

Application FAQ

How do I **apply**?

SFU's application system is electronic. You have to create a temporary profile and apply here: <http://www.sfu.ca/gradstudents/applicants/index.html>.

I don't have a credit card, how do I pay my application fees?

Contact REM immediately <http://www.rem.sfu.ca/contact.htm>.

I applied online but my application has been deleted / is no longer active / cannot be found.

SFU's online application system stores incomplete applications for 8 days before the system automatically clears them. An application is incomplete when information is missing AND / OR the processing fee (\$75) has not been paid. You will have to submit another, complete, application if your previous application was purged from the system. There is no way for us to recover your old application.

When can I apply?

REM accepts new students for the fall semester only. The application system is active from October 1st until February 1st. We must receive all supporting documents for your application by February 1st to consider your application.

Where do I send my transcripts, references, and supporting documents?

All supporting documents should be sent directly to REM. Do not send transcripts, letters, TOEFL / GRE scores to SFU, Registrar's, Student Services, or the Dean of Graduate Studies. If you do not send your documents directly to REM we can not guarantee that we will receive your documents.

Do I need to submit **GRE** scores?

You must submit general (not subject based) GRE scores if you are applying for entrance into the Ph.D. program. You do not have to submit GRE scores if you are applying for entrance into the MRM program. If you have high scores it can be an asset. If your GRE scores are not very high it can be a liability and you should not submit them with your MRM application. The university and department code for the GRE is **0999 (SFU) and 0110 (REM)**. Information on how to interpret test results can be found here:

<http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.1488512ecfd5b8849a77b13bc3921509/?vgnextoid=4e6d33c7f00c5010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD&vgnnextchannel=41db2ce292885010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD>.

Do I need to submit an **English Language Test**?

If your native language is not English you must provide proof of English language competency. We accept: TOEFL 570 (paper based), TOEFL 230 (computer based), TOEFL 88 (internet based – minimum of 20 in each module), TWE 5, IELTS 7.0. The university and department code for the TOEFL is **0999 (SFU) and 46 (REM)**. You can request an exemption if you have a degree from a university where English is the language of instruction or have resided in a country for more than 4 years where English is the main language of communication: <http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/documents/english-req-waiver.pdf>.

How do I find out if my documents have arrived?

Contact us <http://www.rem.sfu.ca/contact.htm>. Please note that we will not be able to answer individual inquiries during the first two weeks of February. All applicants will receive an e-mail once their file has been assembled to inform them of the status of their applicant and any documents that may be missing.

Can I submit copies, e-mail scans, or fax my transcripts and references?

Copies, e-mailed scans, and faxes are acceptable for the departmental selection process. We need the originals before we can submit the application to the Dean's office for final approval.

My previous degree(s) is (are) not from a Canadian university. How do they compare?

The minimum requirement for admission to graduate school is a Bachelor degree with a B average (70% or 3.00 GPA). International applicants please refer to the SFU site for GPA conversion guidelines:

http://www.sfu.ca/gradstudents/common_pages/international.html.

Which statistics course shall I take to qualify?

It depends on your area of research. Some groups are statistics heavy and a basic course would not be sufficient. The only way to be certain is to contact faculty members of the research group and inquire.

Do I need a supervisor to be admitted to REM?

We do not admit students unless a faculty member is available to act as the student's senior supervisor. It is important to research our website and find a good match <http://www.rem.sfu.ca/research.htm>. You do not have to contact faculty and get a commitment but it is an advantage to communicate with faculty prior to applying to REM.

I do not meet the minimum requirements, what options do I have?

Conditional Admission – if you expect to fulfill all requirements before the start of the semester for which you are applying then you can be admitted conditionally. For example, the student is taking the stats course during the summer semester, or the degree will be conferred by the end of the summer semester.

Non-Degree Seeking Applicant – a person who meets minimum university admission requirements but is not working towards a degree at REM can take up to two (2) courses if the instructor of the course grants permission and the class is not full.

Qualifying Admission – An applicant who does not meet the minimum GPA requirements of SFU can be admitted as a qualifying student for up to three (3) semesters to take undergraduate courses and improve his/her GPA. Completion of the qualifying program does NOT guarantee admission into the REM program.

I missed the deadline, can I still apply?

The online application system automatically shuts down for our department on February 1st. It is not available after the deadline has passed. An applicant who has been in contact with and encouraged by one of our faculty members to apply late should contact the REM office <http://www.rem.sfu.ca/contact.htm>.

Where can I find more information for International Students?

SFU International's website: <http://students.sfu.ca/international/about/index.html>.

What can I do with a degree from REM?

Click here for examples of how a Click here student's research ties in with their job prospects: {page still under construction}

I have been accepted, how do I pay my deposit?

Click here for detailed instructions: <http://students.sfu.ca/fees/howtopay/>

How much is tuition and what additional fees do I have to pay?

Fees for regular students (including qualifying students):

http://www.rem.sfu.ca/pdf/08Tuition_GradStudents.pdf

Fees for non-degree seeking students: http://www.rem.sfu.ca/pdf/08Non-Degree_Fees.pdf

I'm an international student. How much tuition do I pay?

International graduate students pay the same tuition as Canadian graduate students. Tuition fees for undergraduate students are different and international UNDERGRADUATE students pay higher tuition.

Why is the status of my online application "incomplete"?

We do not have the staff to update the SFU application database. Your application will ALWAYS say "incomplete". This is nothing to worry about. Contact REM directly to inquire about the status of your application. Please note that due to a high call & e-mail volume we may not be able to answer inquiries from applicants during the first two weeks in February.

I'm on the waiting (reversion) list. When will I find out if I have been admitted?

REM does not keep a centralized waiting list. Each faculty has their own list and staff won't be able to answer questions regarding the waiting list. All inquiries should be directed to faculty – preferably via e-mail.

I have received a letter from REM stating that they "recommend that I be admitted but the final decision rests with the Dean's office". When will I know for sure?

This is largely a formality. Departments can not admit students and the final say is with the Dean. Most students are admitted based on the department's recommendation. Only in exceptional cases (the applicant does not meet the minimum requirements or their credentials are questioned) will the Dean overrule the department and not admit an applicant. You can expect to receive the official letter 2-4 weeks after the initial offer letter. This process can be expedited if you return the REM commitment form in a timely manner.

Do I need a visa to study in Canada?

All non-Canadian students need a visa to study in Canada, even if you don't need a visa to visit as a tourist. We will courier the acceptance letter and the immigration letter to your home address as soon as possible.

When will I be notified if I have been accepted or not?

Our selection process can take up to 6 weeks. You can expect to hear from us no later than April.