

Graduate Education

Application Semester	Deadline
Fall (August)	February 15
Spring (January)	August 15
Summer (June)*	January 15

*Summer admittance is available for all online programs. Summer admittance is only available for campus programs at the discretion of the program.

Applications may be considered by some programs after the stated deadlines. Some programs may have additional or different deadlines that may apply. Please refer to the program website for more information.

Applicant files will not be considered for acceptance until all of the required application materials are received. Applications completed by the deadlines listed will, in most cases, receive a decision within one month or less of the deadline.

Financial Assistance: You will automatically be considered for assistantship support based on the information provided in your application materials. No further information is required. Note that Construction Engineering & Management and Engineering Management do not offer assistantship funding.

Required application materials for all degree seeking external applicants:

- **Completed application form**, submitted online at sdsmt.edu/GraduateEducation. Paper applications are also accepted.
- **\$35.00 application fee**, payable online by credit card at the time of application or by check or money order via postal mail.
- **Official transcripts from all U.S. institutions attended**, if applicable. Transcripts must be mailed directly to SDSM&T by the issuing institution (excluding South Dakota Board of Regent institutions, which will be provided for you). Transcripts sent directly by the applicant are not accepted. Scanned copies are not accepted. A GPA of 3.0 is typically required; students with exceptional ability may apply with less than 3.0 GPA. Evidence of degree completion must be submitted prior to enrollment.

Additional required materials for all degree seeking external international applicants:

- **Third party foreign transcript evaluation** for all foreign institutions attended, including evidence of you bachelor's degree. SDSM&T graduate programs require a course-by-course evaluation report sent directly to SDSM&T from the evaluating entity at the time of application. For more information, visit wes.org or ece.org. Transcripts sent directly to SDSM&T are not accepted in place of the required transcript evaluation. Scanned copies are not accepted. A GPA of 3.0 is typically required; students with exceptional ability may apply with less than 3.0 GPA. Applicants may apply prior to bachelor's degree completion; in this case, evidence of degree completion must be submitted prior to enrollment.
- **Evidence of English proficiency**, with the exception of applicants from countries where English is the native language. Applicants who have a degree from a U.S. institution may be considered for exemption. The SDSM&T school code for TOEFL reporting is 6652.

English Proficiency Test	Minimum score*	Upper level score**
TOEFL – IBT (internet based)	68	83
TOEFL – CBT (computer based)	190	220
TOEFL – PBT (paper based)	520	560
IELTS	5.5	6.5

*Minimum scores require English proficiency testing upon arrival at the university. **Note that Engineering Management will only consider applications meeting the upper level score criteria.**

**Upper level scores indicate that no additional proficiency test is required by the university. However, additional testing may be required based on the student's performance on other placement exams, in the classroom or by the academic program.

(See reverse side for additional instructions)

Send all application materials to:

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Graduate Education

501 East Saint Joseph Street, C2201
Rapid City, SD 57701

Website: sdsmt.edu/GraduateEducation

Email: Graduate.Admissions@sdsmt.edu

Phone: (605) 355-3468



Additional required materials for some programs*:

- **One page statement of purpose**/personal statement of goals and research interests.
- **GRE score report:** The SDSM&T school code is 6652. A department copy is not required. Scores of 50% or higher are recommended; strong quantitative scores are expected. For more information regarding the GRE test, visit ets.org/gre.
- **Three letters of recommendation:** The email addresses of three references will be submitted at the time of the online application. Recommendations can also be submitted via email or postal mail, but must be received directly from the recommender.

*Application document exceptions:

Civil and Environmental Engineering does not require the GRE for applicants to the non-thesis track.

Computational Sciences and Robotics does not require the GRE score report.

Construction Engineering and Management does not require the GRE score report.

Electrical Engineering requires the GRE score report only from graduates from non-ABET accredited institutions.

Engineering Management does not require the statement of purpose, GRE score report, and letters of recommendation.

Mining Engineering and Management requires the GRE score report, but may be waived with significant work experience (letters of recommendation and statement of purpose are required).

Master of Engineering does not require the GRE score report and letters of recommendation.

Special instructions for School of Mines graduates:

- The instructions for external applicants apply to current School of Mines students and alumni, with the following exceptions:
- **GRE score report:** required only from Mines graduates for Paleontology MS, Geology and Geological Engineering MS and PhD, and Physics PhD. For more information regarding the GRE test, visit ets.org/gre. The SDSM&T school code is 6652.
- You do not need to supply your SDSM&T transcripts. This will be provided for you. Official transcripts are required only for courses taken outside the SD Regental System.

Special instructions for non-degree seeking applicants:

- **Non-degree seeking U.S. applicants:** only the admissions application and official US transcripts (including evidence of your bachelor's degree) are required. See instructions above for submission requirements.
- **Non-degree seeking international applicants:** only the admissions application, English proficiency scores, and third party transcript evaluation are required. See instructions above for submission requirements. (Please note that if you plan to attend courses on campus, international students must be degree-seeking for student visa purposes.)

Applications tips and frequently asked questions:

- The online admissions application cannot be saved while in progress (you will need to complete the form in one session).
- The completed application cannot be edited once it is submitted.
- Be prepared to enter the following information when submitting the online admissions application:
 - * \$35 application processing fee (payable by credit card at the time of application)
 - * 1 page statement of purpose (to be uploaded with the admissions application)
 - * Names and email addresses of 3 recommenders, if applicable
 - * Names and dates of all institutions attended after high school/secondary school
 - * Academic awards and achievements
 - * Employment history
- The application fee can be paid online only at the time of application. If you are paying with a credit card, be sure to have this information ready at the time you apply online.
- Your application package is not complete and the review process will not begin until all required documents are received by SDSM&T.
- Official copies of all documents are required to be sent to us directly by the issuing institution. We do not accept scanned or unofficial copies of any documents. Official PDF transcripts sent directly to us from the issuing institution are accepted.

Apply today!