

Accelerated Admissions Program

Exceptionally promising UCI undergraduate Engineering students may, during their junior, senior, or fifth year, apply for streamlined admission into a graduate program within The Henry Samueli School of Engineering.

Program Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants to the Accelerated Admissions Program must:

- be in their junior, senior, or 5th year of undergraduate study.
- must also hold a cumulative grade point average of 3.5+ or be in the Campuswide Honors Program.
- must have completed one quarter of 199 Individual Research that is related or potentially related to your MS Thesis research or have completed one graduate course numbered 200-289.

How to Apply:

Students are required to submit an Accelerated Admissions Application Form, as well as the Faculty Advisor Recommendation Form and Letter (in a signed, sealed envelope). Please return these materials to the Graduate Student Affairs Office, 101 Engineering and Computing Trailer. Students may join the Accelerated Admission Program at any time during junior, senior, or 5th year. It is recommended to apply as early as possible to take advantage of the opportunities provided. Students are strongly encouraged to apply no later than January 15th of the year they wish to begin graduate school.

What are the advantages of this program?

The Accelerated Admissions Program assists students in their preparation for graduate study by offering a head start on possible thesis research or coursework, as well as by allowing students to create an advisor/advisee relationship early.

Students in the Accelerated Admissions Program must either begin their research or complete graduate coursework while completing their undergraduate work. Moreover, students offered admission under the accelerated procedures may, upon completion of the bachelor's degree and matriculation into a graduate program, petition to transfer up to 18 units of graduate-level course work completed in excess of requirements for the bachelor's degree. Students within the program are also allowed to petition for exemption from UCI's GRE requirement for graduate school admission. This exception applies only to current UCI undergraduate engineering students applying for admission to one of the terminal M.S. programs in UCI's The Henry Samueli School of Engineering (students applying directly to the Ph.D. program will still need to complete the GRE requirement). Streamlined admission applicants would otherwise and in all other ways be evaluated in the same manner as other applicants to the School's graduate programs.

Important note about applying to graduate school:

Accelerated admissions students will still need to go through the graduate application process during their last year as an undergraduate student – the Accelerated Admissions Program simply offers a head start and potentially allows students to complete their studies in a shorter period of time.

***** Please note that "accelerated" does not mean that you are working on your bachelor's degree and your graduate degree at the same time. You must wait until *after* you've been accepted and have matriculated to petition for any graduate units earned during your undergraduate studies to apply to your M.S. or Ph.D. degree. It does mean that you are making progress towards a successful time in graduate study, by connecting with a faculty advisor early, as well as by completing courses or research ahead of time. *****

***** Please note that if you apply, and are accepted, as an accelerated program student, you are under no *obligation* to attend graduate school at UCI. *****

If you are interested in learning more about this option please schedule a meeting with a Graduate Counselor by calling 949-824-4334.

Application for the Accelerated Admissions Program

Instructions: Please return this form to the Graduate Student Affairs Office, 101 Engineering and Computing Trailer.

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

II. Undergraduate Information

Undergraduate Major: _____

Current Year: _____ Expected Graduation Quarter/Year: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ GPA in Major (if known): _____

At the point of turning in this application I have taken (please mark all that apply):

_____ 199 Individual Research

_____ at least one graduate course numbered 200-289

III. Graduate Information

I am interested in beginning a graduate program in (quarter/year): _____

I am interested in the following program:

- Arts Computation Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Engineering and Manufacturing Technology
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Networked Systems

I would like to obtain a:

- M.S. Only
- Ph.D. (earning M.S. along the way)

IV. Short Answer Questions (Please attach a type-written sheet)

- 1) Please describe any research or internship experience you have had during undergraduate school and your research advisor.

- 2) Please describe any other extracurricular activities you are involved in.

- 3) What motivating factors have led you to want to pursue a graduate degree?

V. Faculty Advisor Form & Letter

Name of Faculty Advisor: _____
(Please attach these materials in a signed, sealed envelope to your application)

Please sign and date this application:

Student

Date

Graduate Student Affairs Staff Use Only (Please date and initial)

Associate Dean Signature

Date

Undergraduate GPA BEGIN: _____

Date entered Accelerated Program: _____

Date applied to Graduate School: _____

Undergraduate GPA END: _____

Accelerated Admissions Program: Faculty Advisor Recommendation Form

The accelerated admission program allows students to form an advisor/advisee relationship before entering graduate school. The student's faculty advisor will mentor the student throughout their remaining time in undergraduate school, as well as be an advocate and advisor for the student throughout their graduate work.

To be filled in by the student and given to the faculty advisor

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Email Address: _____

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To be filled in by the faculty advisor:

Name: _____

Department: _____

Email Address: _____

I have known this student for _____ quarters.

The capacity in which I have known this student is _____.

I am willing to be this student's faculty advisor during his/her graduate study. _____ Yes _____ No

Recommendation Letter Details

Please attach a letter detailing your relationship with and impressions of this student and his/her potential for success in graduate study. Please mention, specifically, any undergraduate research this student has completed that could potentially become M.S. or Ph.D. thesis research.

Please place this form, as well as the recommendation letter, in a signed, sealed envelope and return it to the student for submission with the Accelerated Admissions Application form. Thank you for your input!