

Application Checklist

- **Online Application:** All components of the application are submitted electronically.
 - <https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply/>
- **Application Fee:** \$135 for U.S. citizens and current U.S. residents; \$155 fee for international applicants
 - University Application Fee Waivers:
 - Find detailed instructions to apply for a University application fee waiver on the Graduate Division's [website](#).
 - If you were a Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) participant, you qualify for our department's application fee waiver below.
 - Prior to submitting your application, please contact the department (pscadmit@berkeley.edu) to notify of your intent to apply.
 - Department Application Fee Waivers
 - If you are denied or are ineligible for the University's application fee waiver through Graduate Division, please submit your fee waiver request using the Request Form within Department Application Fee Waiver Policy.
 - Link to [Department Application Fee Waiver Policy](#)
- **Essays:** Two essays are required: (a) [Statement of Purpose](#); and (b) [Personal History Statement](#).
- **Official Transcripts**
 - Please see the following [link](#) for more information on transcripts
- **Letters of Recommendation:** 3 letters of recommendation are required
 - Please see the following [link](#) for more information
- **Standardized Tests:** GRE is required for this year's cycle, with limited exceptions
 - Please see the following [link](#) for more information
- **Required Supplemental Material:** (a) Writing Sample; and (b) CV
 - Please see the following [link](#) for more information