

Admission to the Ph.D. Program in Forest and Natural Resource Sciences

(Updated December 2021)

1. Basic Requirements

- Undergraduate or MS GPA: 3.00 or above
- GRE is not required but recommended
- Undergraduate degree in forestry or a related natural resource discipline recommended

2. Application Deadlines

- The [Graduate School](#) posts on its web pages the deadlines for applications for admission. Generally, domestic applications (including all transcripts and official scores) must be received by the Graduate School no later than one month prior to the start of the term the applicant intends to begin graduate work. Please refer to the [Academic Calendar](#) for typical semester starting dates. International applications must be received by the Graduate School by March 15 for the same calendar year's fall semester or by August 15 for the next calendar year's spring semester. International students are not admitted for summer sessions.
- The application deadline for individuals applying for Research or Teaching Assistantships funded by the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources is **1 February** (for assistantships beginning in the same calendar year's fall semester). Application deadlines for assistantships funded by grants and contracts of individual faculty members are variable. Please contact the Forestry and Natural Resources Graduate Program's Director of Graduate Studies and/or the relevant individual faculty member to learn the specific deadline for your application.

3. Application Procedure

- All of the following items must be submitted online, per the instructions on the Graduate School's web pages:
- Online application and fee.
- GRE scores (if applicable).
- Transcripts of all previous post-secondary education.
- Your résumé
- A signed and dated cover letter (personal statement) from you that:
 - describes your academic and professional goals & interests.
 - identifies the faculty member who agrees to serve as your major professor (i.e. Thesis Director if Plan A; Program Director if Plan B).
 - states whether or not you are applying for an assistantship.