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U.S. Funded Study Guide for International Students

An editable application workbook for students and advisers

University information checked on October 1, 2026

Use this guide to explore degree options, verify funding, prepare application materials, submit complete applications, and compare written offers. The graduate examples focus on Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence. Undergraduate funding options are covered in a separate section. Students applying in other fields should confirm requirements with their intended departments.

How to Use This Workbook

- Save a separate copy for each student. Replace bracketed fields with your information and complete the worksheets.
- Open each university's official website before applying. Record the admission deadline and any separate scholarship or funding deadline.
- Complete the steps in order. Ask an adviser to review your shortlist, application documents, and funding offers.

U.S. University Admission Intakes

U.S. universities may admit students for one or more academic terms each year. Intake names, available programs, and application deadlines vary by institution, degree level, and department. For example, UT Austin lists separate application routes for Spring and Summer/Fall admission. The University of Maryland notes that some first-year applicants applying for Fall may also be considered for Spring admission.

Intake	Typical start	What to know
Fall	August–September	A major entry term at many universities, with a broad range of

		programs. Many scholarships and assistantships are tied to Fall admission.
Spring	January	A common alternative entry term. Some programs may offer fewer places or less funding than for Fall.
Summer	May–June	Offered by selected universities and programs. Program choices and funding may be more limited.
Winter	December–January	Often refers to a short session or a term-specific option rather than a standard full-degree intake. Availability varies.

Application Timing

Begin preparing **8–12 months before** your intended start date. Admission, scholarship, financial-aid, and international-student document deadlines may differ. Check the official university and department websites for current requirements and dates.

Note: Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision, and Rolling Admission describe application plans or review schedules. They are not academic intake terms.

Understanding Funding Terms

Term	What it means
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Full funding	A funding package that may cover tuition and provide a living stipend. Check separately whether fees, health insurance, summer support, and the full program duration are covered.
Assistantship	Funding connected to teaching or research duties. Admission does not always include an assistantship; check whether it is confirmed in writing.
Full demonstrated need	The university provides aid based on the financial need it calculates under its own policies. A student or family contribution may still be required, and eligibility for international students varies.
Partial scholarship	Covers only part of the cost of attendance. Do not assume it makes a program fully funded.

Student profile

Student name [type here] Adviser [type here]

Citizenship and current residence [type here]

Highest qualification and GPA with grading scale [type here]

Degree sought and intended subject [type here]

Intended entry term [type here] Maximum annual contribution [type here]

Steps 1 to 3 Choose your pathway and shortlist

Step 1 Select the correct degree route

- **Bachelor's:** use undergraduate admissions and financial-aid pages. Prepare secondary-school records and school references.

- **Research master's:** look for a thesis option and a written research assistantship offer. Do not assume funding from a PhD page applies.
- **PhD:** apply to a research program with faculty who match your interests. Some programs accept applicants directly from a bachelor's degree.

Action: My pathway is [type here]. My research or study interests are [type here].

Step 2 Check academic and international eligibility

[] Read degree prerequisites and the minimum GPA policy. Record the original GPA scale; do not invent a conversion.

[] Check English tests, accepted scores, and waiver rules. English-medium education does not automatically qualify for a waiver.

[] Check GRE requirements for graduate study or SAT/ACT policies for undergraduate study in the intended cycle.

[] Check whether your qualification is accepted and whether translations or a credential evaluation are required.

[] Verify international eligibility for the specific award. Some external fellowships restrict citizenship.

Action: Missing prerequisites or documents [type here]. Plan to resolve them [type here].

Step 3 Build a balanced shortlist

Tier	Purpose in this guide
1	Highly competitive research programs with explicit funding policies.
2	Additional competitive doctoral programs with strong funding arrangements and varying conditions.
3	Competitive assistantships that can provide full funding; admission alone is insufficient.

These are planning categories, not official rankings or admission predictions. No funded program is a guaranteed admission option. Faculty fit and the written funding terms matter more than the tier.

Suggested task: Choose six to nine programs across the tiers, subject to your application budget. For each, identify the exact degree, relevant faculty, official funding page, and deadline.

Completion check: [] Degree route chosen [] Eligibility reviewed []
Shortlist drafted

Tier 1 Doctoral university directory

Funding statements below apply to the specified Computer Science PhD programs. Verify the current offer conditions and international application requirements.

Johns Hopkins University Maryland

Funding: Full-time CS PhD students in good academic standing are guaranteed tuition, health insurance, and a yearly stipend. The official FAQ currently describes an approximately \$50,000 annual stipend.

Requirements: Online application, transcripts, three recommendation letters, research-focused application materials, and applicable English-language evidence. **GRE** is not required. The **FAQ** lists preferred TOEFL iBT 100 and IELTS 7 rather than mandatory minimums; follow the current engineering English policy.

[Official Johns Hopkins admissions and funding FAQ](#)

Princeton University New Jersey

Funding: CS doctoral students normally receive tuition support and a living stipend through fellowships and assistantships. Check duration and renewal terms in the offer.

Requirements: Applicants typically have a CS, engineering, science, or mathematics degree. Submit the graduate application and required supporting documents; English testing applies unless exempt. The CS page lists December 15, 2026 for Fall 2027 admission. The CS master's program is **not accepting Fall 2027** applications.

[Official Princeton CS application requirements](#)

[Official Princeton CS funding](#)

Cornell University New York

Funding: CS PhD support includes tuition, health insurance, and a stipend, conditional on good academic standing. Funding is delivered through fellowships and teaching or research assistantships.

Requirements: Applicants may apply directly with a bachelor's or master's degree. Follow the full application checklist and identify research

interests and potential advisers. Check English requirements and the current testing policy on the linked admissions pages.

[Official Cornell CS application and funding information](#)

Student action: My best research match in this tier is [type here].
Faculty to investigate [type here].

Tier 2 Doctoral university directory

These programs are also competitive. Tier 2 does not imply easy admission or a lower-quality degree.

Duke University North Carolina

Funding: CS and the Graduate School commit to funding students in good standing for five years. Support may combine fellowships, teaching, and research assistantships. The written offer governs the package; verify summer support and health coverage.

Requirements: Meet Graduate School admission requirements and demonstrate strong preparation and research potential. Use the department FAQ and Graduate School application checklist to confirm references, essays, tests, and deadlines.

[Official Duke graduate admissions FAQ](#)

[Official Duke CS PhD funding](#)

University of Rochester New York

Funding: CS PhD students in good academic standing receive tuition coverage, a stipend, and health insurance.

Requirements: Bachelor's or master's degree; statement of purpose, transcripts, three recommendation letters, and English-language results unless waived. GRE scores are optional but encouraged. The current PhD application deadline is **January 5, 2027**.

[Official Rochester requirements and funding](#)

University of Massachusetts Amherst Massachusetts

Funding: CICS describes five-year assistantship funding for students whose most recent admission letters contain that guarantee, conditional on academic progress and available funds. After the first twelve months, its

policy describes fall and spring contracts; verify later summer funding separately.

Requirements: Complete the doctoral application and academic/research documents and meet applicable English-language requirements. **GRE** is not required for PhD or MS/PhD applicants.

[Official UMass Amherst PhD application checklist](#)

[Official UMass Amherst assistantship conditions](#)

Student action: Funding conditions to clarify [type here]. Department contact and response date [type here].

Tier 3 Competitive assistantship directory

Apply for the assistantship as well as admission when required. A partial tuition award is not full funding.

Clarkson University New York

Funding: CS PhD applicants are eligible for fully funded research or teaching assistantships. Other merit scholarships may cover only part of tuition. Eligibility **does not guarantee an award**.

Requirements: BS in CS or a closely related subject; résumé, statement of purpose, official transcripts, and three recommendations. GRE is required, with waivers considered. Listed English minimums include TOEFL 80, IELTS 6.5, PTE 56, and Duolingo 115. Its page states that language of instruction alone does not waive English testing; check the eligible-country degree rule.

[Official Clarkson CS PhD requirements and funding](#)

Michigan Technological University Michigan

Funding: A full assistantship appointment provides full tuition support and a stipend, subject to program tuition caps. Smaller appointments provide proportional support. CS funding is not guaranteed.

Requirements: Admitted CS applicants typically have an undergraduate GPA of at least **3.0/4.0**. Complete the program application and international requirements, including the requested references, statement, and testing documents.

[Official Michigan Tech CS admissions and program information](#)

[Official Michigan Tech assistantship coverage](#)

University of Memphis Tennessee

Funding: Limited CS assistantships provide a stipend and tuition/fee waiver for the academic year, with 20 hours of work weekly. The department states that summer support is not included.

Requirements: Meet the CS graduate admission checklist, including applicable GRE and English-language requirements. Submit the separate assistantship application when available. Do not budget for an award before receiving written confirmation.

[Official Memphis CS graduate admissions](#)

[Official Memphis fellowships and assistantships](#)

Student action: Separate funding application needed [yes/no]. Funding deadline [type here].

Undergraduate funding pathway

Use this page if you are applying for a bachelor's degree. Graduate assistantship rules do not apply. Full demonstrated need is calculated by the university and may leave a family or student contribution.

Universities with international financial aid

MIT Massachusetts

Meets **100%** of demonstrated financial need for international undergraduates. Complete the international aid application and required financial documents.

[Official international funding or admissions page](#)

Harvard University Massachusetts

International students are eligible for aid on the same basis as U.S. students. Submit the admission application and the required family-income and aid documents.

[Official international funding or admissions page](#)

Yale University Connecticut

Need-blind admission and **100%** of demonstrated need met. International aid budgets include housing, meals, and travel allowances. Follow the international admission and aid checklists.

[Official international funding or admissions page](#)

University of Notre Dame Indiana

Need-blind international undergraduate admission and 100% of demonstrated need met. International first-year applicants requesting need-based aid must complete the CSS Profile.

[Official international funding or admissions page](#)

Berea College Kentucky

Its international admissions page states that admitted international students receive funding for tuition, housing, food, and fees. Follow the international academic and financial checklist and College Work Program requirements. Confirm entry-year terms and incidental expenses.

[Official international funding or admissions page](#)

Complete the undergraduate checklist

- [] Prepare secondary-school transcripts, required school reports, recommendations, and essays.
- [] Check SAT/ACT and English-testing policies for your entry year.
- [] Submit the CSS Profile or the university's approved alternative when required. Prepare family income and asset evidence.
- [] Record separate admission and aid deadlines; submit both applications.

Steps 4 to 6 Prepare a complete application

Step 4 Create your document folder

- [] Passport name matches application and test registrations.
- [] Transcripts and certificates from all required institutions are legible.
- [] Certified translations are ready if required.
- [] CV includes dates, education, projects, research(ORCID), skills, and truthful outputs.
- [] Statement follows the program prompt and word limit.
- [] Recommenders have agreed and know the deadline.
- [] Required test scores or approved waivers are recorded.
- [] Application fee or approved fee waiver is arranged.

Suggested folders: 01 Academic records; 02 CV; 03 Statements; 04 References; 05 Tests; 06 University requirements; 07 Submitted applications; 08_amk Funding offers.

Step 5 Write a program specific statement

For graduate study, explain the problem you want to investigate, the preparation that equips you to study it, and why the department is a good fit. Describe a substantial project using your role, methods, result, and what you learned. Identify faculty whose current work connects to your interests.

Warning: Do not claim publications, experience, or acceptance that you do not have.

- **Opening:** Research or study interest and the question that motivates you.
- **Evidence:** One or two projects showing relevant skills and independent work.

- **Fit:** Specific faculty, laboratories, or program features supported by your reading.
- **Closing:** Preparation gaps you are addressing and realistic longer-term goals.

For undergraduate study, follow the actual essay prompt. Use concrete examples of your interests, learning, contribution, and growth instead of copying a graduate research statement.

Step 6 Request recommendations early

Suggested lead time: four to six weeks. Choose people who know your academic or research work. Give each recommender your CV, statement draft, transcript, program list, and deadlines. Use the university's submission system; do not write or submit a confidential letter pretending to be the recommender.

My recommenders [type here]. Requests sent on [date]. Reminder dates [type here].

Completion check: [] Documents complete [] Statement reviewed []
References requested

Steps 7 to 9 Confirm funding and submit

Step 7 Contact the correct person when needed

Use graduate admissions for eligibility questions, the graduate coordinator for assistantship procedures, and faculty for a specific research fit inquiry. Follow any instruction discouraging pre-application faculty contact. A faculty reply is not an admission or funding guarantee.

Editable funding inquiry email

Subject: International applicant funding inquiry for [program] [entry term]

Dear [Graduate Coordinator name],

I plan to apply to [exact degree and program] for [term]. I hold [qualification] in [subject] and am interested in [research area].

Could you confirm whether international applicants are considered for full funding and whether a separate assistantship application is needed? Please

also clarify tuition and mandatory fee coverage, stipend duration, health insurance, summer support, and renewal conditions.

I have reviewed [official page] and would appreciate clarification on [specific unresolved point].

Thank you,

[Full name]

[Contact details]

Step 8 Verify every deadline and requirement

[] Exact degree and entry term selected.

[] Admission and separate scholarship deadlines recorded with time zone.

[] Testing and waiver policies checked for the intended cycle.

[] Statement and CV tailored; filenames are clear.

[] Recommender invitations sent and submission status monitored.

[] All questions answered truthfully and requested uploads complete.

Step 9 Submit and monitor your portal

Submit ahead of the deadline when possible. Save the confirmation, application ID, payment or waiver record, and a copy of the submitted materials. Check the portal for missing documents and official messages. Follow the university's instructions for updates and interviews.

For an interview, prepare to explain your projects, methods, limitations, research interests, and why the program fits. Ask how funding and adviser selection work.

Completion check: [] Funding process clarified [] Application submitted [] Portal complete

Steps 10 to 12 Evaluate offers and prepare to enroll

Step 10 Compare written funding offers

Do not rely on the phrase scholarship alone. Compare the award letter with the university's published costs. Ask for written clarification of any missing funding component before accepting.

Funding component	Offer A	Offer B
University and degree	[type here]	[type here]
Tuition coverage and exclusions	[type here]	[type here]

Funding component	Offer A	Offer B
Mandatory fees	[type here]	[type here]
Annual stipend and paid months	[type here]	[type here]
Health insurance and dependents	[type here]	[type here]
Summer funding	[type here]	[type here]
Guaranteed duration and renewal	[type here]	[type here]
Teaching or research duties	[type here]	[type here]
Estimated annual funding gap	[type here]	[type here]

Budget method: Tuition and fees not covered + living expenses + insurance not covered + travel and setup costs – usable stipend and other confirmed support = estimated funding gap. Compare the same time period and currency. Allow for taxes and local living costs.

Step 11 Respond by the stated deadline

Read acceptance conditions, funding conditions, and deposit rules. Seek adviser review and respond through the official portal. Keep copies of your acceptance and any clarification. Notify other programs appropriately when you have made a final decision.

Step 12 Complete international enrollment requirements

Work with the university's international office on the immigration documents required for your status. Submit passport details and financial evidence when requested. Use official government instructions for any visa application. Confirm housing, arrival arrangements, insurance, orientation, and registration dates.

Adviser review: Funding gap understood [] Award terms clear []
Enrollment plan ready []

Application tracker and twelve week plan

Editable application tracker

Copy rows as needed. Use a separate detailed program worksheet for each university.

University and degree	Tier	Admission and funding deadlines	Funding status	Next action
[type here]	[1-3]	[dates]	[unverified]	[type here]
[type here]	[1-3]	[dates]	[unverified]	[type here]
[type here]	[1-3]	[dates]	[unverified]	[type here]
[type here]	[1-3]	[dates]	[unverified]	[type here]
[type here]	[1-3]	[dates]	[unverified]	[type here]

Suggested twelve week preparation plan

Weeks	Student milestone
1 to 2	Choose degree route; check eligibility; build shortlist; verify funding.
3 to 4	Request records and recommendations; book tests if required.
5 to 6	Draft CV and statements; read faculty work; clarify funding questions.
7 to 8	Obtain adviser feedback; revise; request fee waivers where eligible.
9 to 10	Complete portals; check references, scores, and separate award forms.

Weeks	Student milestone
11 to 12	Submit before deadlines; save confirmations; prepare for interviews.

This is a suggested preparation schedule. Work backward from each actual deadline and begin earlier if testing or records will take longer.

Adviser checkpoint

Student [type here] Review date [type here]

Strongest evidence in the application [type here]

Priority gap to resolve [type here]

Agreed next action and due date [type here]

Ready to submit: ☐ Eligibility confirmed ☐ Funding route checked ☐
Materials reviewed

Reusable program verification worksheet

Duplicate this page for each program. Replace bracketed text and retain links or screenshots of the official requirements. Recheck policies whenever the entry year changes.

Program and academic fit

University and exact degree [type here]

Entry term and application portal [type here]

Faculty or study fit with evidence [type here]

Degree prerequisites and GPA policy [type here]

International application requirements

English test and minimum or waiver policy [type here]

GRE or SAT ACT policy for this cycle [type here]

Transcripts translations and evaluation rules [type here]

Recommendations and statement requirements [type here]

Funding and deadlines

Official funding page URL [type here]

International eligibility and separate application [type here]

Coverage stipend duration and summer terms [type here]

Admission deadline and time zone [type here]

Funding deadline and fee waiver procedure [type here]

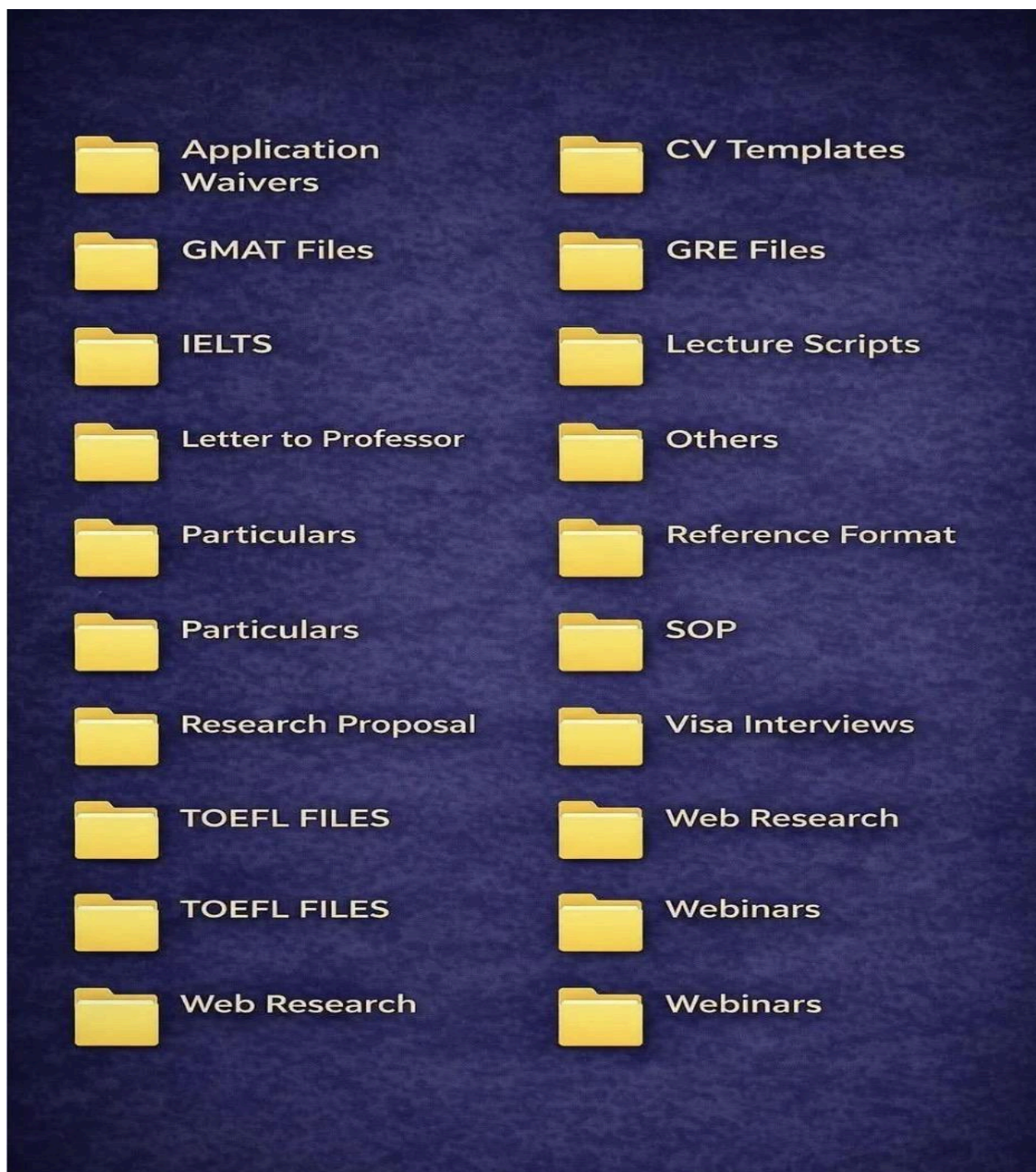
Verification and follow up

Date official pages checked [type here]

Unresolved question and correct contact [type here]

Response received and next action [type here]

Source note: University summaries in this guide are based on the linked official pages updates checked on October 1, 2026. Each link is a starting point for verification. Funding and admission policies can change; the current program instructions and individual award letter govern.



International students can obtain full funding at U.S. universities, particularly through research PhD programs.

We focused on **Computer Science/AI PhD opportunities**, then included undergraduate options separately. Information was checked against official university pages on **October 1, 2026**.

The tiers below are **application-planning categories**, not official university rankings:

Tier	Meaning
Tier 1	Highly competitive research programs with explicit full-funding policies.
Tier 2	Additional competitive doctoral programs with strong funding arrangements; conditions vary.
Tier 3	Universities offering competitive assistantships that can provide full funding. Admission alone does not guarantee funding.

Full funding generally means tuition plus a living stipend; health insurance, fees, and summer coverage must be checked separately.

Tier 1 – Highly competitive, explicitly funded PhD programs

Institution	Funding available	Main requirements and official URLs
Johns Hopkins University – Maryland	Full-time CS PhD students in good academic standing receive tuition, health insurance, and a yearly stipend currently described as approximately \$50,000 .	Application, transcripts, three recommendations , research statement, and applicable English-language evidence. GRE is not

		required. Admissions and funding FAQ .
Princeton University – New Jersey	CS doctoral funding normally provides tuition and a living stipend through fellowships and assistantships.	Applicants typically hold a degree in CS, engineering, science, or mathematics; submit the graduate application and supporting documents, with English testing where required. Fall 2027 deadline: December 15, 2026. Requirements · Funding .
Cornell University – New York	CS PhD support includes tuition, health insurance, and a stipend, conditional on good academic standing. Funding comes through fellowships, teaching, or research assistantships.	Applicants may apply directly with a bachelor's or master's degree. Submit the doctoral application and required supporting materials; identify relevant research areas and potential faculty advisers. Application requirements and funding .

Tier 2 – Strong additional funded doctoral options

These are also selective programs; Tier 2 does **not** mean easy admission.

Institution	Funding available	Main requirements and official URLs
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Duke University – North Carolina	CS and the Graduate School commit to funding students in good standing for five years . The individual offer letter controls the package.	Meet Graduate School admission requirements and demonstrate strong academic preparation and research potential. Admissions FAQ · PhD funding .
University of Rochester – New York	CS PhD students in good standing receive tuition coverage, a stipend, and health insurance.	Bachelor's or master's degree; statement of purpose, transcripts, three recommendations , and English test results unless waived. GRE optional but encouraged. Fall 2027 deadline: January 5, 2027. Requirements and funding .
University of Massachusetts Amherst – Massachusetts	CICS describes five-year assistantship funding for students whose admission letters contain that guarantee, subject to academic progress and available funds. Summer coverage after the first year requires attention.	Doctoral application and supporting academic/research documents; applicable English-language requirements. GRE is not required for PhD/MS-PhD applicants. Apply · Funding conditions .

Tier 3 – Competitive assistantship routes to full funding

These belong on a funding shortlist, but accept only an offer that explicitly confirms the coverage you need.

Institution	Funding available	Main requirements and official URLs
Clarkson University – New York	CS PhD applicants are eligible for fully funded research or teaching assistantships. Other merit awards cover only part of tuition.	BS in CS or a closely related subject; résumé, statement of purpose, transcripts, three recommendations. GRE required, with waivers considered. Listed English minimums include TOEFL 80, IELTS 6.5, or Duolingo 115. Requirements and funding.
Michigan Technological University – Michigan	A full assistantship appointment provides 100% tuition support and a stipend, subject to program tuition caps. Smaller appointments provide proportional support. CS funding is not guaranteed.	Admitted CS applicants typically have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0/4.0 or higher; follow program application and international requirements. CS admissions . Assistantship coverage .
University of Memphis – Tennessee	Limited CS graduate assistantships provide a stipend and tuition/fee waiver for the academic year. They do not include summer support.	Meet CS graduate admission requirements and apply separately for assistantship consideration. Appointment involves 20 hours of work weekly. Check the department's GRE and English

		requirements. Admissions • Assistantships .
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Documents to prepare for graduate applications

The exact checklist differs by program, but prepare:

- Bachelor's/master's transcripts and degree certificates.
- Academic CV and a statement explaining your research interests and faculty fit.
- Usually **three recommendation letters**.
- English proficiency results or an approved waiver.
- GRE results **only where required**.
- Evidence of research ability: thesis, papers, substantial projects, or a research portfolio.

Johns Hopkins, Rochester, and Clarkson illustrate why requirements must be checked individually: their GRE and English-testing policies differ.

Additional undergraduate options for international students

These use a different funding model. **Meeting 100% of demonstrated financial need does not automatically mean every student pays nothing:** the institution calculates the family's contribution.

Institution	International-student funding	Requirements and official link
MIT – Massachusetts	Meets 100% of demonstrated financial need for international undergraduates.	Complete undergraduate admission requirements and the international financial-aid application, including financial documentation. International aid .

Harvard University – Massachusetts	International applicants are eligible for aid on the same basis as U.S. applicants ; assistance depends on assessed need.	Complete the admission application and required family-income/financial-aid documents. International admissions • Financial aid .
Yale University – Connecticut	Need-blind admission and 100% of demonstrated need met ; international aid budgets include housing, meals, and travel allowances.	Complete admission requirements and the financial-aid checklist with supporting financial documents. International applicants .
University of Notre Dame – Indiana	Need-blind international undergraduate admission; meets 100% of demonstrated need with grants and scholarships.	Complete admission requirements; international first-year applicants seeking need-based aid must submit the CSS Profile . International requirements .
Berea College – Kentucky	Its international admissions page states that admitted international students receive funding covering tuition, housing, food, and fees .	Complete the international application and academic/financial requirements; participate in the College Work Program. International requirements and funding .

For a fully funded master's, investigate thesis-based research assistantships at Clarkson and Michigan Tech, but obtain a written funding offer first. Their available awards vary; Rochester explicitly states that its CS master's program does not offer full scholarships or teaching assistantships.

Before accepting any offer, verify tuition, mandatory fees, stipend amount, health insurance, summer funding, funding duration, and renewal conditions in the award letter.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS FOR AGRIBUSINESS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Here is the expanded list, including master's and doctoral study. At graduate level, the agriculture pathway may be called **Agricultural Economics** rather than "Agribusiness"; check that the research area matches the student's goals.

University	Agribusiness-related graduate programs	Electrical Engineering graduate programs	Graduate funding to investigate
Texas Tech University	Master of Agribusiness (M.Ag.), M.S. in Agricultural and Applied Economics, and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics. The Ph.D. includes an agribusiness field area.	M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering.	Agricultural and Applied Economics assistantships are competitive and limited to M.S. thesis and Ph.D. students; the department says ECE teaching or research assistantships are available at the M.S. and

			Ph.D. levels. Ph.D. ECE applicants need faculty support for an assistantship.
Texas A&M University, College Station	Master of Agribusiness, M.S. in Agricultural Economics, and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics. Agribusiness is a Ph.D. field area within Agricultural Economics.	M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering.	ECE offers competitive assistantships, fellowships, and scholarships. Its graduate funding page describes Ph.D. packages that can cover tuition and fees with a stipend. International students should note that ECE teaching assistant eligibility has English-proficiency requirements, and incoming international students may need to seek first-semester funding separately.

Iowa State University	M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics. This is the closest graduate route for agribusiness interests; the M.S. covers areas such as agribusiness finance, farm management, and commodity markets.	Graduate degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering, including master's and Ph.D. study.	The ECE department considers qualified master's and Ph.D. applicants for assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships. Its Agricultural Economics Ph.D. program describes assistantship funding that generally includes a stipend and, in most cases, full tuition coverage.
Mississippi State University	Master of Agribusiness Management (M.A.B.M.). The current program listing does not show a dedicated Agribusiness doctorate.	M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering.	Mississippi State lists international-student scholarships, and the Graduate School posts assistantship opportunities. However, its catalog states that research assistantships

			are not available for the M.A.B.M., so ask the program about other aid before applying.
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Strongest graduate funding leads

For a funded Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, Texas A&M and Iowa State are worth investigating first because their departments describe assistantships and tuition support. For Agribusiness master's study, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, and Mississippi State have named master's programs; Texas Tech specifically limits its listed assistantships to thesis M.S. and Ph.D. students, and **Mississippi State says its M.A.B.M. students cannot receive research assistantships.**

Graduate funding is usually awarded through assistantships or fellowships, rather than a general scholarship application. Applicants should contact the department or prospective supervisor about funding when applying, and verify whether an offer covers tuition, fees, insurance, and living costs.

Here are the program and funding URLs for the universities listed above. Click on a link for further information or assistance.

University	Agribusiness-related graduate programs	Electrical Engineering graduate programs	Funding information
Texas Tech University	M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics;	M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering	Agricultural Economics assistantships . Electrical

	<u>Master of Agribusiness</u>	For scholarship information, please visit <u>http://www.financialaid.ttu.edu/</u> .	<u>Engineering graduate funding</u>
Texas A&M University	<u>Master of Agribusiness, M.S., and Ph.D. program information</u>	<u>Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate programs</u> <u>https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/international-opportunities-students/</u>	<u>Electrical Engineering graduate funding</u> • <u>International student scholarships</u>
Iowa State University	<u>M.S. in Agricultural Economics</u> • <u>Agricultural Economics graduate programs, including the Ph.D.</u>	<u>Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate programs</u>	<u>Electrical Engineering graduate funding</u> • <u>Agricultural Economics graduate funding</u>
Mississippi State University	<u>Master of Agribusiness Management</u>	<u>M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering</u>	<u>International scholarships</u> • <u>Graduate assistantships</u>

The degree titles and graduate funding options are confirmed on the universities' official program and financial-support pages. Texas Tech lists assistantships for Agricultural and Applied Economics thesis M.S. and Ph.D. students; Mississippi State says research assistantships are not available for its Agribusiness Management master's program.



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Graduate Application Sample Documents

A practical, editable guide for scholarship and university applications

Use these adaptable examples to prepare a clear and consistent application. The pack includes a statement of purpose, academic CV, professor inquiry, recommendation requests, test waiver letters, a research proposal outline, reference formatting, and visa interview practice. Replace every bracketed prompt with accurate details and follow the requirements of each institution.

Prepared as a general student resource | Editable Word document

Before you use a sample

- Treat each sample as a starting point, not a claim about your own history.
- Check the university page for current length limits, required headings, file formats, and deadlines.
- Use the same dates, degree names, grades, and contact details across every document.
- Remove all brackets, instructions, and unused sections before submission.
- Never invent research experience, awards, test scores, publications, or a relationship with a professor.

Application document planner

Build one accurate set of core information before drafting separate documents. This reduces inconsistencies and makes it easier to tailor each application.

Document	What it should establish
Statement of purpose	Why this program fits your preparation, goals, and proposed direction.
Academic CV	Education, relevant work, research, skills, awards, and verified outputs.
Recommendation letter	A recommender's evidence-based assessment of your readiness.
Professor inquiry	A concise, specific question about research fit or supervision availability.
Waiver request	The exact requirement, the requested waiver, and evidence supporting it.
Research proposal	A focused problem, question, method, feasibility plan, and contribution.
Visa interview preparation	Truthful, concise answers consistent with admission and funding documents.

Personal particulars worksheet

Complete this sheet privately, then copy only the fields a specific application requests.

Do not place sensitive identifiers such as passport numbers in a general CV unless the application portal explicitly requires them.

Full legal name: [as shown on passport or official records]

Preferred name, if different: [name]

Email and telephone: [professional contact details]

Current city and country: [location]

Target degree and field: [degree, discipline]

Target university and department: [institution, unit]

Application term and year: [term, year]

Highest completed qualification: [degree, institution, date]

Funding or scholarship name: [if applicable]

Application deadline and time zone: [date, time zone]

Statement of purpose sample

A statement of purpose explains the academic path that prepared you, the questions or problems you want to pursue, why a particular program fits, and what you plan to do with the training. The example below is a fill-in model. Replace the **placeholders** with verifiable details and tailor the program references for every institution.

Use note Follow the application prompt first. If the school asks for a personal statement, research statement, or specific questions, answer those instructions instead of using a generic SOP format.

Sample statement

I am applying to the [degree and program] at [university] to develop expertise in [specific field or problem]. My interest grew from [a concrete course, work responsibility, research task, or community problem]. In that experience, I observed [specific issue or question]. It led me to ask [focused academic question] and to seek training that combines [relevant areas of study].

My academic preparation includes [degree] from [institution], completed in [year]. Courses such as [course names] strengthened my understanding of [relevant concepts]. In [project, thesis, or assignment], I [describe your own actions] using [methods or tools]. The work taught me [specific lesson], and it also showed me that I need further preparation in [skill or knowledge gap]. My academic record is best understood alongside [brief context if relevant; omit if unnecessary].

Outside the classroom, my experience as [role] at [organization] involved [specific responsibilities]. One example was [brief task and result, with a truthful measure if available]. This work developed my ability to [relevant skill] and helped me understand [connection to intended field]. I have also [include a second relevant activity, if applicable]. These experiences have prepared me to contribute practical insight while learning from faculty and peers.

I am particularly interested in [university] because [specific curriculum, lab, faculty research area, or training resource]. The work of [faculty member or research group] on [accurately named topic] relates to my interest in [your question]. I hope to strengthen my preparation through [specific courses, methods, or facilities]. I understand that admission does not guarantee a supervisor or a particular research placement; I would welcome the opportunity to explore fit through the department's normal process.

At graduate level, I would like to investigate [provisional problem]. A possible question is [research question]. I would begin by reviewing [research area], then use [proposed method or evidence] to examine [outcome or relationship]. The project may need to narrow as I learn more and discuss feasibility with faculty. My immediate goal is to gain rigorous training in [skills]. Over time, I hope to [career or service goal] in [sector, region, or community].

I will bring [two relevant strengths supported by examples] to the program. I am also prepared to work on [area for growth] through [specific action]. The [degree] at [university] is a strong next step because it connects my preparation with the skills and research direction I now need. Thank you for considering my application.

SOP review checklist

- Does the opening name the program and your academic purpose?
- Does each experience explain what you did and what you learned?
- Are program and faculty details accurate and current?
- Does the research interest fit the degree without claiming a confirmed placement?
- Have you removed unsupported claims, repetition, and generic praise?
- Does the final draft meet the word limit?

Academic CV sample

Use a clean, reverse-chronological CV unless the program specifies another format. Keep the most relevant material near the top. A CV can be longer than a one-page industry résumé, but every entry should help an admissions reader assess preparation, contribution, or fit.

Editable CV structure

[FULL NAME]

[City, Country] | [Professional email] | [Telephone] | [LinkedIn or portfolio URL, if relevant]

Academic profile

[Two or three sentences describing your field, strongest relevant preparation, and current academic or professional direction. Avoid unsupported adjectives.]

Education

[Degree in Field], [Institution], [City, Country] | [Month Year–Month Year]

Relevant work: [thesis, capstone, or selected coursework]. | GPA: [include only if useful or requested].

[Previous Degree], [Institution] | [Dates]

Research and academic projects

[Project or thesis title] | [Institution or course] | [Dates]

- Purpose: [research problem or task].
- Contribution: [what you personally designed, analyzed, built, or wrote].
- Methods and tools: [verified methods, software, data, or instruments].
- Outcome: [result, report, presentation, or status; do not imply publication if unpublished].

Professional experience

[Role], [Organization], [Location] | [Dates]

- [Action verb] [specific responsibility or accomplishment].
- [Describe scope, tools, or result. Add numbers only when documented.]

Publications and presentations

[Author(s)]. ([Year]). [Title]. [Journal, conference, or venue]. [DOI or URL if available]. Use “Manuscript in preparation” only when accurate and relevant.

Teaching and service

[Role or activity], [Institution or group] | [Dates] | [Specific duties].

Awards and funding

[Award], [Issuing organization], [Year]. Add selection basis only if documented.

Skills

Research methods: [methods]. Software: [tools and proficiency]. Languages: [language and honest proficiency level].

References

List referees only when the application requests or permits them, and after obtaining their consent. If references are not required, you may write: **References available upon request.**

1. **Mahama Dauda**

Program Director, AMK Research Lab

Professional Reference

Email: amkinstructor6746@gmail.com | Phone: +1940-331-8139

2. **[Referee's full name]**

[Academic title and institution]

Academic Reference

Email: [Email address] | Phone: [Telephone number]

3. **[Referee's full name]**

[Professional title and organisation]

Academic, Work-Related, or Professional Reference

Email: [Email address] | Phone: [Telephone number]

Use note For an industry résumé, shorten the document and prioritize job-relevant achievements. Do not include a photograph, age, marital status, passport number, or unrelated personal details unless the local application rules specifically require them.

Email to a prospective professor

Write only when the department permits prospective-student contact or when a genuine question about research fit remains after reviewing the program website. Keep the message short, specific, and respectful of the professor's time.

Sample email

Subject: Prospective [degree] applicant interested in [research area]

Dear Professor [Surname],

I am preparing an application to the [degree and program] at [university] for [term and year]. I hold a [degree] in [field] from [institution], where I worked on [one relevant project or topic]. I am interested in [specific research question or area].

Your recent work on [accurately named paper or project] caught my attention because [one precise connection]. I would be grateful to know whether you expect to consider new graduate students in [term/year] and whether my interests appear broadly aligned with your group. I understand that any supervision decision would follow the department's admissions process.

I have attached my CV [and a brief research summary, if appropriate]. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[Full name]

[Email] | [Website or LinkedIn, optional]

Before sending

- Check the faculty member's current title and research page.
- Refer to one specific work accurately; do not send a mass message with generic personalization.
- Attach only requested or useful documents, using clear filenames.
- Send one polite follow-up after a reasonable interval if the application timeline permits.

Recommendation letter materials

Request email to a recommender

Subject: Recommendation request for [program or scholarship]

Dear [Title and Name],

I am applying to [program or scholarship] at [institution], with a deadline of [date and time zone]. Would you be willing to write a strong recommendation based on your experience with my work in [course, project, job, or research]? The application asks you to comment on [criteria, if known].

If you are able to recommend me, I can send my current CV, draft statement, transcript, program information, and a short reminder of the work we completed together. The letter is submitted through [portal or process]. Please let me know if the timeline is too short or if you would prefer not to write. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,
[Full name]

Information sheet for recommenders

- Applicant: [full name and contact]
- Program and institution: [exact names]
- Submission deadline: [date, time zone, portal instructions]
- How the recommender knows the applicant: [course, role, dates]
- Relevant work the recommender directly observed: [specific example]
- Skills requested by the application: [criteria]
- Materials attached: [CV, statement, transcript, program link]

Recommendation letter framework

Use note This is a structure for the recommender to write in their own voice. The applicant should not sign, submit, or present a draft as an independent evaluation.

[Date]

Admissions Committee

[Program and institution]

Dear Members of the Admissions Committee,

I am pleased to recommend [Applicant] for [program or scholarship]. I know [Applicant] through [course, research, or professional role] at [institution or organization] during [time period]. This relationship allowed me to observe [relevant work or qualities].

In [specific example], [Applicant] [observable action]. The work showed [skill or quality] because [evidence]. Compared with the expectations for [appropriate peer group or level, if the recommender can support the comparison], [Applicant] demonstrated [careful assessment].

[Applicant] is prepared for [program demands] because [evidence]. One area for continued growth is [fair, constructive point, if appropriate], and I have seen [Applicant] respond by [evidence].

I recommend [Applicant] for [program or scholarship]. Please contact me at [professional email] if further information would be useful.

Sincerely,

[Recommender name]

[Title and institution]

[Contact information]

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Test waiver request samples

A waiver is discretionary. Confirm that the institution accepts requests and identify the evidence it considers. Request only a requirement you believe you meet under the institution's published policy.

GRE or GMAT waiver request

Subject: Request for [GRE or GMAT] waiver review – [Applicant name]

Dear [Admissions Office or Committee],

I am applying to the [program] for [term and year]. I am writing to ask whether I may be considered for a waiver of the [GRE or GMAT] requirement under the policy for [quote or summarize the relevant eligibility category accurately].

My relevant preparation includes [completed quantitative or analytical coursework, degree, professional experience, or other evidence]. For example, [one verifiable example and result]. I have attached [transcript, credential evaluation, or other requested evidence].

Please let me know whether this evidence is sufficient or whether I should submit a test score. I understand that the final decision rests with the admissions office.

Sincerely,

[Full name] | [Application ID, if assigned]

English proficiency waiver request

Subject: English proficiency requirement review – [Applicant name]

Dear [Admissions Office],

I am applying to [program] for [term and year]. I would like to ask whether I qualify for an English proficiency test waiver under the university's policy. My basis for requesting review is [specific published criterion, such as prior degree instruction in English, if accepted by the institution].

The supporting document is [official transcript, registrar letter, or other evidence], which confirms [specific fact]. Please advise whether this meets the requirement or whether I should register for an accepted test.

Thank you for your guidance.

[Full name] | [Application ID, if assigned]

Waiver evidence checklist

- Quote the institution's current waiver rule accurately.
- Attach official evidence in the format requested.
- Do not claim that a degree was taught in English unless the institution can verify it.
- Ask about alternatives if a waiver is unavailable.

Research proposal sample outline

A proposal should fit the program's expectations and the applicant's actual preparation. Some applications ask for a short research statement rather than a full proposal. Confirm the required length, citation style, and whether faculty contact is expected.

Working title

[Specific, concise title naming the topic and context.]

Background and problem

Summarize what is known and identify a focused problem that the proposed study can address. Use citations from reliable, relevant sources.

Purpose and research question

Purpose: [one sentence]. Research question: [one answerable question]. Add objectives only if the application asks for them.

Brief literature context

Group the most relevant studies by idea or finding. Explain how they inform the question. Avoid a list of disconnected article summaries.

Proposed method

Identify the design, data or participants, sampling or selection approach, measures, procedure, and analysis. State any approvals or access that would be required.

Feasibility and ethics

Explain why the scope is manageable with the available time, skills, and resources. Address privacy, consent, data security, and permissions where relevant.

Expected contribution

State what the study may clarify or produce. Avoid promising results before data are collected.

Provisional timeline

[Term 1: refine question and review literature; Term 2: prepare instruments or data access; Term 3: collect or assemble evidence and analyze; Term 4: write, revise, and submit. Adjust to program length.]

Selected references

List only sources cited in the proposal and follow the requested style.

Short concept summary example

This proposed study will examine [specific problem] among [population, sector, or setting]. It asks [research question]. The study will use [design] and [data source or participant group], subject to [access and ethics conditions]. Analysis will focus on [main variables or themes]. The expected contribution is a clearer account of [specific relationship or process], which may inform [academic or practical audience]. The scope is limited to [boundary] so that the work can be completed within [program timeframe].

Professional email and reference formats

Scholarship office inquiry

Subject: Eligibility question for [scholarship name] – [degree and term]

Dear [Scholarship Office or Contact Name],

I am considering an application for [scholarship name] for [term and year]. I am a [citizenship or residency category, only if relevant] applicant seeking admission to [degree and program]. Could you please confirm whether applicants in this category are eligible and whether [specific unresolved question] applies?

I reviewed [webpage or policy title] but could not determine [precise point]. Thank you for your guidance.

Sincerely,
[Full name]

APA 7 reference patterns

Use the style required by the department or journal. These patterns are general examples; confirm capitalization, italics, DOI formatting, and edition rules against the current style guide.

Journal article: Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of article in sentence case. Journal Title, volume(issue), page–page. <https://doi.org/xxxxx>

Book: Author, A. A. (Year). Title of book in sentence case (Edition). Publisher.

Webpage: Organization Name. (Year, Month, Day). Title of webpage. Site Name. URL

Thesis or dissertation: Author, A. A. (Year). Title of thesis [Master's thesis or Doctoral dissertation, Institution]. Repository or database. URL

Email habits for applications

- Use a subject line that names the purpose and program.
- Write from a professional email address and include your full name.
- Ask one or two answerable questions in each message.
- Proofread names, dates, and attachments before sending.
- Save important replies and follow the official portal for status updates.

Student visa interview practice

Visa interview questions and rules vary by destination and can change. Use the official government guidance for the country where you plan to study. Answer honestly in your own words; do not memorize a script or state plans that are not true.

Practice questions

Why did you choose this university and program?

Explain the academic reasons using specific program features you verified.

How does this program connect to your previous education or work?

Describe the real progression in your studies or career.

How will you pay for tuition and living costs?

Explain the funding sources documented in your application, award letter, or financial records.

What will you do after completing the degree?

Describe your genuine plans. Keep the answer consistent with applicable visa rules and your documents.

Why study in this country rather than elsewhere?

State specific academic reasons without criticizing other countries or institutions.

Who is sponsoring your education?

Name the actual sponsor and explain the documented arrangement.

What ties or responsibilities do you have outside the study location?

Answer truthfully and provide documents if requested.

Use note Bring only documents listed by the relevant embassy or consulate. Never alter bank statements, admission letters, test reports, or employment evidence.

Final application checklist

- ☐ I followed the current instructions for this exact program and scholarship.
- ☐ My name and education history match official records.
- ☐ Each statement is tailored to the institution and degree.
- ☐ My CV dates, titles, and claims are accurate.
- ☐ My referees agreed and received the submission instructions early.
- ☐ Waiver requests cite the institution's actual policy and include evidence.
- ☐ My proposal fits the program and does not claim confirmed data access or results.
- ☐ Every required transcript, test score, translation, and evaluation is included.
- ☐ The filenames are clear, and each upload opens correctly.
- ☐ I saved a final copy and recorded submission confirmations.

Adaptation note

These samples provide general writing support. They do not guarantee admission, a scholarship, a waiver, or a visa. The applicant is responsible for accurate information, current institutional requirements, and truthful answers.