Ph.D. in Chemistry Application Instructions

Autumn 2020 Application Information for 2021-2022

Thank you for your interest in pursuing doctoral studies in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Washington. Below you will find information regarding application deadlines and requirements. Please explore our website to learn more about our graduate program and areas of faculty research. We look forward to receiving your application!

1. Application Requirements

- **Online Application Deadline:** December 1, 2020.
- Applications must include all required documentation. As the Chemistry Graduate Admissions Committee will begin reviewing applications and making offers of admission as early as December 2, 2020, you are strongly encouraged to submit all required documentation by the application deadline.
- Applicants must complete the UW Graduate School online application form.

2. Educational Background Requirements

Educational background should be equivalent to that of an undergraduate major in one of the natural sciences or engineering.

Applicants will automatically be considered for Teaching or Research Assistantships in the Department of Chemistry, and there is no separate application for these positions.

English language proficiency is required for graduate study at the University of Washington. Every applicant whose native language is not English must demonstrate sufficient English language proficiency through one of the accepted methods outlined in Memo 8: Graduate School English Language Proficiency Requirements.

Memo 8 also includes the minimum accepted test scores for admission to the UW Chemistry Graduate Program:

- **TOEFL iBT:** 92*
  - (A score of ≥26 on the speaking section is required in order to be exempt from further English testing. Applicants with a TOEFL iBT speak score in the range of 22–25 are also encouraged to apply if they have an exceptionally strong academic record).
  - *Please note: TOEFL iBT test scores are only valid for two years and must be valid on the date that your UW application is submitted.

- **IELTS:** No longer accepted by the UW Graduate School

- **GRE:** This year, GRE scores will not be accepted and will not be used as a factor for admission into the UW Chemistry Ph.D. program.

3. Application Process & Fees

Apply online for admittance to the Chemistry PhD program. Upload all of the required materials via the application website as early as possible, and prior to the application deadline. These materials should include all of the items listed below under Required
Documentation.

The non-refundable $85 application fee must be paid by credit card when you submit your application. Students with demonstrated financial need are encouraged to apply for a fee waiver. International applicants expecting a J-1 or F-1 visa are not eligible for application fee waivers.

Visit the UW Graduate School admissions website for information about the admissions process, including an overview of the admissions process and information specific to international students.

4. Required Documentation

Submit all of the following application materials electronically via the Graduate School online application website prior to the December 1, 2020 deadline. No materials should be sent via postal mail as the Department of Chemistry and the University of Washington Graduate School do not accept paper submissions for this program.

1. One unofficial transcript from each college and/or university attended for credit (uploaded via the online application website). NOTE: Students who accept admission must submit official transcripts, which will be compared to unofficial transcripts submitted during the application process.

2. Three letters of recommendation, coordinated through and uploaded by writers to the online application website. Hard copy letters are discouraged; if your recommender prefers to send a paper copy then s/he should include the recommendation cover form with the letter of recommendation.

3. Statement of Purpose, which should include but is not limited to the following topics:
   - describe your primary motivations for wanting to attend graduate school
   - and identify three to four UW faculty whose research is of interest to you and briefly explain why.

4. Resume or Vitae

5. For international applicants who are not English exempt: Official TOEFL iBT test score (University of Washington institution code: 4854).

Your application will not be considered complete until items 1-5 listed above have been submitted.

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You will be notified of the Chemistry Graduate Admissions Committee's decision no later than the end of March.

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