

# Application Checklist

A complete application must include the following items:

APPLICATION ITEM	DETAILS
Application Form:	Online only.
Application Fee:	<b>For 2021</b> , Physics and Astronomy Department will waive the application fees for all doctoral applicants. Please check our requirements before submitting your application.
Letters of Evaluation:	Three letters required. Submission is online.
Test Scores – GRE:	<b>Due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the general GRE exam is <i>optional</i> (not required) for admissions this year.</b> If you are able to take the test and wish to submit scores, we will not accept GRE's older than 2 years. Unofficial GRE score reports are required to be uploaded to the online application system when the reports become available. An eventual official GRE general report is also required. Institution code for Rice University is <b>6609</b> . Department code for Physics & Astronomy is <b>0808</b> . <b>Our department does not require or make use of the GRE subject test in physics.</b>
Test Scores – TOEFL:	<b>The TOEFL is required from international students whose native language is not English. We will not accept TOEFL or IELTS older than 2 years.</b> 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. Unofficial TOEFL score reports are required to be uploaded to the online application system for foreign applicants when the reports become available.
Transcripts:	<i>Official</i> , 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.