TA and RA positions available to incoming students vary from semester to semester and from year to year and depend upon the teaching and research needs of the faculty and the availability of funds. The Graduate School also awards a limited number of fellowships to the very best applicants that are recommended by the departmental Graduate Program Director each year.

**NOTE:** The Graduate School grants a full tuition waiver to graduate students who receive any fellowship or assistantship with a stipend exceeding approximately \$3,400 per academic semester (not including summer). TA and RA stipends offered at admission for Fall 2006, range from approximately \$13,900 (academic year TA) to \$20,000 (full calendar year RA) for a 20 hour per week commitment. M.S. ECE students who receive RA funding are expected to complete a research thesis.

\*\*The ECE department cannot provide preliminary assessment of any given student's chances for obtaining admission or financial support.

### **Visa Information**

Very strict regulations for all F-1, and other student visas are being enforced. Our department is not able to assist admitted applicants in obtaining visas. All communications regarding visa matters should be addressed directly to the University Foreign Student Office at [http://www.umass.edu/ipo/fso\\_main.html](http://www.umass.edu/ipo/fso_main.html).