

Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Application for Admission

General Application Information

Before you complete the Application for Admission, you should consult the **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Bulletin** for current general School policies and those of the various departments and programs. You may view the current bulletin on the Web at www.bu.edu/bulletins/grs. Attention to detail will facilitate processing this application.

Please note that the Application for Admission also serves as an application for Departmental and Graduate School merit-based financial assistance from Boston University. By checking the “Yes” box after the “Do you wish to be considered for financial aid from Boston University (excluding loans and Work-Study)?” question on the Application for Admission, you will be considered for all University sources of merit-based financial aid. There is no separate application for these forms of financial aid. For details of types of University aid available, consult the financial aid sections below.

Applicants who have twice been rejected for admission to the same degree program must submit a letter of approval for application from the current director of graduate studies for the department to which they seek admission.

Application Fee

The required application fee is \$65 USD. Credit card payment is accepted with the online application only. The online application is available at www.bu.edu/cas/graduate. For paper applications, include a check or money order payable to Boston University for the nonrefundable amount of \$65. This fee must be paid in U.S. currency or check; international money order; or an international check in U.S. funds drawn on a bank in the United States. Credit card payment or Travellers’ Checks are not acceptable with this application. **Your application will not be considered without payment of the application fee, and the fee cannot be waived or deferred.**

Application Deadlines

For most programs, the deadlines for admission with full consideration for all available forms of Graduate School of Arts and Sciences merit-based financial aid are **January 15 for Fall admission and October 15 for Spring admission**. Adhering to these deadlines will ensure you are considered for all available forms

of merit-based financial aid, both University-wide and departmental.

However, the Department of Anthropology, the Department of Biology, the Department of Computer Science, the Program in Neuroscience, the Program in Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry, the Program in Bioinformatics, and the Program in Sociology and Social Work have an earlier deadline for Fall admission/financial aid consideration. The PhD program in Clinical Psychology has an earlier deadline of December 1 for Fall admission/financial aid consideration.

Individual departments/programs may have later deadlines for admission consideration if you wish to be considered for departmental financial aid only, or if you do not wish to be considered for financial aid at all. These deadlines are listed on the Department/Program Information Sheet. By submitting an application by the deadlines stated there, you will be considered for financial assistance as departmental funds allow.

Applications that are complete at the time of the deadlines will be given priority. An application is considered complete when all required credentials, as listed below, have been received by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Credentials Required

In general, a complete application consists of the completed Application for Admission (including *both* the School Copy and the Department Copy), a Personal Statement, at least two letters of recommendation, official transcripts from every college or university attended, and official results of the General Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Please refer to the Application and Credential Requirements page for a detailed listing of credential requirements.

Standardized Test Scores

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences requests that official results of required standardized test scores be sent directly to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Admissions Office from the testing center. To determine which test scores are required, please consult the Application and Credential Requirements page and the Department/Program Information Sheet.

Important Notice

Applicants should note that all materials submitted in support of an application become the sole property of the University and neither the originals nor copies will be provided to the applicant for other uses.

Nondegree (“Special Student”) Applicants

Persons with an accredited U.S. bachelor’s degree or its international equivalent who do not wish to enter a degree program of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences may apply to a department or division in the Graduate School for admission as a special student with nondegree status.

Nondegree applicants must submit the required \$65 application fee, as well as *both* the School Copy and the Department Copy of the Application for Admission. Please include a statement specifying your objectives in pursuing nondegree study. Additionally, all nondegree applicants are required to submit an official transcript of the most recent studies leading to an awarded degree. GRE General Test scores are not required.

Applicants previously enrolled as nondegree students who wish to apply to a degree program in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences should refer to the current **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Bulletin** for rules and regulations regarding nondegree-to-degree application and transfer of credit policies.

Nondegree applicants are not eligible for University sources of financial aid or any financial aid that requires matriculation in a degree program.

Deferral Requests

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences does not defer admissions. However, if you were admitted, you may request reconsideration for admission for a future semester that is up to one year beyond your initial semester of admission. Your original application will be reviewed along with all other applications for admission for the requested semester of reconsideration, taking into account present competition and work undertaken by you in the interim. The Admissions Committee will review, rate, and reach an admissions decision as if it were the first time you were applying. You need not submit a new application, set of credentials, or

application fee. (Your original application credentials are kept on file for one year.) **It is important to understand that the department is not obligated to re-offer admission.** A request for admission reconsideration must be made in writing to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Admissions Office at 705 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 112, Boston, MA 02215, or by e-mail to grs@bu.edu.

Applying for Dual Degree Programs

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences offers the following dual degree programs in conjunction with other Schools of the University:

A Master of Arts in either Economics or International Relations with a Master of Business Administration through the Graduate School of Management.

A Master of Arts in International Relations, Philosophy, or Preservation Studies with a Juris Doctor through the School of Law.

Applications to the dual degree programs are made directly through the Graduate School of Management or the School of Law. You must apply to the dual programs using these Schools' applications. You cannot apply to the dual programs using a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Application for Admission. For further information and/or applications, contact:

The Graduate School of Management
Boston University
595 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
U.S.A.

Telephone: 617-353-2670
Web: management.bu.edu/gpo
E-mail: mba@bu.edu

or

The School of Law
Boston University
765 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
U.S.A.

Telephone: 617-353-3100
Web: www.bu.edu/law/admissions
E-mail: bulawadm@bu.edu

University Sources of Aid

If you wish to be considered for *merit-based* financial assistance from Boston University, be sure to check "Yes" to the question "Do you wish to be considered for Boston University financial aid?" on your application for admission. Your application will then be considered for an award from any of the following University resources: Presidential Fellowship, Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellowship, Teaching Fellowship, Research Assistantship, and Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship. For detailed descriptions of this aid, refer to the Graduate School Bulletin section on Financial Aid. **Please note that the above process does not include aid listed in the section 'Other Sources of Aid' and that additional applications are required.**

Other Sources of Aid

Application requests for federal Work-Study and Whitney M. Young Jr. Fellowships should be directed to Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Financial Aid Office, 705 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215; 617-353-2696.

Federal Work-Study

Work-Study is a federally funded, need-based program for U.S. citizens and permanent residents, designed to promote academic-year and summer employment to help students meet educational expenses. Students are placed at the University or in nonprofit off-campus organizations in part-time positions during the academic year and in full-time assignments during the summer. This program provides students with the opportunity not only to earn money but also to develop skills that may be related to their courses of study. To apply, students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and must complete a Work-Study Application, which can be requested from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Financial Aid Office. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1 for summer Work-Study and May 1 for academic year Work-Study. Applications received after the deadline will be considered as federal funds allow.

Whitney M. Young Jr. Fellowship

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Fellowship is available for an entering or continuing African American student who is a U.S. citizen and who has displayed academic proficiency in a field related to race relations or urban problems. This fellowship provides a scholarship for full tuition and fees, Boston University health insurance, plus a stipend. The fellowship is a one-year nonrenewable award. The deadline for receipt of the application with all supporting documents is February 1.

Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans

Federal Stafford loans are long-term educational loans to U.S. citizens and permanent residents available through the federal government. Graduate students are eligible to borrow up to \$8,500 per year in a Subsidized Direct Loan and up to an additional \$10,000 per year in an Unsubsidized Direct Loan. Repayment begins six months after the student has graduated, terminated study, been granted a leave of absence, or enrolled on a less than half-time basis. Students who wish to borrow funds through this loan program must obtain an application from Boston University. In addition, loan applicants must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Private Loans

Private credit-based loans are available through many banks and lending agencies. Contact the Graduate School Financial Aid Office to obtain information and applications for eligible private loan programs.

See other awards, loan information, etc., in the **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Bulletin** section on financial assistance.

Under the provisions of the 1974 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act you should be aware that the University is authorized to disclose personally identifiable information from your educational records to approved financial aid agencies to which you have applied for aid if access to that information is needed by these agencies to determine your eligibility for, the conditions of, and/or maintenance of aid, or to enforce terms connected with the receipt of such aid.

Important Information for Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Applicants

Once you receive an acknowledgment of receipt postcard from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, please address further inquiries regarding the status of your application and/or follow-up credentials directly to the Graduate Admissions Coordinator in your department/program of application.

Please keep this information for further reference.

Information on specific departments or programs is available at <http://www.bu.edu>.

Unless otherwise indicated, all addresses are located at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts 02215 U.S.A.

African American Studies
138 Mountfort Street
Brookline, MA 02446
617-353-2795
Fax: 617-353-0455
E-mail: afam@bu.edu
Website: www.bu.edu/afam

American and New England Studies Program
226 Bay State Road
617-353-2948
E-mail: amnesp@bu.edu

Department of Anthropology
232 Bay State Road, 1st Fl.
617-353-2195
E-mail: oneil@bu.edu

Applied Linguistics Program
96 Cummington Street, Room 246
617-353-6197
E-mail: linguist@bu.edu

Department of Archaeology
675 Commonwealth Avenue, STO 347
617-353-3415
Fax: 617-353-6800
E-mail: archaeo@bu.edu
Website: www.bu.edu/archaeology

Department of Art History
725 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm. 302
617-353-2520
Fax: 617-353-3243
E-mail: ahdept@bu.edu
Website: www.bu.edu/ah

Department of Astronomy
725 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm. 514
617-353-5705
E-mail: astro@bu.edu

Intercollegiate Program in Bioinformatics
48 Cummington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02215
E-mail: bioinfo@bu.edu

Department of Biology
5 Cummington Street
617-353-2432
Website: www.bu.edu/biology

Biostatistics Program
Department of Biostatistics
School of Public Health
715 Albany Street, T4E
Boston, Massachusetts 02118
617-638-5172
E-mail: biostat@bu.edu

Cellular Biophysics Program
Boston University
School of Medicine
715 Albany Street, Rm. L714
Boston, Massachusetts 02118
617-638-4258

Department of Chemistry
590 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm. 299
617-353-2503
E-mail: mvigneau@chem.bu.edu

Department of Classical Studies
745 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm. 414
617-353-2427
E-mail: clgrstud@bu.edu
Website: www.bu.edu/classics

Department of Cognitive and Neural Systems
677 Beacon Street
617-353-9481
E-mail: amos@bu.edu

Department of Computer Science
111 Cummington Street, Room 138
617-353-8919
E-mail: grad-admissions@cs.bu.edu

Department of Earth Sciences
685 Commonwealth Avenue Room 131
617-353-2532
E-mail: earth@bu.edu

Department of Economics
270 Bay State Road
617-353-4454
E-mail: ecomma@bu.edu (MA)
E-mail: phdecon@bu.edu (PhD)

Editorial Institute
143 Bay State Road
617-353-6631
E-mail: editinst@bu.edu

Center for Energy and Environmental Studies
675 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm. 141
617-353-3083
E-mail: cees@bu.edu

Department of English
236 Bay State Road
617-353-2506
E-mail: hlane@bu.edu

Creative Writing Program
236 Bay State Road
617-353-2510
E-mail: crwr@bu.edu

Department of Geography
675 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm. 457
617-358-0206
E-mail: geog@crsa.bu.edu

Department of History
226 Bay State Road
617-353-2555
E-mail: history@bu.edu

Department of International Relations*
152 Bay State Road
617-353-9349
E-mail: ir@bu.edu

Department of Mathematics and Statistics
111 Cummington Street, Room 142
617-353-2560
E-mail: mathdept@bu.edu
Website: math.bu.edu

Department of Modern Foreign
Languages and Literatures
718 Commonwealth Avenue
617-353-2641
E-mail: MFL@bu.edu

Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry
Program
5 Cummington Street
617-353-2432
E-mail: mccb@bu.edu

Department of Music
855 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm. 240
617-353-8789
E-mail: CFAMusic@bu.edu

Program in Neuroscience
5 Cummington Street
617-358-1123
E-mail: neurosci@bu.edu

Department of Philosophy
745 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm. 516
617-353-2571
E-mail: casphilo@bu.edu

Department of Physics
590 Commonwealth Avenue
617-353-2600
E-mail: dept@buphy.bu.edu

Department of Political Science
232 Bay State Road
617-353-2540
E-mail: pograd@bu.edu

Department of Psychology
64 Cummington Street
617-353-2580
Website: www.bu.edu/psych

Division of Religious and Theological Studies
145 Bay State Road
617-353-3060
E-mail: religion@bu.edu

Department of Sociology
96-100 Cummington Street
617-353-2591
E-mail: socinfo@bu.edu

Interdisciplinary PhD Program in
Sociology and Social Work
264 Bay State Road
617-353-3765
E-mail: migoshi@bu.edu

*Including the MA program in International Relations, MA in International Relations and Religion, and International Communication and the MA program in International Relations and Environmental Policy



Application and Credential Requirements

Listed below are the credentials, forms, test scores and other documentation required of all applicants to degree programs at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Boston University.

Please be sure to refer to the preceding General Application Information portion of this booklet for important information regarding the application fee and deadlines for application receipt.

Application for Admission

A completed and signed Application for Admission (consisting of *both* the School Copy and Department Copy) is required of applicants to every degree program offered by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. *Both* the School Copy and Department Copy of the Application for Admission are to be submitted simultaneously to the Admissions Office of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. **Do not submit the Department Copy separately to the department/program to which you are applying.** An application also can be submitted online at www.bu.edu/cas/graduate. Payment by credit card is required at time of submission of the online application.

Transcripts

Applicants to every degree program offered by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences are required to submit official transcripts of each college or university attended. A college senior should submit an official transcript of work completed in the first semester of the senior year as soon as it is available. Applicants who have received degrees from institutions outside the U.S. must provide certified copies and certified English translations of transcripts or records of all previous post-secondary education. The address to which transcripts should be sent is stated below. Photocopies or faxes of these documents are not acceptable.

Applicants who are admitted to and enroll in a degree program are required to provide official documentation of the names, and dates of award, of all previous academic degrees.

Letters of Recommendation

A minimum of two letters of recommendation is required for all degree program applicants to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. However, some departments/programs require three letters. Please refer to the Department/Program Information Sheet under the "Additional Requirements" column for your intended program's requirement. Applicants who have been schooled outside the U.S. should submit letters of recommendation from faculty members in your field of proposed study and who are familiar with your work and the American system of higher education.

The Recommendation for Admission forms included with this application are to be used, if at all possible, for providing a letter of recommendation. Send the Recommendation for Admission form to your evaluator (be sure to complete the top portion of the form first) and request that the completed recommendation be sent in a sealed envelope either to you, for inclusion with your application, or directly to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Admissions Office at the address appearing on the top of the Recommendation for Admission form.

Please request that all references be in sealed envelopes, with the evaluator's signature across the seal. This application packet should have included three pre-printed envelopes that your evaluators may use to return your Recommendation for Admission. If these envelopes are missing, a plain, sealed envelope will suffice.

Personal Statement

Applicants to every degree program offered by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences are required to submit a Personal Statement of not fewer than 200 words. This statement must describe your qualifications and the objectives of your intended educational program at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Please refer to the Personal Statement portion on the reverse side of the Department Copy of the Application for Admission for further details.

Writing Samples

Individual departments/programs may require or recommend the inclusion of a scholarly writing sample or research paper. Please refer to the Department/Program Information Sheet under the "Additional Requirements" column for your intended program's requirement.

GRE Scores

Applicants to every degree program offered by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences are required to submit official results of the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), as administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). **The ETS Institution Code for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is R3087.** You need not specify a Department Code when requesting test scores be sent to the Graduate School. Individual departments/programs may require or recommend results of the GRE's Subject Test also. Please refer to the Department/Program Information Sheet under the "GRE Subject Test" column for your intended program's Subject Test requirement.

For GRE information and application materials, contact the Educational Testing Service at:

GRE
P.O. Box 6000
Princeton, NJ 08541-6000 U.S.A.
Telephone: 609-771-7670 E-mail: gre-info@ets.org
Web: www.gre.org

TOEFL Scores

Official results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), as administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), are required of all applicants whose native language is not English. For information on the minimum score requirement, contact the Admissions Office at grs@bu.edu. This requirement is waived only if you have received, or expect to receive, an undergraduate or graduate degree from a college or university in any of the following countries prior to enrollment in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: The United States of America, Canada, The United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, or New Zealand. **The ETS Institution Code for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is 3087.**

For TOEFL information and application materials, contact the Educational Testing Service at:

TOEFL/TSE Services
P.O. Box 6151
Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 U.S.A.
Telephone: 609-771-7100 Web: www.toefl.org

International Student Data Form

A completed and signed International Student Data Form (ISDF) is required of all applicants who are not citizens of the United States or who have not been granted official Permanent Residency Status in the United States. The ISDF is a four-page document included toward the back of this application booklet. Further instructions are stated on the form itself.

The completed Application for Admission, the \$65 application fee, and all supporting credentials and standardized test scores should be mailed to:

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Admissions Office
Boston University
705 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 112
Boston, MA 02215 U.S.A.

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Department/Program Information Sheet

Please be sure that you have carefully read the procedures and requirements outlined on the Application and Credential Requirements page before referring to the following chart. **Official results of the GRE General Test are required of all applicants.**

Area of Study	Deadlines		Degrees Offered			GRE Subject Test Required	Additional Requirements (to those listed on the Application and Credentials Requirements page)
	Fall	Spring	MA	MA/PhD (Postbachelor's)	PhD (Post-master's)		
African American Studies	July 1	---	X				
American and New England Studies	Jan. 15	---		X	X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample; personal statement
Anthropology (including Applied Anthropology ¹)	Jan. 1 Mar. 1	---		X	X		3 recommendations; personal statement
Applied Linguistics	Apr. 1	Oct. 15	X		X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample for post-MA PhD applicants
Archaeology (including Archaeological Heritage Management Geoarchaeology)	April 1 April 1 April 1	---	X X X	X	X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample for post-MA PhD applicants 3 recommendations 3 recommendations
Art History (including nondegree Certificate in Museum Studies)	Jan. 15	Oct. 15	X	X	X		3 recommendations
Astronomy	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X	X (Physics)	3 recommendations
Bioinformatics	Dec. 15	Oct. 1	X (MS)	X (MS/PhD)	X		3 recommendations; résumé
Biology	Jan. 1	---	X	X	X	X ²	3 recommendations
Biostatistics	May 1*	Oct. 15	X	X	X		
Cellular Biophysics	July 1	Oct. 15		X ³	X	X	3 recommendations
Chemistry	July 1	Oct. 15	X	X	X	X (recommended)	3 recommendations
Classical Studies	July 1*	Oct. 15	X	X	X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample
Cognitive and Neural Systems	May 1	Nov. 15	X	X	X	X (optional)	3 recommendations
Computer Science	Dec. 15	Oct. 1	X	X	X		3 recommendations
Creative Writing	Mar. 1	---	X				Creative writing sample
Earth Sciences	Jan. 15	Oct. 15	X	X	X		3 recommendations
Economics (including) ⁴ Political Economy Economic Policy ⁴	May 1 May 1 May 1	Oct. 1 ---	X X X	X	X		3 <i>academic</i> recommendations 3 <i>academic</i> recommendations 3 <i>academic</i> recommendations
Editorial Studies	Mar. 30	---	X		X		3 recommendations—at least one academic; thesis proposal
Energy and Environmental Analysis (including) Environmental Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems International Relations and Environmental Policy	July 1 July 1 July 1	Nov. 15 Nov. 15	X X X				

¹Please indicate interest by writing "Applied Program" in the space provided for "Specialization" on the Application for Admission.

²In biology, chemistry, physics, or biochemistry and molecular biology; other science subject exams may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

³This is a postbachelor's PhD program only. No MA degree will be awarded.

⁴Admission in the Spring semester is only accepted for the Economics MA and MAEP programs. It does not apply to the MAPE/PhD and PhD programs.

*January 15 if applying for financial aid.

Area of Study	Deadlines		Degrees Offered			GRE Subject Test Required	Additional Requirements (to those listed on the Application and Credentials Requirements page)
	Fall	Spring	MA	MA/PhD (Postbachelor's)	PhD (Post-master's)		
English	Jan. 15	---	X		X	X	3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample
French Language & Literature	July 1	Oct. 15	X		X		3 recommendations; writing sample
Geography	July 1	Nov. 15	X	X	X		3 recommendations; writing sample;
Hispanic Language & Literatures	July 1	Oct. 15	X		X		3 recommendations; writing sample
History	Feb. 15	---	X	X	X		Writing sample
International Relations (with or without a Graduate Certificate in African Studies) including:	April 15	Oct. 15	X				3 <i>academic</i> recommendations;*
International Relations and Religion	April 15	Oct. 15	X				
International Relations and International Communication	April 15	Oct. 15	X				3 <i>academic</i> recommendations;*
International Relations and Environmental Policy	July 1	Nov. 15	X				
Mathematics & Statistics	Jan. 15	Oct. 15	X	X	X	X (Mathematics)	3 recommendations;
Mathematical Finance ¹	May 1	---	X			X (recommended) ²	
	(begins during the University's Summer II Session in July)						
Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, & Biochemistry ⁴	Jan. 1	---	X	X	X	X ³	3 recommendations; detail research interests in Personal Statement;
Music ⁵	Mar. 15	Oct. 15	X		X		3 recommendations; musical composition or research paper
Neuroscience	Dec. 15	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations;
Philosophy	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations; scholarly writing sample;
Physics	Jan. 15	Nov. 1	X	X	X	X (Physics)	
Political Science	April 1		X	X	X		3 recommendations;
Preservation Studies	May 1	---	X				3 recommendations; writing sample; personal statement
Psychology (including)	Jan. 15	---		X	X	X (optional)	3 recommendations; MAT optional
(Brain Behavior and Cognition, and Human Development Program)	Jan. 15	---		X	X	X (optional)	3 recommendations; MAT optional
(Clinical Psychology)	Dec. 1	---		X	X	X (optional)	3 recommendations; MAT optional
MA Program (1st round)	Mar. 1	---	X				
MA program (final round)	June 1	---	X				
Religious & Theological Studies ⁶	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations; academic writing sample; personal statement
Sociology	Jan. 15	---	X	X	X		3 recommendations; academic writing sample
Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Sociology and Social Work	Jan. 15	---			X		scholarly writing sample; MAT may be substituted for GRE

¹Please indicate interest by writing "Mathematical Finance" in the space provided for "Specialization" on the Application for Admission.

²In Mathematics, Computer Science, or Economics.

³In biology, chemistry, physics, or biochemistry and molecular biology; exceptions may be made for applicants with engineering backgrounds.

⁴Write "MCBB" in the space provided for "Department Name" on the Application for Admission and specify research interests on the "Specialization" line below.

⁵The degrees of Master of Music and Doctor of Music Arts are offered through Boston University's College of Fine Arts, 855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

⁶The degrees of Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry are offered through Boston University's School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

*Professional letters of recommendation are suitable substitutes for academic recommendations when someone has been away from a student status for more than 2 years.

List below all courses in **your intended area of study** that have been or will be completed before enrollment. Then list all foreign language courses you have taken or are taking, describing your speaking and reading competence in each language. Mark graduate-level courses with a "G" after the grade. Any graduate-level courses for which you anticipate requesting transfer of credit should be marked with an asterisk (*). You may attach this information on a separate sheet of paper.

Institution	Department	Title of Course (If possible, give name of instructor)	No. of Credits	Grade

Employment Information

List all jobs held since you began undergraduate studies, starting with the most recent (a résumé may be submitted as a replacement or supplement to this section).

Dates	Employer	Location	Title	Full- or Part-time

Optional: Have you been in contact with a member of the Boston University faculty or staff in your chosen department of study?

Yes No

If so, with whom? _____

I hereby attest that all information provided in this application is true.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Personal Statement

Write a statement on a separate page of not fewer than 200 words describing your qualifications and the objectives of your educational program. Report any research activities, publications, independent studies, and memberships in academic, professional, or honorary societies. Account for time that has elapsed between formal studies. Applicants for teaching fellowships should indicate previous teaching experience. Please be sure to write your name on this sheet. Please be advised that under certain circumstances, this evaluation may be reviewed by someone other than a member of the admissions committee of the department indicated above.

Remember to Attach your Personal Statement



Boston University
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

705 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02215
U.S.A.

Recommendation for Admission

The applicant should complete all relevant sections below and submit this form to the person providing a recommendation.
Materials submitted in support of an application become the property of the University, and neither originals nor copies will be provided.
(Please type or print.)

Applicant's name _____
(Family Name) (Given Name) (Middle)

Applicant for Master of Arts Date of birth _____
 (Postbachelor's) Doctor of Philosophy
 (Post-master's) Doctor of Philosophy
 Nondegree
 Master of Science (Bioinformatics Program only)
 MS/PhD (Bioinformatics Program only)

Department name _____ **Specialization** _____

Evaluator's name _____ **Title or Position** _____

Institution/Company _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ **E-mail** _____

To the Applicant: This recommendation will become part of your Admissions file. It will not be disclosed to any unauthorized individual without your consent. If you matriculate at Boston University, you will be accorded access to its contents unless you voluntarily waive your right of access. Please check one of the boxes and sign the statement below.

I have read the information above and I hereby waive do not waive my right of access to this document should I matriculate at Boston University.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

TO THE PERSON MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION: Under the 1974 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the applicant named above will have access to this recommendation unless he/she has waived that right. If you choose not to use this form for your recommendation, please return the form with your letter so that the above waiver may apply to such letters. Please be advised that under certain circumstances, this evaluation may be reviewed by someone other than a member of the admissions committee of the department indicated above.

The Committee on Admissions of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences will greatly appreciate your cooperation in providing an evaluation of the applicant's potential as a graduate student.

1. How well do you know the applicant? (Check as many as apply)
 as reported by junior staff members
 as a student in a large lecture course
 as a student in a small class
 as a student in laboratory courses
 as a student engaged in research or independent study under my direction
 as my advisee
 other (state) _____

2. How long have you known the applicant? _____

3. For what level of graduate study do you recommend the applicant?
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Applicant's name _____
(Family Name) (Given Name) (Middle)

Applicant for Master of Arts Date of birth _____
 (Postbachelor's) Doctor of Philosophy
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 Nondegree
 Master of Science (Bioinformatics Program only)
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Department name _____ **Specialization** _____

Evaluator's name _____ **Title or Position** _____

Institution/Company _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ **E-mail** _____

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By Mail (Applications and all supporting documents and credentials should be directed to this address):

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Admissions Office
Boston University
705 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 112
Boston, MA 02215
U.S.A.

By E-mail: *grs@bu.edu*

By Telephone: 617-353-2696

By Fax: 617-358-0540

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences on the World Wide Web:

www.bu.edu/cas/graduate

Boston University on the World Wide Web:

www.bu.edu

Additional Information for International Applicants

International students are responsible for making arrangements for travel to and from Boston and for adequate financial resources, including tuition and living expenses, for at least one year at Boston University. Refer to the **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Estimate of Expenses** toward the back of this booklet for further information.

Because of the relatively brief amount of time available for processing and reviewing applications for admission to the spring semester, international students are strongly advised to apply only for fall semester admission.

A limited number of teaching fellowships and assistantships are available to qualified international students with superior fluency in English. U.S. immigration regulations generally prohibit international students from accepting employment during the first year of study in the United States unless the University offers an appointment together with admission. Information and assistance regarding governmental and University regulations may be obtained by writing to the Boston University International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO), 19 Deerfield Street, Boston, MA 02215, U.S.A. The ISSO can also be reached by e-mail at *isso@bu.edu*. For further advice and assistance in seeking admission, international students are advised to consult the nearest U.S. embassy, consulate, or information center.

TO THE PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT:

All application materials are enclosed, but unfortunately we are obliged to ask for payment in advance for mailing of bulletins because of the high cost of shipping materials overseas. The current edition of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Bulletin may be viewed online at www.bu.edu/grs/bulletin. However, if you wish to receive a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Bulletin in the mail, please send International Postal Coupons equivalent to U.S. \$10 to the following address:

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PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW.

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(please print clearly):

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ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY: _____

I would like to study _____

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Financial Declaration

Boston University is required by U.S. government regulations to check the availability of adequate funding for your tuition, fees, and living expenses for the duration of your studies at Boston University. We will be unable to provide you with the documents necessary to obtain your visa without verification of adequate funding. All financial documents submitted for evaluation will become the property of Boston University and will not be returned to the applicant. (Please refer to the accompanying estimate of expenses for the breakdown of fees and for the minimum required per annum.)

All sources of support which you submit must be:

1. Originals, not photocopies
2. Shown in U.S. dollars
3. For Boston University specifically, and no other college or university
4. No more than one year old
5. Indicate the period of time the support will be provided
6. Written in English

Please check the box below which describes the type of funding you will be receiving, and attach the appropriate official documentation as outlined below:

If you will be funded by your *parents* or a *relative*, please submit:

1. A legalized letter of sponsorship which indicates that your sponsor (uncle, aunt, brother, or sister) is willing and able to support you financially for your academic fees and living expenses throughout the duration of your studies at Boston University.
2. An official bank statement or credit reference from a bank stating the availability of the minimum estimated expenses (as indicated on the Estimate of Expense sheet enclosed). This document should be in English, and the sum should be indicated in U.S. dollars.

If you will be funded by your government, an organization, a company, etc., the sponsor must submit an official letter of sponsorship which states:

1. That your funding is valid for Boston University specifically.
2. What expenses will be covered. For example: academic fees, living expenses (how much), health insurance, financial support for family members, travel costs, etc. Amounts should be in U.S. dollars.
3. The length of time of the support.

If you will be funded by a bank loan, you must submit an official letter of certification from the lending institution. Amounts should be in U.S. dollars.

If you will be funded by a salary or study-leave allowance, you must submit an official letter from your employer validating this information. Amounts should be in U.S. dollars.

If you will be funded in a manner not listed above (for example, if you will fund yourself), you must submit official documentation (a bank statement or a credit reference from a bank) from the source of sponsorship clearly stating the amount of financial support to be provided and the length of time for which it will be available. Amounts should be in U.S. dollars.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you cannot initially show that you have sufficient funds to meet the minimum funding requirements to bring your spouse and/or child(ren) into the U.S., note the following Boston University policy: Under these circumstances, it is our policy not to issue visa documents for family members until the international student has been in the United States for a minimum of three months. At that time we will only issue visa documents if the student provides us with a budget and three months of bank statements from a U.S. bank showing accrued savings to meet the minimum funding requirements necessary to support dependents for their intended period of stay in the United States.

Language Information

Is English your native language? Yes _____ No _____ If not, what is your native language? _____

In what other languages are you fluent? _____

If you have been enrolled, are currently enrolled, or will enroll in an intensive English-language program in the United States, please complete the following:

Name of the English-language program _____

Address _____

Dates of your enrollment: from _____ to _____

If English is not your native language, Boston University requires the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) as proof of your proficiency in English. To apply for this test, write directly to: TOEFL, Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, U.S.A., or consult the nearest United States Embassy, Consulate, or Bi-National Center.

On what date do you plan on taking the TOEFL? _____

Have the results of the TOEFL sent *directly* from the TOEFL testing service in Princeton, New Jersey, to the Admissions Office that is reviewing your application. If it is impossible for you to take the TOEFL, Boston University will consider the results of either the Michigan or ALIGU test. The results must be sent directly from the testing center which administered the exam to the Admissions Office reviewing your application.

Educational Information

List all schools, colleges, or other institutions you have attended or are attending in your country and elsewhere, including the United States:

Secondary or Preparatory Schools	Location	Indicate degree or diploma granted	Dates from to

Was English the medium of instruction in any of these schools? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which school(s)? _____

Are you now enrolled in a school or college in the United States? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give details below:

Purpose _____

Location _____

Date started _____ Date of completion _____

Have you ever visited the United States for purposes other than school? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give details below:

Purpose _____

Location _____ Dates _____

Immigration and Visa Information

If you are currently in the U.S., or have been in the U.S. during the past six months, please indicate your current or most recent U.S. immigration classification _____ and submit dark, legible copies of the following documents:

- _____ Personal data pages of your passport including the page that indicates the passport expiration date
- _____ Copy of the front and reverse side of your most recent I-94 card (usually small card stapled into your passport). Please make certain that the copy reflects the red INS stamp on the I-94 card.
- _____ Copy of the most recent visa stamp in your passport (if applicable)

In addition:

If you are currently in the U.S. in F-1 student status, please submit dark, legible copies of the front and reverse side of all of your Form(s) I-20 and Employment Authorization Card(s) (if applicable)

If you are currently in the U.S. in J-1 Exchange Visitor status in any category, please submit dark, legible copies of the front and reverse side of all of your Form(s) IAP66.

If you are currently in the U.S. on F-2, J-2, H-4 or any other dependent immigration status, please submit copies of all immigration documents from your principal alien (your spouse or/parent on which you are dependent)

If you are currently in the U.S. in any other immigration status, please submit copies of all of your Form(s) I-797 and any other relevant immigration documents.

Please be advised that Boston University must have photocopies of the documents above in order to finalize your admission and issue the appropriate documents to enable you to apply for a visa. We may need to contact you to request additional documentation as necessary.

If you are not currently in the U.S., to which U.S. Embassy or Consulate do you intend to apply for your visa stamp?
_____ (Please include the city and the country)

Are you single? _____ married? _____

If married, do you intend to bring your husband/wife to the United States? Yes _____ No _____

If your husband/wife is already in the United States, what type of visa does he/she hold? _____

Below, please give the names of the dependents who will accompany you to the United States. (The definition of "dependents" who can be listed on your visa document includes only your husband/wife and your children under 21 years of age. If you wish to have other family members and/or employees accompany you to the United States, please consult the U.S. Consulate for information on which visa would be appropriate for them.)

Relationship	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	City and Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship
Husband/Wife	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Son/Daughter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Son/Daughter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Son/Daughter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If you will be accompanied by your husband/wife, what will he/she do while in the United States?

Study _____ Child care _____ Other (be specific) _____

If you are now employed in your home country, what is your official job title? _____

What is the name of the organization/company for which you work? _____

Address _____

Briefly describe your responsibilities: _____

Attention: Before you send your application documents to your Admissions Office, indicate by checking below that you have enclosed:

Proof of English proficiency _____ If not, why not? _____

Financial documentation _____ If not, why not? _____

Visa information (if applicable) _____

I declare that the statements above are true.

Signed _____ Dated _____

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Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Estimate of Expenses for International Students

Fall 2005–Spring 2006

Prepared by the International Students and Scholars Office

Please keep in mind that the estimates for living expenses are approximations and that, depending on your lifestyle, these costs may be higher. These estimates are for graduate as well as undergraduate students. University tuition, fees, and living expenses will increase annually. Transportation to and from the United States is not included in these estimates. Please keep in mind that additional fees may apply to certain programs.

Estimate for Nine-Month School Year		
Breakdown of Costs	Single Student	Married Student (off-campus)
Tuition	\$31,530	\$31,530
University Fees ¹	436	436
Medical Insurance ²	1,228	2,550
Rent and Food ³	10,080	14,270
Books and Supplies	754	754
Personal (clothing, miscellaneous)	1,690	4,301
TOTAL estimate for nine months	\$45,718	\$53,841

Estimated Expenses for Dependent Children

Add \$3,778 (for nine months) or \$5,152 (for twelve months) for the first child.

Add \$1,890 (for nine months) or \$2,578 (for twelve months) for each additional child.

Off-Campus Summer Living Expenses

Add \$4,694 for single students or \$6,191 for married students for living expenses.

Add \$1,374 for the first child

Add \$688 for each additional child

Add summer tuition and fees—see reverse side.

Exceptions/Additional Fees

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (Economics Department): The Economics Foreign Student Fee of \$3,940 per year is charged for services provided to international students in economics.

Continuing Student Fee: \$1,970 per semester for students who are officially registered for thesis work but not for classes.

¹ Additional fees may apply for certain graduate programs.

² Insurance is required for all students and dependents; it is strongly recommended for all other dependents.

³ Not including vacation periods (vacation allowance is approximately \$1,484).

Summer School 2005 Tuition and Fees

Session 1: May 24–June 30, 2005

Session 2: July 5–August 12, 2005

12-Week Session: May 17–August 22, 2005

<i>Tuition costs per credit:</i>	Undergraduate (course nos. 100 to 599)	\$444
	Graduate (course nos. 600 to 999)	937
<i>Exceptions:</i>	College of Engineering (all courses above 500)	\$937
	School of Education (all courses on campus, per credit)	444
	School of Theology (DMin, all courses, per credit)	358
	School of Social Work (on campus courses, per credit)	655
	Metropolitan College (course nos. 600–999)	610
	Laboratory Fee (per course)	180
	Registration Fee (per term)	40
	Student Health Insurance Rates:	197–471 ¹

¹Please note that summer health insurance rates vary depending on date of enrollment. If a student will be accompanied by dependents, please add the appropriate fees.

Center for English Language and Orientation Programs (CELOP)

EN 004 (6 weeks in the spring)	\$2,100
EN 050 (12 weeks in the fall or spring)	4,400
EN 010 (12 weeks in the fall or spring)	3,700
EN 005 (4 weeks in the summer)	1,600
EN 015 (9 weeks in the summer)	3,100
EN 025 (6 weeks in the summer)	2,100
EN 055 (12 weeks in the summer)	4,000

Employment

In securing a visa, an entering international student must prove to the satisfaction of Boston University, the American Consul, and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that he/she has sufficient funds for at least one year of study. Paid employment is therefore not permitted during the first semester of one's studies unless it is an assistantship.

After the first semester, international students may work on campus by securing written permission from the International Students and Scholars Office. If permission is granted, the student may work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and full time during the summer and vacation periods. There is often a shortage of on-campus jobs, and some students are unable to find employment. Students on F-1 visas may apply for off-campus employment only after they have been an F-1 student for a year in the United States and only after a number of conditions are met.

Those persons on J-1 visas may engage in any employment specified on the IAP-66 form. The IAP-66 form is the document used to obtain a visa. Such employment authorization is usually reserved, however, for foreign faculty, research scholars, and teaching assistants (TAs), and not for undergraduate students. If there is a clear, urgent need for employment, J-1 students may request work authorization, either on or off campus, from their visa sponsor (which might be an agency, or Boston University). If the sponsor believes the work will not interfere with the educational objectives being pursued, the sponsor can grant the J-1 student permission to work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and full time during the summer and vacation periods. No authorization is needed from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Usually, at the completion of their academic program, students can apply at the International Students and Scholars Office for practical training authorization, which will allow them to work in their field and be paid.

In all cases, visa regulations require that foreign students maintain a full course of study each semester (*minimum of 12 credit hours*). Because of this requirement, and because permission to work is restricted, **students should not expect to finance their studies solely by working in the United States.**

Note: figures shown are summer 2005 rates. Summer 2006 rates have not been determined.