

NUCLEAR ENGINEERING, PH.D.

Admissions Requirements

The admission process for the Ph.D. program in Nuclear Engineering is highly competitive. Admission decisions are based on the quality of the applicant's previous university-level academic work as reflected by grade point average or GPA, letters of recommendations, GRE scores, and other evidence of past accomplishments. GRE General Test scores must be submitted by all applicants seeking assistantships and/or tuition support.

International applicants must also submit TOEFL or the IELTS Intl. Academic Course Type 2 exam scores. The minimum required TOEFL and IELTS scores are set by the graduate school and can be found here: https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/apply/international_applicants/

Target Minimum Admission Standards

The entire application file is considered when reviewing for admission; that said, the following target minimum standards are used during the admission decision process.

- Undergraduate Engineering GPA $\geq 3.0/4.0$
- GRE Verbal ≥ 150
- GRE Quantitative ≥ 155
- TOEFL ≥ 80 (for tests before January 21, 2026) or 4.0 (for tests taken after January 21, 2026)
- IELTS ≥ 6.5

An applicant whose native language is not English is required to submit a satisfactory score on TOEFL or IELTS.