



Application Instructions for Domestic Doctoral Applicants (US Citizens, Permanent Residents, and H1/H4 Visa Holders):

1. Doctoral applicants are strongly encouraged to establish a faculty advisor **BEFORE** submitting an application. To see research by department, please visit <https://www.smu.edu/Lyle/Research>.
2. Start the online graduate application <https://gradadmission.smu.edu/apply/>

See <https://www.smu.edu/Lyle/ApplyNow/DoctoralAdmission> for application and funding deadlines

3. Upload Statement of Purpose
4. Upload Professional Resume
5. Upload unofficial transcripts to application. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable for application purposes. Official transcripts will be required upon admission to SMU.

Send official transcripts to the following address:

**Southern Methodist University
Graduate Application Processing
PO Box 518
Dallas TX 75275-0518**

-OR-

Send Electronic transcripts to Gradappmaterials@smu.edu

6. Send GRE test scores required for ALL Doctoral (D.E. & Ph.D.) applicants:

SMU institution code is 6660- No department code is required

Minimum scores required- Quantitative score in the 80th percentile - Each department sets their own admission requirements and some may have higher standards. Contact the admissions office to find out if your department has a different GRE standard - lylegrad@mail.smu.edu.

7. Contact recommenders. Three letters of recommendation **required for all doctoral applicants:**

Current or past professors or employment supervisors should write letters of recommendation.

Doctoral applicants are required to provide contact information for recommenders.

Recommenders will receive an email with a recommendation form.

8. Pay the \$75 application fee.

After submitting your application, you will be able to pay this fee from your application status page.

9. Doctoral applicants can expect a decision within six to eight weeks.

Application Checklist: Please use this checklist as your guide for ensuring all your application materials are complete.

- Establish faculty advisor
- Complete graduate application <https://gradadmission.smu.edu/apply/>
- Submit Statement of Purpose
- Submit Professional Resume
- Send transcripts from each college or university attended (unofficial transcripts are acceptable for application purposes. Official transcripts will be required if admitted to SMU)
- Send GRE score
- Send recommendation letters to Gradappmaterials@smu.edu
- Pay application fee - \$75.00 (required, cannot be waived)
- If admitted, accept your offer of admission in your admission portal