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/).

Educational Background

Students who do not have a GPA of at least 3.0 will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the quality of their overall application. Applicants who are still completing their baccalaureate requirements at the time of application may be admitted to the Graduate School provisionally (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/provisional-admission/), pending the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. Students are also expected to have a minimum of two years of full-time work experience prior to admission.

Core Application Packet

- Completed official online Graduate School application (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/) and payment of nonrefundable application fee.
- Statement of purpose: a 2-3 page essay articulating career and educational goals that demonstrates the student's written communication skills.
- A current vita or resume.
- Three letters of recommendation that attest to the student's readiness for graduate study and document the requisite minimum of two years of paid work experience. Letters must be submitted through the online application. Within the online application the student will be asked to enter the names and email addresses of three individuals who will be providing recommendations. Those individuals will receive a note via email asking them to complete a brief form that will serve as the recommendation. The student should inform all recommenders they must submit the form in order for the application to be complete.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/)