

M.S. IN DATA SCIENCE APPLICATION CHECKLIST



SCHOOL of DATA SCIENCE

PREREQUISITES

Candidates must complete four prerequisites course prior to matriculation (not at the time of application submission, however, a student may be finishing a final prerequisite as long as they provide clear documentation and the complete is prior to matriculation) from an accredited institution or university of higher learning (the class may be taken online): Introduction to Programming, Introduction to Statistics, Linear Algebra, and both parts of Single Variable Calculus.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation are required though you may submit up to four. At least one recommender must be someone who taught you in the classroom and knows you well and can speak to your academic performance as a student. The online application allows you to add your recommender's name and contact information. They will then receive an email prompt with a link to an online form that, once submitted, will attach your application.

TRANSCRIPTS

If you attend or attended an institution in the United States, upload copies of your unofficial transcripts. If offered admission, you will be asked for an official/final transcript showing degree conferred and any outstanding prerequisites completed for a grade.

International Applicants

Applicants who completed coursework outside of the United States are required to submit a course-by-course credential evaluation of their official transcripts. Evaluations must be sent from the evaluator (WES or ECE) directly to the School of Data Science at sdsadmission@virginia.edu.

TEST SCORES

The School of Data Science is now test-optional and you are not required to submit a GRE test score for those applying to the 2022-23 academic year. However, if you do submit test scores voluntarily, they will become a part of the evaluation process. If you do plan on submitting official test scores, please send GRE scores to institution code 5820 (no department code needed).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS

Applicants who earned an undergraduate degree from an institution (or institutions) in which English is not the primary language of instruction must self-report TOEFL or IELTS scores as part of their application. Official scores are only required if admitted to the program. Note that both TOEFL or IELTS scores are valid for only two years after the test date.

TOEFL scores should be sent via ETS to institution code B875 (no department code needed). IELTS scores should be submitted electronically by the IELTS test center. Paper copies will be accepted; no institution code or department code is needed.

ONLINE APPLICATION, RESUME, & FEE

Applicants must also complete the online application, upload their resume, and pay a non-refundable \$85 processing fee. Candidates may track the progress of their application through their online application checklist.

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Start an Application

applycentral.virginia.edu/apply

Important Dates

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| Application Opens | Aug. 18, 2021 |
| Fall Open House | Oct. 15, 2021 |
| Application Due | Jan. 6, 2022 (11:59 EST) |
| Decision Release | Feb. 25, 2022 |
| Admitted Students' Day | Mar. 25, 2022 |
| Decision & Deposit Deadline | Apr. 15, 2022 |

FUNDING GRADUATE SCHOOL

Financial Aid

The University of Virginia Student Financial Services Office awards only federal aid to graduate students, including Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct Graduate PLUS Loans, and Federal Work Study.

Graduate students are considered independent from their parents and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For questions about financial aid options, visit UVA Student Financial Services or contact Assistant Director of Student Financial Services Debbie Davis.

Need-Based Fellowships

A limited number of need-based fellowships are available through the School of Data Science. To be considered for a need-based fellowship, M.S. in Data Science students must indicate they wish to be considered for a need-based fellowship in their application and submit the FAFSA by March 1, 2022.

Working as a Graduate Student

Some students may apply to work as graduate interns. Positions are posted in Handshake the summer prior to matriculation and run through the academic year. Opportunities include assisting faculty with research, tutoring, or working for a departmental office.

CONNECT WITH US

We offer a range of events, from online webinars and workshops to one-one advising, each designed to provide you with an opportunity to explore the program and engage with the Data Science community.

Contact Us

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Attend an Event

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