

Application Related:

To be eligible for funding and admission review, ALL applications must have the following material submitted and uploaded by February 9, 2026 (details can be found on the graduate school website at

<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/apply/>):

- Statement of Purpose
- Answers to any supplemental question
- Personal History Statement
- *Official* GRE scores
- *Unofficial* transcripts from all universities
- *Unofficial* English Proficiency scores (if applicable)
- 3 complete recommendations must be received by the recommenders

Items that must be completed prior to submitting the general application:

- Statement of Purpose
- Names/Contact information for 3 recommenders
- Answers to any supplemental questions
- Personal History Statement

Items that should be uploaded to the application portal AFTER the general application is submitted are indicated below. Applicants log-in to the application portal and will see the option to “upload” material to the application:

- *Unofficial* transcripts from all universities
- *Unofficial* English Proficiency scores (if applicable)

GRE

The GRE is required of EVERY applicant and will not be waived. There are no minimum scores required. The test date must not be older than 5 years. The department will only accept *official* scores, which means you must have the testing center send the score report to graduate admissions, institutional code 4075.

Application Fee Waiver

The Graduate School does not offer application fee waivers for financial hardship.

English Proficiency - <https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/admissions-resources/english-proficiency/>

English proficiency scores *may* be required of both domestic and international students, depending on the situation. Review the website address above. If applicable to your application, this university requirement will not be waived. While exemptions exist, it is your responsibility to determine if you are required to provide English Proficiency scores. The department will accept the *unofficial* scores for review, which means you may upload a copy of the scores received from the testing center after you click 'submit' on your application. However, if you are recommended for admission, you will be required to provide the *official* scores to the university before you will receive an admission letter.

Decision Timeline

There are no early decisions. All applications that have the required documents uploaded to the application portal will be reviewed after February 9, 2026. Admission recommendation and funding decisions will be sent roughly 4 weeks after the deadline.

Program Related:

Apply to PhD without a Masters

Applicants that do not hold a Master's degree are permitted to apply to the PhD program, but we typically recommend that students without any graduate coursework apply to the MS program.

Calculus

If you are not comfortable with multi-variable calculus, you should consider taking additional calculus courses prior to starting this program.

Funding/Assistantships

ALL complete applications received by the February 9, 2026 deadline will also be considered for an assistantship.

Assistantships provide a full tuition waiver, monthly stipend, and health insurance contribution (if enrolled in 5+ resident instruction credits). Assistantship funding is guaranteed for 2 years for MS and 4 years for PhD.

Grad assistants are assigned as either TAs or RAs depending on departmental needs and student interests.