

## Stipulations

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Apply to WSU Graduate School Online <https://www.applyweb.com/wsugrad/index.ftl>  
(*WSU Graduate School Online Application procedures are subject to change separate from the information on the WSU Physics homepage.*)
- (International students only: Have a minimum TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) or 214 (Computerized test). IELTS may be substituted if score is 7 or higher. The TOEFL score must be less than two years old at time of admission. Note: Rules are different for international students who are graduating from four-year institutions in the United States. Contact the department for more information.)

### **Documents to be sent separate from Online Application**

- GRE **percentage scores** for the General Records Exam and or the subject Physics GRE sent through ETS.

*(The online graduate application may ask you to report your numerical raw data GRE scores. However, we are interested in having your percentage scores in each of the categories. While GREs are not required, if you have taken the general GRE test, and or the subject Physics GRE test, send an email to the department indicating your percentage scores. We would also like you to request from ETS your official GRE score(s) be sent to the Graduate School. The school code is below.*

Contact ETS to send your official TOEFL and/or GRE scores to The Graduate School, Washington State University.

**School code = 4705**

- A list of all physics courses and the textbooks used in the courses

PDF Form ([https://physics.wsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/612/2015/02/Physics\\_Course\\_Form.pdf](https://physics.wsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/612/2015/02/Physics_Course_Form.pdf))

- Letters of recommendation: While the online application prompts you to identify your referees by submitting their names and emails\*, you can also ask your referees to send their letters directly to our department. They can send an email PDF copy, or they are welcome to mail hard copy letters directly to us. (\*The WSU online systems notifies each of your referees and provides an official form for them to use.)

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## Suggested Preparation

- Look over the program details, make sure this school is a good fit for you. It is also a good idea to research the faculty on campus and make a list of the top candidates you would like to work with in research projects.
- You will automatically be considered for all scholarships and fellowships we have, including those offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as at the Graduate School. Be sure identify any outstanding accomplishments or special considerations you think we should know.
- Find housing: Once you have been offered admission and you have accepted, we will share tips on housing and provided networking options for you. Our students are an excellent source of information and they are happy to help you get established at WSU. Some options are provided here, but remember that ultimately you are responsible for finding your own housing.
  - Look on craigslist or other internet resource (*beware of scams*)
  - Look in newspaper ads (*again, beware of scams, check out where you are going if possible*)
  - Contact WSU Housing (*Graduate options include Family and Graduate Housing, Single Student Apartments, and Residence Halls such as McEachern*).
  - Check out the Pullman Chamber of Commerce's website for a complete list of off-campus housing.  
<http://www.pullmanchamber.com/live-in-pullman/relocation-information/>
  
- Get departmental information on the master's and doctoral programs, establishing Washington State Residency, and the rights and responsibilities of the Graduate Student.  
<http://tesla.physics.wsu.edu/PDFs/Graduates/GradHandbook.pdf>
- Look over The Graduate School's Policies and Procedures Manual.  
<https://gradschool.wsu.edu/policies-procedures/>