



GRADUATE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

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1. Personal Data

Full Legal Name: (International applicants: Your name on this application, which will be the name used on all South Dakota School of Mines and Technology [SDSM&T] records, **must be listed exactly as it appears on your passport and visa application.**)

Family Name (Surname)	First Name (Given Name)	Middle Name

Other Name(s) That Appear on Academic Records:

United States Social Security Number:

Date of Birth			
	Month	Day	Year

Permanent Address:

Street Address, Route and Box, or Post Office Box Number	
City, County (SD Only), State	
Country, Zip Code	
Telephone	
E-mail	

Current Address (if different from permanent address):

Street Address, Route and Box, or Post Office Box Number			
City, County (SD Only) , State			
Country, Zip Code			
Telephone			
E-mail			

In case of emergency, contact:

Name	Relationship	Phone	E-mail

2. Residency Information

Are you a citizen or permanent resident of the United States? Yes No

Legal Resident of what State _____ For how long? _____

Are you a resident of South Dakota? Yes No

If less than 12 months as a SD resident, what was the state of previous residency. _____

Are you, your spouse, or either of your parents a member of the United States Armed Services, stationed in South Dakota? Yes No

Will you be using Veteran's Administration (VA) benefits: Yes No

If yes, list chapter _____

Are you [Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education](#) (WICHE) [Western Regional Graduate Program](#) (WRGP) applicant? Yes No

Foreign Residency

Country of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Visa Type (anticipated): _____

Optional Information

The following *optional* questions do not relate to the admission decision, but they are asked so that SDSM&T can fulfill the reporting requirements of the Office of Civil Rights.

Male Female Religious Preference: _____

Caucasian African American American Indian Hispanic Asian Other

Marital Status: Unmarried Married

3. Education and Employment Data

Give a brief summary of employment experience, starting with the most recent:

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List any honorary societies, scholarships, prizes, or publications:

Have you previously attended SDSM&T? Yes No

If yes, dates attended: _____

Are you enrolled at another SD state institution? Yes No

If yes, which institution are you attending now? _____

Are you enrolled at another college or university? Yes No

If yes, which institution are you attending now? _____

Do you intend to transfer graduate credits from another college or university? Yes No

List in chronological order, with most recent first, all educational institutions you have attended since graduation from high school:

Name of Institution	When attended		Degree(s)		When Awarded	
	From	To	Awarded or Anticipated		Month	Year

Cumulative Grade Point Average:

And/Or Rank in Class:

Out of:

4. Academic Intentions

I WISH TO ENROLL AT SDSM&T:	Fall 20	Spring 20	Summer 20
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Indicate which program of study you intend to pursue at SDSM&T (Choose only one major and one emphasis area, if appropriate, below):

Master of Science Degree

- Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences**
- Biomedical Engineering- joint with USD**
 - Biomaterials emphasis
 - Computational Biomedical Engineering emphasis
 - Assistive Technology emphasis
 - Genetic Engineering emphasis
- Chemical Engineering**
- Civil Engineering**
 - Construction emphasis
 - Environmental emphasis
 - Geotechnical emphasis
 - Structural emphasis
 - Water Resource emphasis
- Computational Sciences and Robotics**
- Construction Management**
- Electrical Engineering**
- Engineering Management**
- Geology/Geological Engineering**
 - Geology emphasis
 - Geological Engineering emphasis
- Materials Engineering & Science**
 - Chemistry emphasis
 - Chemical Engineering emphasis
 - Metallurgical Engineering emphasis
 - Physics emphasis
 - Other
- Mining Engineering**
 - Geomechanics emphasis
 - Mining Engineering Management emphasis
 - General Mining Engineering emphasis
- Mechanical Engineering**
- Paleontology**
- Physics**

distance learning (check this box if you intend to complete your degree online. Available only in Construction Management, Engineering Management, and Mining Engineering)

Accelerated MS program (available only to current SDSM&T undergraduate programs who offer an accelerated option. Applicable only in Construction Management, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Chemical Engineering)

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

- Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences**
 - Atmospheric emphasis
 - Environmental emphasis
- Biomedical Engineering**
 - Biomaterials emphasis
 - Computational Biomedical Engineering emphasis
 - Assistive Technology emphasis
 - Genetic Engineering emphasis
- Chemical and Biological Engineering**
- Geology/Geological Engineering**
 - Geology emphasis
 - Geological Engineering emphasis
- Materials Engineering & Science (MES)**
 - Chemistry emphasis
 - Chemical Engineering emphasis
 - Civil Engineering emphasis
 - Electrical Engineering emphasis
 - Mechanical Engineering emphasis
 - Metallurgical Engineering emphasis
 - Physics emphasis
 - Other
- Mechanical Engineering**
 - Thermal Science emphasis
 - Solid Mechanics emphasis
 - Control System emphasis
- Nanoscience and Nanoengineering**
- Physics**

Special Student, Graduate Level (non-degree seeking) Evidence of Bachelor's degree required. (No financial aid available for students under special student status.)

5. Required application materials for all applicants:

Note: You will automatically be considered for financial support based on information provided on this application. **No further application materials are required.**

- **\$35.00 (U.S.) non-refundable application fee.** This is payable online by credit card at the time of application or by check or money order via postal mail. Checks should be made out to: South Dakota School of Mines & Technology. All charges are non-refundable and cannot be waived. The application fee must be received before any action can be taken on the application.
- **Official Transcripts and Evidence of Bachelor's Degree.** Official transcripts from all U.S. institutions attended, including evidence of your bachelor's degree if applicable. Transcripts must be mailed directly to SDSM&T by the issuing institution. Email copies are not accepted. A GPA of 3.0 is recommended; students with exceptional ability may apply with less than 3.0 GPA. All transcripts and credentials become the property of this college and will not be returned to the applicant.

5a. Additional required materials for all international applicants:

- **Evidence of English Proficiency.** An international applicant for graduate school must provide evidence of English proficiency, with the exception of applicants from countries where English is the native language. Applicants who have a prior degree from a university in the U.S. may also be considered for exemption. We recognize a variety of valid English proficiency tests, including the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and IELTS (International English Language Testing System). Further information for information for international students can be found on the Ivanhoe International Center website: <http://international.sdsmt.edu/>

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.

**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 department.

Note that Engineering Management will only consider applications meeting the upper level score criteria.

If you have taken the TOEFL, please complete the following:

Date of Test: Your registration number: Your total score:
 Month Year

- **Third party foreign transcript evaluation** for all foreign institutions attended, including evidence of your bachelor's degree if applicable. Effective August 15, 2012, SDSM&T requires a course-by-course evaluation report sent directly to us from the evaluating institution. For more information, visit www.wes.org or www.ece.org.

5b. Additional required materials for some programs:

- **One page statement of purpose/personal statement of goals and research interests:** required for all programs except Engineering Management and Mining Engineering. Please include such things as your areas of special interest, you experience to date which helped prepare you and guided you to consider graduate school, your hopes for your future career, etc.
- **GRE score report:** required for all programs except Computational Sciences & Robotics, Construction Management, and Engineering Management. Electrical Engineering and Mining Engineering require the GRE for graduates from non-ABET accredited institutions. For more information regarding the GRE test, visit www.ets.org/gre. The SDSM&T school code is 6652. Scores of 50% or higher are recommended; strong quantitative scores are expected.

Have you taken or do you plan to take the GRE? Yes No Date taken (month/year)

- **Three Letters of Recommendation.** required for all programs except Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Engineering Management, and Mining Engineering. The email addresses of three references shall be submitted at the time of the online application. Recommendations can also be submitted via email or postal mail.

Please choose three references who can describe your abilities, knowledge, and strength. Please provide their name and title below. Only if you apply and submit **online** will we automatically send the recommendation form to the email addresses you supply. If you do not apply online, you will be responsible for contacting your references and providing them with a recommendation form.

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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, allows a candidate for admission to waive his or her right of access to confidential letters or statements written in his or her behalf if the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission and if the candidate, upon request, is notified of the names of all persons making such recommendations in his or her behalf. The University does not require that you make such a waiver as a condition for admission. However, under the legislation, you have the option of signing such a waiver as follows:

I hereby voluntarily waive do not waive my right to examine this confidential evaluation.

- 6. Review process.** The review process will begin after all the necessary documents are received. You will be notified by email and paper document if you have been accepted for admission. Financial certification is required of international applicants before an I-20 form for visa application will be issued.

You will be automatically considered for financial support based on information provided in this application packet. No further applications materials are required.

Do you wish to be considered for a graduate teaching or research assistantship? Yes No

To the best of my knowledge, the information given on this application is true and complete. Falsification will lead to denial of admission.

Signature

Date (month, day, year)

Please return this completed application to:

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