

Math & Stat Sciences Graduate Studies Deadline F.A.Q.

Q. Why should I apply as soon as possible?

A. An individual's application is reviewed as soon as it is complete (i.e. all required documents have been received), therefore, admission decisions are made on a continual basis and offers can be made as soon as the application season opens. Many of our successful applicants are admitted well before the listed deadlines and the program can fill up before all document submission deadlines have expired. Applying and submitting required documents as early as you can may increase your likelihood of being offered admission.

Q. Why should I send my required documents right away?

A. Submitting required documents early increases your likelihood of being offered admission (see above question). But in addition to the possibility of receiving early acceptance, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) offers several **Entrance Scholarships** to new students that are time sensitive. Departments are able to nominate newly admitted students for these scholarships. Please see the following link on our website for document submission deadlines and Entrance Scholarship deadlines:
<http://www.math.ualberta.ca/Graduate/DeadlineSchedule.pdf>

To be nominated for an entrance scholarship, the department must have received most of your required documents (up-to-date transcript, CV, Personal Statement, 2 reference letters, TOEFL if required).

Q. What happens if my documents are late?

A. Due to the high number of applications we receive for each term, we cannot accept late documents. We advise that you send your documents as early as possible, and well before your appointed deadline to avoid disappointment.

Q. What if my program is finished after my document deadline?

A. Most applicants are currently enrolled in a program when they apply to Graduate Studies at the U of A. We understand that your transcript may not be "Complete" or "Final" when you send it. In this case, we require that you send an "In-Progress" transcript before your deadline, and then send a complete copy (which should show all grades obtained and that your degree has been conferred) once you've finished your program. Without an In-Progress transcript, we can't evaluate your application, and therefore can't offer you admission.

Q. Should I send all my documents at once?

A. You may send your documents separately or all together in one complete package. If you choose to send all of your documents in one package **please remember that each reference letter must be received in a separate envelope that is signed over the seal by the referee who has written it. Please also note that official documents (transcripts and degree certificates) must also be received in a separate envelope that has been sealed by the institution from which it was obtained. There should also be a seal/stamp/signature over the seal).** Required documents should be sent **AFTER** you have submitted your online application.