

Request Admission to the Ph.D. Program
(submit prior to scheduling a qualifying exam)

Request to by-pass the M.S. degree
or
Request after receiving a M.S. degree from Illinois

The application for students who are requesting to by-pass the M.S. shall include three letters of recommendation, including one from the M.S. academic advisor and, if different, one from the future Ph.D. academic advisor. The Ph.D. academic advisor, in addition to recommending continued study, shall specify space and financial support (research assistantship, teaching assistantship, etc.) available to the student for at least the first academic year of study, and shall indicate future possibilities of funding for the second year. Provide the names of your recommenders below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The application for students who earn a M.S. degree from Illinois and are requesting to proceed to the Ph.D. degree shall include a letter from the future Ph.D. academic advisor. The Ph.D. academic advisor, in addition to recommending continued study, shall specify space and financial support (research assistantship, teaching assistantship, etc.) available to the student for at least the first academic year of study, and shall indicate future possibilities of funding for the second year.

Provide the name of your Ph.D. advisor below.

1. _____

All applications shall also include:

- A statement of research intentions from the student, including a timeline.
- Evidence of professional competence and achievement, such as published papers, presentation of research at a conference, awards received, etc.
- A copy of the UI transcript (an unofficial transcript is acceptable; it is not required that all courses be completed prior to requesting admission to the Ph.D. program, but the core courses should be completed as students will need to take the qualifying exam soon after admission to the Ph.D. program is approved).
- A Curriculum Change/Transfer of Credit form requesting a change of program from M.S. to Ph.D. This form is to be completed after the application is approved at the departmental level.

The completed application will be reviewed by the Associate Head of Graduate Programs. Their recommendation will be forwarded to the Department Head, who will make the final decision.

