

The University of Texas at Austin
Master of Science in Data Science Application Guide - Spring 2023

Priority deadline: required materials are due August 15, 2022 (23:59 CDT)

Final deadline: a complete application is due September 15, 2022 (23:59 CDT)

Applying is a twofold process. To ensure all items are turned in by the deadline, applicants must complete the GoApplyTexas portion of their application at least one week prior to the deadlines above. Applications not completed by the final deadline will not be considered.

Use this guide and click on the embedded links to confirm that your application and submitted materials meet the Graduate and International Admissions Center (GIAC) and [program](#) guidelines prior to deadlines.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 1) **Submit the online GoApplyTexas application:**
 - a) Refer to the Application Process section [here](#) for step-by-step instructions.
 - b) Download the Mathematics and Programming Preparation Form.
 - c) **The application fee must be paid in order to upload application items in step d.** If you are applying to MSDS and MCSO, see our [FAQ](#) section.
 - d) Within 2-3 days after submitting your GoApplyTexas application, you will receive an email from GIAC directing you to your [MyStatus](#) portal along with your student ID (UT EID). Use the portal to upload applicable required items.
 - e) Do not email or mail application items. Sending paper copies of documents will **significantly delay** the processing of your application.
- 2) **Mathematics and Programming Preparedness Form:** Download the form from the Questions Specific to University of Texas at Austin section of GoApplyTexas or our [website](#) and follow the instructions at the top. Upload as “Math Prep Form” through your MyStatus Document Upload System.
- 3) **Quest Assessment:** Once you receive your UT EID use your credentials to pay the MSDS Quest Assessment through UT Austin’s [TXShop](#). Be sure to enter 1 for the Quantity, add to your cart, check out as a Guest, and use the same information entered on your GoApplyTexas profile in the Billing Address section. After selecting Continue with Credit you will be asked if you are tax exempt– please select “no” as the assessment does not have a sales tax. Proceed through the University of Texas at Austin Credit Card System payment process. After you pay, you will receive a receipt page with a link to access and complete the MSDS Assessment.
- 4) **Statement of Purpose:** In two double-spaced pages, describe the events/experiences that prepared you for this program, your academic and professional interests, your reasons for pursuing graduate study, and your goals related to this program. Use 1-inch margins and 12 pt font. Upload this item through your MyStatus Document Upload System.
- 5) **CV/Resume:** Outline your educational background, work history, relevant publications, research, and patents. At the end of this document, include a brief description of how you meet the [prerequisite courses](#). If applicable, list **specific courses with grades** achieved. Otherwise, briefly indicate how you fulfill the required background (e.g., by on-line courses, etc). Upload the item through your MyStatus Document Upload System.
- 6) **Optional Program Items:** Opting out of submitting optional materials does not adversely impact your application.
 - a) **GRE General Score:** If you feel that it would strengthen your application, you may take the GRE and send official scores through ETS using UT Austin’s code 6882. There is no departmental code and we do not accept self-reported (uploaded) scores. See [here](#) for details on sending scores and [here](#) for further program details.
 - b) **Letters of Recommendation:** You should request and manage your recommendation letters through your MyStatus portal. Recommenders can be supervisors or academic references. **Do not exceed three** recommendations.

GRADUATE AND INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS CENTER REQUIREMENTS

Items not listed under the Program Requirements section are Graduate and International Admissions Center (GIAC) required items. These may include (but are not limited to):

- 7) **An official TOEFL/IELTS score:** [International applicants](#) must provide a [score](#) which must be sent electronically to UT Austin (departmental codes are not needed. Emailed or uploaded scans of results to MyStatus are not accepted). **It may take up to 4-6 weeks for your scores to be received.** Plan accordingly to ensure your results are in the university system no later than our final deadline. Visit [How to Apply: International Students](#) for information on exemptions. Questions on this item must be [directed to GIAC](#).
- 8) **Transcript(s):** Review the ‘Submit Transcripts’ section of the Graduate Admission page for [instructions](#) and additional details. **Sending paper copies of documents will significantly delay the processing of your application.** Questions on this item must be directed to [GIAC](#) immediately.

AFTER YOU SUBMIT

Check that your application is complete. Go to your MyStatus portal to confirm that you do not have any items remaining on the “To Do (required)” section of your MyStatus portal. While items may be processed by GIAC after the deadline, your application will not be considered for review if your application status shows incomplete by the final deadline. **It is solely the responsibility of the applicant** to ensure that there are **no pending items** on their MyStatus portal.

If you see an item listed on your MyStatus portal as required that is not on the Program Requirements list, refer to this [site](#) and then [contact](#) GIAC with your UT EID immediately.

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