



# Admissions Checklist

## Submitting Your Application

**KU**

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
& POLICY STUDIES

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**The University of Kansas**

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To get started on your application, visit [graduate.ku.edu/apply](https://graduate.ku.edu/apply)

**STEP 1: Apply through the KU Office of Graduate Studies**

- Begin the online application through the KU Office of Graduate Studies: [graduate.ku.edu/apply](https://graduate.ku.edu/apply)
- Establish an account, complete application, submit supporting documents, and pay application fee online:
  - o \$65 for U.S. Residents, \$85 for international applicants.
- You can save your work on each page and come back to it later.
- If you encounter problems with the online application process, please email [help@applyweb.com](mailto:help@applyweb.com).
- Questions regarding the program in general can be emailed to the ELPS Department at [elps@ku.edu](mailto:elps@ku.edu).

**STEP 2: Submit required supporting documents with online application form**

- TRANSCRIPTS:** One official copy of your academic transcript from each college or university attended;
- RESUME:** A current copy of your professional resume, curriculum vita (CV), or an electronic portfolio;
- STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** A statement indicating how the program will contribute to your career goals;
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** 3 letters of strong recommendation One should be a nominating letter from the applicant's immediate supervisor and at least one of the other letters from a former professor. The letters should include information regarding qualifications for leadership positions and capacity for rigorous graduate study. It is important that the letters speak specifically to the applicant's academic skills and abilities.
- WRITING SAMPLE:** Should be academic in nature; and
- GRE EXAM SCORES:** GRE exam scores should be submitted as evidence of academic ability.

**STEP 3 (If applicable): International applicants are also required to submit the following items:**

- English Proficiency Requirement:** TOEFL or IELTS scores required (if your native language is not English).
- Financial Document**
- Official Transcripts:** Transcripts from an international university must include an English translation of all documents in addition to the official transcript in the original language, or documentation that the University's mode of instruction is English.
- International applicants are strongly encouraged to complete their application files well in advance of the application deadlines in order to ensure adequate time for processing of visa-related paperwork.

**Tips for completing the online application process:**

- FILLING OUT YOUR FORM:** In order for your application to register, it is important that you work through page 4 and save your form before exiting. On page 4, select Educational Leadership & Policy Studies and Higher Education Administration Ph.D. for your program choice. **BE SURE TO CONFIRM YOUR PROGRAM CHOICE.**
- SUBMITTING THE FORM:** Check your application form carefully. When you are satisfied, click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the final page. This saves your data in final form and takes you to the payment page.
- PAYING THE APPLICATION FEE:** You can pay your application fee by debit/credit card or check (U.S. Bank accounts only.) Cash payments are not accepted.

**Once your graduate application is completed:**

- EMAIL CONFIRMATION:** You will receive email verification that your application has been submitted.
- INTERVIEW:** An interview may be requested.
- DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION:** Once the ELPS Department has received and verified your information, they will make updates to the checklist portal with information about admissions materials and decision timelines.
- ADMISSION DECISION:** Once the ELPS Department and the KU School of Education have processed an admissions decision, the information will be forwarded to the Office of Graduate Studies. Once the Office of Graduate Studies has processed the decision, you will receive an email with log-in information for the decision portal. The decision portal letter is your official notification of the admission decision from the University of Kansas.