Graduate School Online Application

Applicants are required to submit a complete online application through the Graduate School. Applications are accepted beginning January 1 of the calendar year prior to the start date of fall term (September). On your application, be sure to select the fall application term. You are encouraged to apply as early as possible as admission decisions are made January 1 until June 1 and applications are considered in the order received.

Reasons for Graduate Study Essay

Your "Reasons for Graduate Study" essay should describe your professional interests and background and explain your reasons for selecting this program of graduate study. It is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the admissions committee. Please use this essay to a) describe your academic and professional background including current day-to-day activities and responsibilities and b) explain why you think this program is a good fit for you based on the personal and professional objectives that led you to apply to the program. There is no fixed word count requirement but essays typically range from 1–3 pages in length.

Letters of Recommendation

The admissions committee requests that you select recommenders that you have worked with and who have had the opportunity to observe and work with you in a professional engineering setting (direct reports, colleagues, supervisors). At least one of your recommendations must come from a direct supervisor. When completing the online application you will be prompted to provide the contact information of your recommenders and to send them an email with instructions on completing the form online. If you or your recommenders have any difficulty with the online application, please contact the Chair of the SSE Admissions Committee at sseapply@epd.engr.wisc.edu for alternative methods of delivery.