Recommended application date | Fall | Spring
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International applicants located outside the U.S. and all applicants applying for assistantships | March 15 | August 15
Applicants not currently in the U.S. who are not applying for assistantships | June 1 | October 1
All applicants for Nanoscience and Nanoengineering | February 15 | August 15

Applications will be accepted after the dates listed, but cannot be guaranteed timely admittance. The review process will begin when all the required documentation is received.

Financial Assistance: You will automatically be considered for assistantship support based on the information provided in your application materials. No further application is required. Applicants wishing to be considered for financial assistance should submit their completed application by **March 15**.

Required application materials for all applicants:
- Completed application form, submitted online at [http://graded.sdsmt.edu/](http://graded.sdsmt.edu/). 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, 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.

Additional required materials for all international applicants:
- 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](http://www.wes.org) or [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org).
- 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 be considered for exemption. Note that Engineering Management will only consider applications meeting the upper level score criteria.

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.
- 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](http://www.ets.org/gre). The SDSM&T school code is 6652. Scores of 50% or higher are recommended; strong quantitative scores are expected.
- 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.

### Test Scores
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*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.