

Dear Potential Graduate Student:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding graduate study at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln. The UNL graduate program in Geography, with not only a long history but also many distinguished faculty and alumni is designed to provide maximum flexibility in developing an overall course of study tailored to the student's interests. I highly recommend that you explore the web pages for UNL at <http://www.unl.edu>, as well as the Geography program website at <http://snr.unl.edu/geographygis/index.asp>.

Graduate students work closely with the faculty. Promising graduate students can receive financial assistance through teaching or research assistantships. Fellowships are also available through the Office of Graduate Studies. The Program also maintains a close relationship with the Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies (CALMIT) <http://calmit.unl.edu>. CALMIT is an interdisciplinary unit within the University that facilitates research and instruction in remote sensing, GIS (geographic information systems), image analysis and automated cartography.

If you decide to apply, the following materials are required and should be sent to the office indicated:

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| 1. Application for Graduate Admission (https://wam.unl.edu/stuapp/WebAppController?appId=webapp&featureId=grad) | Graduate Studies |
| 2. Two sets of official transcripts for ALL undergraduate and graduate grades | Graduate Studies |
| 3. GRE scores | Graduate Studies |
| 4. TOEFL or IELTS score for students from a Non-English speaking country | Graduate Studies |
| 5. Financial resource information if not a US citizen | Graduate Studies |
| 6. Three letters of reference | Geography Program |
| 7. Two-page statement describing your professional purpose and goals | Geography Program |

For more information on the steps to admission required by the Office of Graduate Studies, visit the following website <http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/prospective/steps/>.

All students from countries who do not have English as a primary language MUST take the TOEFL exam and receive a score of at least 500-paper (215- computer-based or 79-internet) or the IELTS exam (with a score of 6.0 or higher) before the Office of Graduate Studies will allow admission. If you are in this category and are applying for an assistantship, you also must take and pass the Test of Spoken English. Both of these exams are administered in various centers around the world. International students must attend a three-week English language workshop if they wish to become teaching assistants.

The deadlines for receipt of ALL of the above application materials are January 15 if applying for an assistantship and April 15 if applying for admission in the fall. An exception to these dates is for admission in the spring semester, which starts in January; in this case the deadline for admission is October 15. It should be noted that mid-year assistantships are rarely available.

I look forward to reviewing your application materials.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen J. Lavin
Chair, Graduate Committee