

How to Apply to Temple University's CIS Graduate Programs and What You Need to Know

Thank you for considering Temple University's CIS Graduate Program for your next best step in your academic and professional journey! Please use this document to assist you through the application process. We look forward to reviewing your completed application soon.

Please note: All programs require submitting an online application. Supporting documentation is required in addition to the online application and must be mailed separately. Currently, Temple University's CIS online application does not support uploading of supporting documentation. Only applications received that are complete and paid will be routed to the Computer Science Graduate Department for processing, review and decision.

Application Checklist

Applications are not processed until all of the following items have been received.

- Complete [online application](#). [Paper applications](#) are available for download.
- Submit Non-Refundable Application Fee.
- Obtain all post-secondary transcripts. International applicants, especially from China and India, should look [here](#) for more detailed requirements regarding transcripts.
- Submit GRE scores electronically from Education Testing Service (ETS.org) to Temple University using institution code 2906 and department code 0402.
- Submit TOEFL or IELTS scores (**International only**). *No photocopies will be accepted.* TOEFL scores can be submitted electronically from Educational Testing Service (ETS.org) to Temple University using institution code 2906. IELTS scores can be submitted to the admissions department by providing the IELTS score report of the Test Report Form number from the report for verification.
 - a. International applicants can receive a TOEFL/IELTS waiver if they have earned a bachelor's or graduate (master's or doctoral) degree from a U.S. institution
- Write Statement of Purpose/Goals
 - a. Submit an essay length of approximately 500 words.
 - b. Explain why our program is the right fit for your academic/career goals.
 - c. For PhD applicants, list research topic areas and the faculty with whom you would like to work. Research Faculty can be viewed [here](#).
 - d. Describe any experience doing research and courses or projects that you have been involved with to show your preparation.
 - e. Statement of Purpose/Goals should be mailed directly to the following Temple University address:

Temple University
Department of Computer and Information Science: 035-10
Rm. 313, Science Education and Resource Center
1925 North 12th Street
Philadelphia PA 19122

- Gather Three Professional or Academic Letters of Recommendation
 - a. All recommendations must come in a sealed envelope from referee.
 - b. Recommendations can be submitted by the applicant or sent separately by the referee.
 - c. Recommendations should be mailed directly to Temple University
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
 - a. Make sure to include any awards or publications on your CV/Resume
 - b. CV/Resume should be mailed directly to Temple University

Once Your Application Has Been Completed and Submitted:

1. Continue to login and check the status of your application through the portal in which you submitted your online application. ***Please note:** Mailed application materials, from the time of arrival, go through various stages of processing and verification. Please note that the verification and translation of transcripts and supplemental materials is the most rigorous and timely step in the application process. As each item moves through the verification process, it will be updated appropriately in your TUPortal.
2. Check your email regularly. Correspondence in regards to outstanding materials, requests for clarification, and admissions decision will be directed to the email which you provided during the application process. Applications are reviewed on a constant basis.
3. If accepted, International students will receive the Intent to Enroll form from Graduate Admissions. As soon as this form is received, and enrollment deposit in the amount of \$200 is paid, it will be forwarded to the Office of International Student Services. This will begin the process of visa eligibility certification (Form I-20). Please know that the CIS Department **does not issue** any visa documentation. All inquiries regarding the I-20, additional forms or supporting financial documentation should be directed to isss@temple.edu.