

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
REGARDING GRADUATE APPLICATIONS

1. How do I apply to the Oceanography graduate program?

The online UH Graduate Admissions application is located on their website:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/prospective-students>

There is an application fee of \$100 (as of Fall 2024 admissions).

As of September 2024, Fall 2025 applicants and beyond should submit all their materials, including the departmental application, through the UH Graduate Admissions site.

The deadline to submit applications for admission of U.S. applications are December 15 for Fall admission and September 1 for Spring admission. For foreign applicants, the corresponding deadlines are December 15 and August 1.

2. Are GRE scores still required to apply to the program?

As of December 2019, GRE scores are no longer required to apply to our graduate program.

3. What are the minimum TOEFL scores to enter the program?

There is no official minimum TOEFL score to enter the program. However, here are the recommended minimum scores in order to be considered for a Research or Teaching Assistantship.

TOEFL internet score: 100

TOEFL paper score: 600

IELTS score: 6.0 (7.0 for Teaching Assistantships)

4. Where do I send my TOEFL scores?

Your TOEFL scores should be sent to UH Graduate Admissions Office:

Graduate Division
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Spalding 354
2540 Maile Way
Honolulu, HI 96822

You just need to provide our Institution Code (4867 for University of Hawaii at Manoa) and Department Code (0508 for Oceanography). Our office is able to view TOEFL scores sent to the Graduate Admissions Office.

5. How should my recommendation letter writers submit their recommendations?

Three recommendation letters are required in your application. Letters can be uploaded to the UH Graduate Admissions application: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/prospective-students>
Recommendation letters should be uploaded directly by the letter writer (i.e. *not* the student applicant).

6. If I sent my transcripts to Grad Division, do I also need to order a second copy for the Department?

No, if your transcripts were sent to Grad Division, they will forward a copy to our office for our files. Vice versa: If our office receives any original transcripts that Grad Division did not receive, we will send them the original one and keep a copy for our files. Unofficial copies are acceptable during the application process, but we will need original/official transcripts if you've been selected to the program.

7. May I submit an electronic copy of my official transcripts?

A few Universities offer a service where they send electronic official transcripts via a drop box service. We will accept these electronic transcripts during the application process, but will need original/official transcripts if you've been selected to the program.

8. When will I receive notification whether I've been accepted into the program?

Our Department receives about 50 applications every year for Fall admission. The process to review these applications and determine who has been accepted can take 2-3 months. Our office usually sends out notifications for Fall admission in early April.

For Spring admission, decisions are usually made mid-October since the application pool is generally smaller.

9. If I applied last year may I re-use some of my application materials?

Certain application materials may be re-used for your current application. Your TOEFL scores and recommendation letters may be re-used. However, the supplemental information form, statement of objectives and graduate assistant application form should be completed again.