

## Frequently Asked Questions

- *Based on the enclosed grades and GRE scores, can you assess my chances of admission to the Ph.D. program?*

We take many factors into consideration when making admission decisions—grades, GRE scores, background in economics and math, letters of recommendation, research experience, etc. In addition, the quality of the overall applicant pool matters. Thus, as a matter of policy, we do **not** assess an applicant's chances in advance.

- *How do I apply for financial aid?*

You only need to indicate this in GRADS, our online application system.

- *Can I apply for admission to the M.A. program in Economics?*

We do not have a stand-alone Master's program and do not admit student for an M.A.

- *Can I submit GMAT scores instead of GRE scores?*

No, you must submit GRE scores.

- *Can I submit old GRE scores?*

GRE scores should not be more than three years old. Specifically, if you are applying for admission for the Ph.D. program beginning in the fall of year X, then you should have taken the GRE no earlier than the fall of year X-3.

- *Do I need to submit a TOEFL/IELTS score?*

All international applicants whose native language is not English must show proficiency in English by submitting either a TOEFL score or an IELTS score. Applicants who have received a bachelor's or a master's degree from a college/university in any of the following countries are exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement: Australia, Belize, British Caribbean and British West Indies, Canada (except Quebec), England, Guyana, Republic of Ireland, Liberia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, the United States, and Wales.

- *Do I need a degree in Economics to apply?*

While most of our students have a degree in Economics, this is not a requirement. We have had students with backgrounds in math, physics and engineering.

- *Can I submit letters of recommendations in paper form?*

We strongly advise that letters of recommendation be uploaded electronically. This ensures that the letters do not get misplaced, are authentic and that they remain confidential.