Frequently Asked Questions

I am applying for one of your research programs, should I contact professor first or apply?

Faculty members are unable to determine suitability until each application is assessed. Therefore, please submit a completed application first.

What is my GPA? How do I know if I meet the requirements?

International students may have a different grade-point system than Canada. Because of this, it can be difficult to determine if your grades will translate to the required average. If you have questions about calculating your average, please contact gradapps@uwo.ca

I am an international student and have submitted my application, but I have yet to hear from the department about admission?

International applications must be complete by March 1st. Documents submitted after the deadline will not be considered. All International applications will be reviewed, and a decision communicated before April 1st each year.

If I submit my transcript and CV to the department, can the department let me know if I qualify before I apply?

The department cannot pre-evaluate copies of transcripts to ascertain if you should apply to our program. A complete application must be submitted for review.

Do I require GRE?

No, our department does not require a GRE score.

My ELP scores do not meet your program requirements, can I still be accepted?

All international applicants must obtain the MINIMUM scores in overall and individual sections of each test. We will not accept applications without eligible scores. A waiver will only be provided to students who have studied in a country where English is the first language at an “English speaking university/college for a minimum of 2 years or more.

You are not required to submit translations from Canadian universities. (I.e. transcripts in French)

How much is the application fee?

Typically the fee is $120

How much is tuition?

http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/fee_schedules.html
Application Overview

**I WANT TO APPLY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL**
In order to apply to graduate studies at Western, it is important that you understand the essential elements of the Western graduate school application. No application will be considered until it is complete. The responsibility rests with the applicant to ensure that all documents (e.g., transcripts, letters of recommendation, test results such as TOEFL scores, GRE scores) are submitted.

A completed application provides Western with the following:

**Personal Information**
we ask for basic information concerning your identity and contact information.

**Academic History**
we ask that you supply Western with a listing of all post-secondary schools you have attended.

**References**
At least one of your references must be from your current or immediate past research supervisor. References should be from faculty members or equivalent. we will email your referees within 2 hours of entering or updating your reference information. Each reference will be collected by Western and distributed alongside your application once it arrives. No paper reference letters are required.

**Supplemental Questions**
Our graduate programs may ask you unique questions that reflect elements of the program you are applying to. The responses you provide are made available to the program during the assessment process.

**Application Fee Payment**
Western accepts two methods of payment in order to process your application.
- Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard)
- Cheque/Money Order (this must be a money order or bank draft issued from a Canadian Banking Institution. Personal cheques will not be accepted.)

**Supplementary Documents**
Western makes it possible for you to submit your supporting documents in a digital format. This includes an academic record/transcript from each school you note in your Academic History and any additional documents required by the program you are applying to.

**Proficiency in English Scores**
if applicable (You must have the testing service send your score electronically to Western.)