



# Detailed Application Instructions & Requirements

Materials Science and Engineering (MSEN) is an interdisciplinary field centered on understanding the physical properties of matter and designing materials with specific properties to serve the desired function. This multidisciplinary department includes faculty members from several disciplines, including aerospace engineering, biology, biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, chemistry, civil engineering, electrical & computer engineering, mechanical engineering, nuclear engineering, and physics. To learn more about MSEN, visit [About Us](#).

*\*The priority funding deadline applies only to prospective MSEN Domestic Ph.D. students entering the Fall semester who will be considered for internal competitive fellowship opportunities— the deadline is **December 15**; those who submit after will still be considered.*

Learn the following and more in the links provided below:

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**\*\* Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

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## Contact

If you have questions, contact MSEN Advising ([mсен-advising@tamu.edu](mailto:mсен-advising@tamu.edu)) for further information; allow **5-7 business days** for a response before sending a gentle reminder— do not send duplicate inquiries to multiple emails. Please note inquiries that can be addressed by reading the application instructions below may not receive a response.

# Application Requirements

- 1. Unofficial Transcript(s)**– Upload your unofficial transcript(s) in Quadrant 2: Academic History. If admitted, you are required to submit official transcript(s) to Texas A&M University BEFORE you can enroll in classes. For additional questions regarding submitting official transcripts, visit the [Admissions Customer Service](#) webpage.
  - DO NOT order a WES Evaluation or download an evaluation request form for this application.
  - We DO NOT require WES or similar evaluations.
  - If you already have an evaluation of your transcripts, you may upload it in the document section of Quadrant 4 of your program.

Send your official transcript(s) to:

**Graduate Admissions Processing**  
*Office of Admissions*  
Texas A&M University  
P.O. Box 40001 College Station, TX 77842-4000

- 2. Statement of Purpose (SOP)**– Upload your SOP in Quadrant 4: Program Materials under the “Documents Tab.”
  - Develop a brief essay that addresses the reason(s) you are pursuing a graduate degree, your background, your long-term goals, and relevant experience which has prepared you for graduate studies. Please try to limit this to no more than a page (no set format).
- 3. Three (3) strong Letters of Recommendation (LOR)**– Request LORs in Quadrant 4: Program Materials under the “Evaluation Tab” before submitting the application. When requesting recommendation/evaluation letters, please be sure to include the following information in the comment section: Texas A&M University, the degree, and program you are applying to.
  - If you submit your application before all recommendations are received, your application will be marked as “received” instead of “complete.” All (3) recommendations are due by the admission deadline, and those who do not meet this requirement by the deadline will be considered incomplete.
  - You may request more than (3) recommendations. You can track the progress of your recommendation letter requests in EngCAS. You can also email your recommenders a reminder through EngCAS, or choose to send a request to another recommender. If a recommender is having trouble receiving your email request from EngCAS for a recommendation, please ask your recommender to log in using the EngCAS portal.
  - Begin this process as early as possible to allow recommenders ample time to write glowing recommendations. You should speak with your recommenders beforehand to ensure they agree and are aware of the incoming request. Recommendations should be from individuals who are familiar with your academic achievements and potential.



## International Applicants (Additional Requirements)

**4. English Language Proficiency (ELP) Requirement**– To receive university admission, international applicants whose native language is not English must submit proof of English Proficiency Verification via the EngineeringCas application system either by providing an unofficial test score report or transcript. You must submit OFFICIAL documents to the university BEFORE you receive immigration documents or register for classes.

If you are a citizen of one of the following countries, you will be **exempt** from the English proficiency requirement for admission and considered ELP Verified:

- American Samoa, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Federated States of Micronesia, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Trinidad/Tabago, Turks and Caicos Islands, United Kingdom

ELP can be demonstrated by:

- TOEFL *i-BT* >80
- IELTS *overall band* >6.0
- GRE *Verbal Reasoning* >146
- Duolingo English Test (105 minimum)
- English3 (67 minimum)
- MSEN will only approve **alternative verification** requests for an international graduate student holding a master's degree or completing all years of a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution located in the U.S. Be aware applicants cannot be officially admitted to the Texas A&M University until the official transcript is received with the degree awarded date, however; they may receive conditional admission to the department based on unofficial transcripts with the expectation of the pending degree to be completed before enrolling at Texas A&M. Once the official transcript is received by the Office of Admission the student may submit an **alternative verification** request to [msen-advising@tamu.edu](mailto:msen-advising@tamu.edu).

**English Language Proficiency Test Scores**– Self-report your test scores in Quadrant 2: Academic History and upload your unofficial test score reports in Quadrant 4: Program Materials under the “Documents Tab.”

- Official Test Scores should be sent directly from the testing agency. Tests should be taken at least eight weeks prior to the appropriate application deadline to ensure timely receipt and processing of results. Most scores expire after five years. For additional questions regarding submitting official test scores or expiration of scores visit the Admissions Customer Service webpage.
- To report TOEFL scores: Use code B887 for reporting TOEFL scores for engineering programs to EngineeringCAS.
- To report IELTS scores: Texas A&M University only accepts scores submitted electronically by the IELTS test center. No paper test report forms will be accepted. Please contact the test center where you took the IELTS test and request that your test scores be sent electronically using the IELTS system to: Texas A&M University, (College Station and Galveston).
- To report GRE scores: Use code 4119 for reporting GRE scores for engineering programs to EngineeringCAS.

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Thank you for considering Texas A&M Materials Science & Engineering!