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ATTN All:

Due to the consequences of the current COVID-19 outbreak, the following is a new policy from the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Texas at San Antonio concerning graduate admissions requirement. These changes are temporary and only relevant for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 applicants. All normal deadlines for applications are still relevant.

If you are a UTSA student, Alumni, or student who graduated from a University in the United States, then the following are changes to the Masters of Electrical/Computer Engineering admissions requirement. Everything in orange are the new changes:

Masters of Electrical/Computer Engineering Program (MS-EE/MS-CpE)
(Relevant to UTSA Students, UTSA Alumni, and students who graduated from a University in the United States)

- Application
- Application fee*
- All official transcripts
  - Unofficial transcripts can be used for admissions consideration, but officials will need to be sent eventually
  - All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved credential evaluation service
- GRE not required
- TOEFL/IELTS requirement temporarily lifted
- If you have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above in Electrical/Computer Engineering or related field:
  - No personal statement or letters of recommendation is needed
  - Automatic Admissions into the program
- If you have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above in Electrical/Computer Engineering or related field:
  - No personal statement needed
  - 1 letter of recommendation is required
  - Admission upon review
- If you have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above in Electrical/Computer Engineering or related field:
  - No personal statement needed
  - 1 letter of recommendation is required
  - Only eligible for the non-degree seeking program
If you are a UTSA Students, Alumni, and Applicants who graduated from a research university or a ranked engineering school in the United States, then the following are changes to the Masters of Advanced Materials Engineering admissions requirement. Everything in orange are the new changes:

**Masters of Advanced Material Engineering Program (MS-MatE)**
(UTSA Students, Alumni, and Applicants who graduated from a research university or a ranked engineering school in the United States)

- Application
- Application fee**
- All official transcripts
  - Unofficial transcripts can be used for admissions consideration, but officials will need to be sent eventually
  - All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved credential evaluation services
- Statement of purpose required
- GRE not required
- TOEFL/IELTS requirement temporarily lifted
- *If you have an undergraduate degree in any engineering discipline or a science degree related to materials, physics, or chemistry:*
  - **If you have an Undergrad Major (or last 60 credit hours) GPA of 3.0 or above:**
    - No letters of recommendation needed
    - Automatic admissions into the program
  - **If you have an Undergraduate Major (or last 60 credit hours) GPA less than 3.0, but equal to or higher than 2.86:**
    - 1 letter of recommendation required
    - Or endorsed VIP form
    - Automatic admissions into the program
  - **If you have an Undergraduate Major (or last 60 credit hours) GPA less than 2.85:**
    - 1 letter of recommendation required
    - Admissions upon review by the MatE program
If you are a UTSA student, Alumni, or student who graduated from a University in the United States, then the following are changes to the Doctoral degree in Electrical Engineering admissions requirement. Everything in orange are the new changes:

**Doctorate of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering (PhD-EE)**  
(Relevant to UTSA Students, UTSA Alumni, and students who graduated from a University in the United States)  
- Application  
- Application fee*  
- All official transcripts  
  - Unofficial transcripts can be used for admissions consideration, but officials will need to be sent eventually  
  - All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved credential evaluation services  
- GRE not required  
- TOEFL/IELTS requirement temporarily lifted  
- Statement of purpose is required  
- 3 letters of recommendation are required

If you are a UTSA student or Alumni who graduated no more than 3 years ago, then the following are changes to the Masters VIP Program admissions requirement. Everything in orange are the new changes:

**VIP MS-EE/CpE/MatE:**  
(Relevant to UTSA Students, UTSA Alumni who graduated no more than 3 years ago)  
- Application  
- Application fee waived  
- All official transcripts  
  - Unofficial transcripts can be used for admissions consideration, but officials will need to be sent eventually  
  - All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved credential evaluation services  
- GRE not required  
- TOEFL/IELTS requirement temporarily lifted  
- Statement of purpose and letters of recommendation not needed  
- Must have an Undergrad Major GPA of 3.0 or above  
- Automatic admissions into the program
*MS-EE/CPE and PhD-EE application fee can potentially be waived if you are experiencing financial hardship. Email Khanh.Nguyen@utsa.edu for more information.

**MS-MatE application fee will be reimbursed if you are admitted into the program and enroll into the respective semester. Email Khanh.Nguyen@utsa.edu for more information.

General Information about Electrical and Computer Engineering

- **ECE Main Web Page:** [http://engineering.utsa.edu/electrical-computer/](http://engineering.utsa.edu/electrical-computer/)
- **Faculty and Bios:** [http://engineering.utsa.edu/electrical-computer/faculty-staff/](http://engineering.utsa.edu/electrical-computer/faculty-staff/)
- **General Research Info:** [http://engineering.utsa.edu/electrical-computer/research/](http://engineering.utsa.edu/electrical-computer/research/)
  - **Faculty Research Areas:** [http://engineering.utsa.edu/electrical-computer/faculty-research-areas/](http://engineering.utsa.edu/electrical-computer/faculty-research-areas/)
- **Apply Now:** [https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/graduate-application/index.html](https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/graduate-application/index.html)
- **Graduate Admissions Deadlines:** [https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/masters-degree-application-deadlines/](https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/masters-degree-application-deadlines/)
- **General Graduate Admissions Info:** [https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/](https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/)

If you have any questions about the electrical and computer engineering programs please contact the Program Coordinator: **Ms. Khanh Nguyen** at Khanh.Nguyen@utsa.edu.