

Graduate International Admissions Information

Step 1: Fill out a UTRGV online application.

Start your application at www.utrgv.edu/gradapply.

Each of our programs has different admission requirements and deadlines so be sure to start your application, as soon as possible. The university application fee can be paid online by credit card or electronic check, within the online application. Application fees are non-refundable.

Deferral of Admission for an Earlier/Later Semester:

To request a deferral of admission, applicants should complete the **Graduate Admissions Deferral Request Form**. After submission, the Graduate Program Coordinator or Program Director and the Graduate College will review your request. To defer your application, send an email to the *Graduate Admissions Specialist* who processed your application and your *Program Director*. After a year, you would need to [re-apply](#).

More information:

<https://www.utrgv.edu/graduate/for-future-students/deferral-of-admission/>

Step 2: Get your academic credentials/transcripts evaluated.

International credentials (transcripts) must be evaluated through an approved evaluation service. The evaluation is the sole responsibility of the applicant and must be submitted for evaluation to one of the following credential evaluation services: **World Education Services (WES)**, **Foreign Credential Service of America (FCSA)**, or **SPANTRAN**. Applicants are required to select the course-by-course report option. General reports are not sufficient.

Step 3: Submit Official English Proficiency Exam Scores

Students whose native language is not English will be expected to provide test scores for either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Duolingo, or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Below you will find the minimum score requirements.

-TOEFL Minimum Scores

- 550 Paper-Based
- 213 Computer-based
- 79 Internet-Based

-IELTS Minimum Score

- 6.5

-Duolingo

- 105

Step 4 Submit Official Standardized Test Scores

Test requirements such as the GRE and GMAT are program-specific requirements that may or may not be required for the program you are applying to. Request that official test scores from the testing agency to be sent to the UTRGV Graduate College. Below are the UTRGV school codes for the GRE and the GMAT exams.

GRE- 6570

GMAT- 9P3

Step 5: Submit Financial Documentation

In accordance with immigration regulations, all international students are required to submit documentation showing sufficient funds (minimum of \$36,186 for non-Mexican Nationals and for Mexican Nationals with an approved Mexican Tuition Waiver a minimum of \$25,368) subject to change to cover all expenses (living and academic) for the first year of study.

- [Certification of Financial Responsibility \(CFR\)](#)
- If you have been offered a scholarship you will need to provide documentation and the dollar amount of the scholarship.
- If you have been offered an assistantship by the university, you will need to provide documentation and the dollar amount of the assistantship.
- Mexican nationals may also apply for the [Mexican Tuition Waiver](#) and provide all the financial documentation that it requires.

Step 6: Submit Immigration Documents

You must submit a current copy of your valid passport to ensure that the spelling of your name is consistent on all immigration and university documents. Information and documents needed to obtain a student visa will be sent to you once you have been accepted to UTRGV.

Step 7: Additional Attendance University Requirements

You will be required to submit the following items if you fall into the criteria listed below. Please read carefully to see if any of these items apply to you.

Meningitis Vaccination Policy

All new students under the age of 22 must provide certified proof from a health practitioner that they have received a valid bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster within the last five years. Students must submit their proof of vaccination or a booster at least 10 days prior to the first day of class for the intended term of enrollment.

Medical Insurance

The Board of Regents of the UT-System schools requires that all international students* be billed medical insurance every semester. Provides the Essential Minimum Benefits required by the PPACA with no annual limits; Covers 100% of Preventive Care as defined by the PPACA; Imposes a deductible that does not exceed \$500 per accident or illness; Repatriation expenses in the amount of no less than \$25 000; and Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the insured's home country of no less than \$50,000.

Mexican citizens may have medical insurance waived because of the proximity to the border.

If you have any additional questions or would like to set up an appointment, email us at intlnewstudent@utrgv.edu or scan the QR code to request one:



Graduate College information:
gradcollege@utrgv.edu
GradCentral at (956) 882-4026



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International Student
Services



If you have additional questions, contact the at: [International Student Services Office](#)

Brownsville Campus:

BMAIN Bldg. 1.308
One West University Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78520

Phone: 956-882-7092
Email: intlnewstudent@utrgv.edu
Hours of Operations: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Edinburg Campus:

EMASS Bldg. 1.102
1201 West University Dr.
Edinburg, TX 78539

Phone: 956-665-2922
Email: intlnewstudent@utrgv.edu
Hours of Operations: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm