

ENGINEERING

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

To maintain a high-quality program, it is important that our students are also of a caliber to succeed. As such, the admission requirements for the students enrolling in the online program are similar to those of our resident Ph.D. students. Online students will only be accepted into the program with approval from the D.Eng. Admissions Committee. Within SEDI, the Admissions Committee (made up of COE Graduate Faculty) will provide recommendations to the Director of Graduate Studies on accepting students to the D.Eng. ENGR degree program. Admission decisions will also be based upon relevant work experience and recommendation letters. The following are additional specific requirements:

- It is expected that students have a Master of Science or Master of Engineering degree in a suitable engineering (or related technical) field from a U.S. regionally accredited institution or from an officially recognized degree-granting international institution.
- Grade-point average (4.0 scale) in master's program: Cumulative graduate GPA ≥ 3.0
- Three letters of reference (The letters should be solicited from professional colleagues and faculty who can attest to the applicant's ability). At least one reference should be from your employer indicating they support the praxis topic and specifying what resources you will have access to in support of the topic, e.g., allocated time, lab support, data. This reference letter would ideally come from the immediate or area supervisor of the applicant.
- A statement of purpose/goal statement that includes an overview of an identified problem to be examined as part of the required praxis research.
- A published or unpublished scientific paper, praxis, or other scholarly writing sample.
- A curriculum vitae or résumé.
- An interview (either in person or via internet-based video conferencing).

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.