

Application Deadline: January 1st

Students applying for admission to our PhD program are asked to submit the following:

1. A completed application form

Apply at Rice University's online graduate application (<https://www.applyweb.com/apply/ricegrad/>).

2. Application fee

The \$85.00 application fee can be paid either by credit card or electronic check. The application can be processed only when the application fee has been received. Domestic students who meet any one of the following criteria are eligible for a waiver: GPA 3.6 or above, aggregate GRE (verbal + math) 320 or above, or a publication in a peer-reviewed journal. International students who have subject GRE scores 880 or above are eligible for a fee waiver. If your application meets any of these criteria, please request a fee waiver before submitting your application by emailing appropriate documentation to gradchem@rice.edu. Once an application fee has been paid, it cannot be refunded.

3. Official transcript

Official transcripts are required from all undergraduate and graduate schools each student has attended. For reviewing purposes, electronic copies of transcripts from each college or university you have attended can be uploaded through the online application system to meet the application requirements. If you are offered admission to Rice, official copies of the transcripts will be required and can either be sent directly to the Rice Chemistry Department from the institution or sealed by the institution in a signed envelope.

4. GRE/TOEFL

Rice University requires all applicants to provide GRE (Graduate Record Examination) General Test scores. The scores must not be older than five years, and an official copy must be sent to Rice University directly from the Educational Testing Service. Personal copies are not acceptable. Although the subject GRE is not required, a strong performance on that exam is a substantial positive. Because the subject GRE is standardized around the world, it is a useful format in which to demonstrate broad knowledge about chemistry, and it is a key criterion used to evaluate international students. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of any student whose native language is not English. The TOEFL and the IELTS are not required for US Citizens, nor for international students who earned a degree from a university in which English is the official language of communication. Scores must not be older than two years, and an official copy must be sent to the Graduate School directly from ETS. Students must score at least 90 on the iBT (internet-based) TOEFL, at least 600 on the paper-based TOEFL or score at least 250 on the computer-based TOEFL. For students who choose to take the IELTS in lieu of TOEFL, the minimum score is 7.

The Institution code for the GRE is 6609, and the Department code is 0399 for Chemistry.

The Institution code for the TOEFL is 6609, and the Department code is 62 for Chemistry.

5. Letters of recommendation

At least three letters of recommendation. These letters should normally be written by faculty who are familiar with your work and can address your potential for success in graduate school.

Submit all inquiries & application materials to:

Rice University
Graduate Admissions Committee
Department of Chemistry-MS 60
P.O. Box 1892
Houston, TX 77251-1892
USA

Phone: 713-348-4082
Toll-free phone: 877-348-8639
Fax: 713-348-5155
Email: gradchem@rice.edu

Courier deliveries should be sent to:
Rice University
Graduate Admissions Committee
Chemistry Department-MS 60
6100 Main Street, Houston, TX 77005