

## Application Materials for M.S. in Geology:



All application materials will need to be submitted via the Graduate School's online application system. In addition to the information needed and non-refundable fees required by the Graduate School that are submitted directly to the Graduate School (e.g., personal information, transcripts from all colleges/universities attended, etc.), all applicants to our M.S. program will also need to submit the following electronically as part of the application process. All are required in order for an application to be considered complete:

### 1. Statement of Interests and Objectives.

- Statements should briefly describe your interest in the program, previous experience, research interests and research experience (if any) and your long-term career goals. In addition, the statement can also mention one or more KSU faculty you have an interest in working with. We suggest contacting specific members of our faculty and looking at faculty research interests as part of the application process. This should be uploaded as part of the online application.

### 2. Three Letters of Recommendation.

- A link will be e-mailed to the persons writing your letters directly from the online application; they submit the electronic letters directly to the graduate school via that link. As part of the online application process, you will need to provide their names, Position, Institution/Company, and e-mail contact information. These letters may be from current or former professors, advisors, employers, or other people who are best able to judge the applicant's potential for graduate study and ability to perform graduate-level research in geology.

### 3. Application for Graduate Assistantship (optional, but highly recommended).

- If the applicant wants to apply for Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) or Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) funding, *please check both boxes in the online assistantship application (do not just check "no preference")* and provide the required information about your teaching/research experiences, as prompted.
- If you wish to be considered for a GTA position, please also upload a document (two pages maximum) that discusses your qualifications for consideration, including detailed information about your prior formal and/or informal teaching experiences. *This should be included in addition to the brief information the online application form requests; attach this document to your Statement of Interests and Objectives.*

### 4. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores are required for all applicants.

- The applicant should request that the Educational Testing Service send the scores directly to the Graduate School (photocopies of scores are not accepted).

5. **For Applicants Whose Primary Language is Not English: TOEFL Scores.**
  - Review the “Primary Language” section at <http://www.k-state.edu/grad/students/international.html> and submit TOEFL scores directly to Kansas State University if applicable.
  
6. **For International Student Applicants Only: Affidavit of Financial Support.**
  - If the Department of Geology decides to admit an international applicant, before the application is sent to the Graduate School for final processing, the applicant must complete an Affidavit of Financial Support and mail it directly to the Department of Geology. The affidavit form may be accessed at <http://www.k-state.edu/grad/forms/affidavit.pdf>

Prospective candidates must also meet the minimum admission requirements for the Graduate school (<http://www.k-state.edu/grad/admissions/application-process/admit.html>) and for those students with a Geology/Earth Science background, hold a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) = 3.0 (on a 4.0 point scale) in all Geology/Earth science coursework.

The deadline for receipt of international applications is January 1 for fall (August) enrollment. Applications for acceptance for U.S. citizens and permanent residents will be accepted at any time, though those received by February 1 will be given preference for financial assistance and GTA consideration for fall enrollment. International students should check with the Graduate School for additional deadlines.

**Please direct questions to:**

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents

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International Students

Dr. Saugata Datta [sdatta@ksu.edu](mailto:sdatta@ksu.edu)

Note: Dr. Datta will be on sabbatical during the 2017-2018 semesters. Please direct questions dealing with International student admissions to Dr. Abdelmoneam Raef ([abraef@ksu.edu](mailto:abraef@ksu.edu).)