



## **Admissions into the Graduate Program in Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

The Masters of Science and Doctoral degree programs in the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) enable students to gain advanced knowledge, develop professional skills, and learn cutting-edge methodologies for research in the Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS). Students in the EPS program engage in coursework as well as research with scientists within the Department of Earth Sciences and the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and Planetology. Research opportunities are in numerous fields including geophysics and tectonics; marine and environmental geology; volcanology, geochemistry, and petrology; mineral physics and planetary materials; remote sensing; planetary science; and space technology.

Admission into the EPS graduate degree is a very competitive process. Successful applicants have the right combination of academic and professional preparation as well as interests that match the research endeavors—supported by extramural grants—of faculty mentors. Prospective students are encouraged to review the faculty webpages and contact those whose research activities align with the students' interests.

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following qualifications and abilities, listed in approximate order of priority from highest to lowest:

- 1) Research experience, skills, and potential
- 2) Academic performance and preparation
- 3) Writing, speaking, and teaching abilities
- 4) Independence, maturity, responsibility, passion, ambition, perseverance, creativity, curiosity
- 5) Abilities in teamwork, community engagement (within or outside academia), and supporting diversity

SOEST is actively seeking to increase the diversity of our haumāna (student population). Our goal is to promote a stronger and more diverse STEM workforce within the Islands of Hawai'i and beyond. We strongly encourage applications by individuals from underrepresented groups, including (but not limited to) those representing the intersections of race, ethnicity, cultural background, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and physical ability.

For more information about our program, the University, living in Hawaii, the admissions process, or other topics please contact the graduate student admissions officer (earth-admissions@soest.hawaii.edu) and/or our graduate student representatives (earth-grad-reps@soest.hawaii.edu).

Please complete and upload the two attached forms, your statement of purpose, Curriculum Vitae (CV) and optional supplemental material to <https://documentupload.manoa.hawaii.edu/upload/#/login>

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**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA • EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCES  
GRADUATE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FORM**

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. MAIL-IN THE COMPLETED FORM DIRECTLY TO:  
Graduate Admissions, Department of Earth Sciences  
University of Hawai'i, 1680 East-West Road, POST 606A, Honolulu, HI 96822

UPLOAD TO: <https://documentupload.manoa.hawaii.edu/upload/#/login>

For Semester/ <b>YEAR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>FALL</b> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SPRING</b> _____	Intended Graduate Program <b>EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCES</b>	<b>Degree Objective</b>  M.S. Ph.D.	Area of Concentration / Specialization (if any)
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Full Legal Name	Family / Last	First	Full Middle
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Current Mailing Address	City / Province	State / Country	Zip / Postal Code
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Telephone ( )	Fax ( )	Email Address
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Provide the name(s) of the UHM faculty member(s) you have personally communicated with regarding your admission to UHM, if any:

<b>ACADEMIC REFERENCES</b> Name:	Name:	Name:
Telephone ( )	Telephone ( )	Telephone ( )

Bachelor's Degree - University/College	State/Country	Date Awarded	Program of Study	Grade Point Average
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Master's Degree - University/College	State/Country	Date Awarded	Program of Study	Grade Point Average
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Name of institution (List below course(s) in progress.)	Course Number	Level of Course Undergraduate or Graduate	Descriptive Title of Course	Credit Hours

TOEFL	SELF-REPORTED TOEFL TEST SCORES (IF APPLICABLE)				
	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Date

To encourage a wider diversity of applicants, especially to include those with significant financial constraints, the first 50 applicants who submit their complete application packages may request a \$50 reimbursements to help offset the cost of the application fee. If you wish to request a reimbursement, please do so below with a short justification.

I certify that the answers and responses provided on this form are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant [x] \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATION**

To qualify for an appointment as a graduate assistant, you must have a satisfactory scholastic record, an adequate undergraduate background in your major field, and in the case of foreign students, evidence of a high level of English proficiency. All applicants for graduate assistantships must be admitted as potential graduate degree candidates in order to be considered for appointments. Appointees must carry at least 9 units of credit each semester and maintain at least a B (3.0) average. Submit this application to the department no later than January 15 for the fall semester or August 15 for the spring semester.

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(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle or Maiden Name)	(Preferred Pronouns, Optional)
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Research or Teaching Assistantship \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ (MS/PhD) Degree

Area of Study\* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Until \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Institutions of Higher Learning Attended and Attending Presently (continue on back if necessary)

	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>
1. _____					
2. _____					
3. _____					

List any special skills you have or research you have done which would be appropriate for this position.

There are typically many more qualified applicants than the number of graduate assistantships (GA) available. Students who do not receive an assistantship are responsible for funding their own tuition as well as living expenses. If you are not awarded a GA, would you still consider pursuing your graduate degree at the University of Hawai'i?

Yes                      No

The members of the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States have joined in approving the following resolution:

"Acceptance of an offer of financial aid (such as graduate scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, or assistantship) for the next academic year by an actual or prospective graduate student completes an agreement which both student and graduate school expect to honor. In those instances in which the student accepts the offer before April 15 and subsequently desires to withdraw, the student may submit in writing a resignation of the appointment at any time through April 15. However, an acceptance given or left in force after April 15 commits the student not to accept another offer without first obtaining a written release from the institution to which a commitment has been made. Similarly, an offer by an institution after April 15 is conditional on presentation by the student of the written release from any previously accepted offer."

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Geophysics & Tectonics; Marine & Environmental Geology; Volcanology, Geochemistry & Petrology; Mineral Physics & Planetary Materials; Remote Sensing; Planetary Science; Space Technology

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Statement of Purpose

Please provide a written statement describing your objectives for graduate study, including your intended area of specialization, professional aspirations, and evidence of your abilities or qualifications in the following areas, here listed in approximate order of priority from highest to lowest.

- 1) Research experience, skills, and potential
- 2) Academic performance and preparation
- 3) Writing, speaking, and teaching abilities
- 4) Independence, maturity, responsibility, passion, ambition, perseverance, creativity, curiosity
- 5) Abilities in teamwork, community engagement (within or outside academia), and supporting diversity

We encourage applicants to contact faculty whose research aligns with your interests and include the relevant information in your statement.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please provide this overview of items such as your academic record; professional history; recognition, awards, fellowships; notable skills and interests; teaching or mentoring experience; academic or professional service activities; community or volunteer work; reports, manuscripts, or other products and accomplishments; or other noteworthy aspects.

Optional Supplemental Material

Applicants may to include supplemental material such as theses, publications, or other products.