Graduate Program Application Instructions

All graduate program applications are accepted through ApplyYourself, an online application submission system:

http://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/apply/index.php

Applications would require the following documents. The review of applications will not start until all materials are submitted.

1. **Test information and Transcripts:**
   - Your official GRE scores (sent directly from the Educational Testing Service). A minimum 153 (or 500 in prior scoring systems) score is recommended for the Verbal Reasoning and 144 (or 500 in prior scoring systems) for the Quantitative Reasoning tests. A minimum of 3.0 score is recommended for the Analytical Writing category.
   - Your unofficial copies of all transcripts from every college or university attended (upload these copies to ApplyYourself) for application review purposes. The official transcripts will be required by the Graduate School once students are formally admitted to the University. Evidence of a 3.0 G.P.A. (in last 60 hours of baccalaureate degree and in the Master’s degree) is required.

2. **The TAM application form:** 1 page

3. **Statement of professional objectives** (Upload to the Supplemental Information section of your application): 1-3 pages, addressing the following questions
   - What are your specific scholarly interests and objectives directly related to the expertise of TAM faculty members? Feel free to include professional and academic experiences
   - Why do you want to earn the graduate degree for which you are applying?
   - What are your primary strengths that you believe ensure your success in graduate school?
   - What limitations may impede your success in graduate school?
   - What is your overall goal after earning a graduate degree from MU TAM?

4. **Three letters of reference/recommendation:** Three academic recommendations are required and must be submitted through the Recommendation section online of the Graduate School application.
5. **Latest vitae or resume**: Please make sure to include the month/year for the start and end dates of all work experience (Upload to the Supplemental Information section of your application).

6. **Others**: If necessary (not required), you may submit a recent writing sample of at least 20 pages in length (Upload to the Supplemental Information section of your application).

7. **Others for design students**: A digital portfolio is required for design students. It can be submitted via a link to the website or digital storage unit. A portfolio saved in a digital storage unit can be sent directly to the Director of Graduate Studies by mail.

In addition, international students must include:

8. **Official TOEFL* scores** (sent directly from the Educational Testing Service), A minimum score of **550** paper-based, **213** computer-based, or **79-80** Internet-based, is recommended.

*International students should allow at least two semesters before the expected date of registration to allow time for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services requirements. This timeline holds true if the application materials include all of the required materials. Incomplete submission of application materials can result in unwarranted delays.

*If you received your Master’s degree from TAM at MU, you still have to complete the following and submit the hard copies to TAM Department directly:

1. Updated transcripts from MU
2. TAM application form: 1 page
3. Updated Statement of professional objectives
4. New letters of reference/recommendation
5. Updated vitae or resume; and
6. Updated Affidavit of Support (International students)

The application must be completed and received as follows:

- **January 15** to be considered for university, college and departmental scholarships. Applications will still be accepted after that date. Departmental decisions regarding assistantships will be made during the spring semester of year of application for the Fall semester, and

- **September 1** of the calendar year prior to the semester of application for the Spring semester.
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