Admissions Guide
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING TO OUR PROGRAMS
About the Application Process

At the Johns Hopkins School of Education, the admissions process operates differently from what you may have experienced at the undergraduate level. Our admissions office maintains the application process, but admissions staff do not make admissions decisions. Instead, each program convenes a faculty admissions committee to evaluate applications. After reviewing the applications, the committee recommends students for admission, in consultation with the dean of the school. The admissions office releases final decisions to applicants.

Things to Keep in Mind

- All applications for admission to degree and non-degree programs are only available online.
- All required materials—including letters of recommendation, essay/personal statement, CV/resume—must be uploaded to your application.
- If required, letters of recommendation must be submitted online by the recommenders. Once you provide the recommenders’ contact information, they will receive instructions via email.
- Throughout the application process, you will be able to see which documents have been received, including official transcripts and recommendation letters in the application portal.
- The admissions application, including all supporting materials, becomes the property of the school. No materials will be returned, or forwarded to other schools or agencies, including other schools within Johns Hopkins University.
- Most admissions review committees require an interview for selected candidates after the application has been submitted. You will be notified by your program if you have been selected for an admissions interview.
- All are welcome to apply, without regard to citizenship or immigration status.

Plan and Research

Before applying, please review our available degree and certificate options to choose the program best suited to your academic and career goals.

Careful research will help you make an informed decision about which programs, and what kind of degree options, will be a good fit. We urge you to speak with faculty, visit campus, meet current students, interview individuals in your field of interest, and look through research journals in your discipline to see which universities are represented.

The School of Education offers graduate programs in Baltimore, Maryland, as well as in fully online formats. Each program uses a curriculum delivery format best suited to meet students’ needs: full-time or part-time, day or evening, and online and/or on-campus. Certain programs offer courses and require attendance at both locations. Ask your program representative what a typical schedule looks like to be sure that it meets your scheduling needs.

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STEP 1
**STEP 2**

**Know Your Deadlines**

Please refer to the Admissions Deadlines and Requirements section of the School of Education website for detailed information on individual program application deadlines.

education.jhu.edu/admission

- Completed applications received by a program’s priority deadline date will receive priority review. International applicants or individuals who have attended colleges or universities outside the U.S. are encouraged to apply as early as possible.
- Programs that list a fixed application deadline will accept applications up until the stated deadline date. Application review for these programs typically does not begin until after that date.
- Applications received by programs that list a rolling deadline will be reviewed by the graduate program up until one month before the start of the semester for which you have applied, or until the program reaches full capacity.

**STEP 3**

**Start Your Application**

When you are ready to apply, visit our online application website to create and activate your application account.

education.jhu.edu/applynow

All supporting materials must be submitted electronically through the online application system. A complete application for most degree programs consists of:

- Online application form
- Official transcripts from all institutions previously attended
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay/personal statement
- Application fee

Individual programs may request additional academic documents, as needed. These may include:

- Standardized admissions testing scores
- International applicants - demonstration of English proficiency
  - TOEFL (internet-based test, [iBT]): minimum score, 100
  - IELTS; overall band score, 7.0
- Writing sample

If you are an international applicant, or if you have completed your previous academic degree(s) at an institution outside the U.S. or English-speaking Canada, please visit education.jhu.edu/international for additional requirements.

Applications are reviewed once all required materials have been received. It is your responsibility to ensure that missing documents are received prior to the stated admissions deadline. The admissions office is not responsible for materials sent to other offices.

**Required Uploads**

The following items must be completed and uploaded into the online application before you will be able to submit your application for consideration:

- **Resume/Curriculum Vitae:** Your resume should be a chronological listing of your employment history, educational history, academic endeavors, and other significant activities.
- **Essay/Personal Statement:** As an important consideration for programs when deciding whether to admit a candidate, your statement should be focused and informative, while conveying the interests, qualifications, and experiences that have influenced your goals and decision to undertake graduate study.

**Letters of Recommendation**

You must provide the names and professional email addresses of recommenders when you apply. Please contact recommenders before submitting their information and remind them that they will be asked to complete a short form and upload a typewritten letter of recommendation into our application system.

At least one letter should be from a faculty member at the last school you attended as a full-time student (unless you have been out of school for more than five years). Substitutions for faculty recommendations may include professional associates who can comment on your academic potential for graduate work.
Tips

- Enter your recommenders’ email addresses early in the process and inform them that they will be receiving instructions via email.
- Instruction emails to your recommenders will indicate you as the sender and have the subject “Please submit your recommendation,” but will actually come from our application system.
- Your list of recommenders is accessible from your activity log in the application status portal. You will be able to see if they have submitted letters and to send reminders if necessary.

Official Transcripts

Transcripts and test scores must be received after you successfully submit your online application form.

The Office of Admissions accepts certified electronic transcripts directly from issuing institutions to the following email address: soe.admissions@jhu.edu. You may also request that official transcripts be mailed to the admissions office, at the following address:

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You are required to report all previous college-level institutions attended, including but not limited to community college courses, military academies, and post-baccalaureate, graduate, or doctoral work. If the Office of Admissions determines that an institution was not reported, you will receive a request to submit an official transcript. This can significantly delay application processing.

Some Johns Hopkins School of Education programs require submission of a standardized admission test as a requirement for admission consideration. Please visit education.jhu.edu/admission and view the Required Test section to confirm if your program of interest requires testing scores.

You’ve applied. What’s next?

Admissions Interview

If the admissions committee determines you are well-matched to your program of interest, you may be selected for an admissions interview. The program will inform you of the interview options, such as in-person, via web conferencing, or by telephone.

Notification

You will be notified of an admission decision via email. If you receive an offer of admission, you will receive instructions on responding to the offer through the application portal.

Programs have different schedules for reviewing applications and returning admission decisions. Typically, applications submitted by the early-decision deadline will receive priority review and therefore a faster notification of admission. Programs with set deadlines will review all complete applications once the deadline has passed. Therefore, the Office of Admissions cannot give applicants a specific date to expect an admission decision.

Funding Your Education

Most students pay for their graduate studies through federal or private loans, partial institutional scholarships, or outside scholarships or grants. Applicants are encouraged to research and plan how they will fund their graduate studies early in the process.

Applicants interested in federal financial aid should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by visiting studentaid.gov. For the FAFSA, the Johns Hopkins School of Education's Federal School Code is E00475.

For additional information on federal financial aid, scholarships and grants, please visit the Financial Aid section of the school’s website, education.jhu.edu/financial.

Questions not answered in this guide? Please email soe-admissionsupport@jhu.edu