# Doctoral Program Admissions

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### Eligibility

This is a full-time, in-residence, non-degree program. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree (or complete one by the time the program starts) and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to be eligible to apply.

Washington University encourages and gives full consideration to all applicants for admission, financial aid, and employment. The university does not discriminate regarding access to or treatment or employment in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability, or genetic information.

### Application Checklist

A complete online application should include the following:

- Scanned copies of transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (uploaded in the application)
- Scanned copies of GMAT score report (PDF uploaded in the application)
- Scanned copies of GRE score report (PDF uploaded in the application)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Resume/CV
- Application fee paid online

### High GMAT/GRE Test Score

Although there is no minimum score requirement, a good performance is weighted by the Admissions Committee. Successful applicants tend to have overall scores in the 90th percentile or higher. The GMAT institution code for the PhD in business is R4T-WG-45. The GRE institution code is 6929.

### Letters of Recommendation

We require two letters of recommendation. Recommenders may be either academic or professional; however, considerable weight is given to letters of recommendation from faculty members that highlight a candidate's research potential, past academic achievements, and a commitment to scholarly endeavor. Letters of recommendation are submitted online. We do not accept paper letters of recommendation. If this presents a problem, please contact us.

### Statement of Purpose

Your statement of purpose should include details of why the applicant wants to pursue an academic career, any experience the student has conducting or assisting in any research or teaching activities, and their own evaluations of their strengths and weaknesses in pursuing the Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows program.

### Curriculum Vitae

All applicants are required to upload a copy of their CV or resume as part of the application process.

### Transcripts

Upload unofficial transcripts — one from each college-level institution attended. Scanned copies of transcripts may be too dark and difficult to read, so please adjust scanner settings accordingly. Photographs of transcripts are not acceptable. *If the transcript is in a language other than English, applicants must provide an official translation issued from the university or by a certified member of the American Translators Association.* Applicants who have already graduated must show a transcript with the degree conferred and the date unless a copy of their diploma/degree certificate is required. Official transcripts of all college-level work must be submitted to the program office upon admission to Olin Business School. Updates to transcripts after applications are submitted are not necessary and will not be uploaded by Olin.