

Application Checklist

A complete application must include the following items:

APPLICATION ITEM

DETAILS

Application Form: Online only.

Application Fee: \$85.00 US Dollars (paid by credit card or check)

The Department of Physics and Astronomy encourages applicants with special financial considerations to seek an application fee waiver if the cost of the application fee would be a barrier. Any waiver request will have no bearing on the application assessment.

Letters of Evaluation: Three letters required. Submission is online.

Test Scores – GRE General: **The GRE General Test is required from all applicants.** Instruct the testing service to send these scores electronically (preferred method), or original documents to Rice University (photocopies, attached files, faxes, or any other form of report, other than originals, CANNOT be used as official documents). Testing must be scheduled allowing time for scores to be reported to Rice University by the January 1 application deadline. Institution code for Rice University is 6609. Department code for Physics & Astronomy is 0808. In addition, unofficial GRE General score reports are required to be uploaded to the online application system when the reports become available.

Test Scores – GRE Subject: **The GRE Subject Test in Physics is NOT required.**

Test Scores – TOEFL: **The TOEFL is required from international students whose native language is not English.** The TOEFL and the IELTS are not required for U.S. Citizens and international students who earned a degree from a university in which English is the official language of communication. Foreign applicants must have the testing service send the TOEFL scores electronically (preferred method), or original documents to Rice University (photocopies, attached files, faxes, or any other form of report, other than originals, CANNOT be used as official documents). Testing must be scheduled allowing time for scores to be reported to Rice University by the January 1 application deadline. Preferred scores are 95 iBT or 260 CBT. Minimum required scores are 90 iBT or 250 CBT. Scores more than 2 years old cannot be accepted in any format per ETS score reporting policy. Institution code for Rice University is 6609. Department code for Rice University Physics and Astronomy is 76. In addition, unofficial TOEFL score reports are required to be uploaded to the online application system for foreign applicants when the reports become available.

Transcripts: *Official*, confidential transcripts required from each institution that you have attended.

DEADLINE FOR ADMISSION: January 1 of the calendar year you wish to enter the program.