

Dear Prospective Graduate Student,

The Geosciences Department offers a rigorous graduate program that leads to a Master of Science degree in both Geosciences and Atmospheric Sciences and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Geosciences. M.S. degree candidates may specialize in areas within Geology, Geophysics, or Atmospheric Science. At the doctoral level, research emphasis may be placed in any of the sub-disciplines overseen by the student's Graduate Committee.

To begin, peruse the Geosciences Research pages and select a number of faculty members and areas of research that you find of interest. Visit with that faculty member by phone, email, or at a scientific meeting and discuss thesis research topics. Feel free to email additional faculty and graduate students to inquire about graduate studies at Texas Tech University. Be sure to peruse other web pages on the Geosciences Web Site including the Student Club pages, Field Trips pages, and About Us pages.

In the following pages you will find the necessary forms to be filled out for application to admission to the Graduate Program in the Department of Geosciences. Note that you must also apply on line at the TTU Graduate School.

General information about Graduate School studies at Texas Tech may be found at the TTU Graduate School web Site, <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/>

ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR PROSPECTIVE GRADUATE STUDENTS

Department of Geosciences, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-1053

The attached application form is for admission to graduate studies in the Department of Geosciences at Texas Tech University. In addition to this forms, you must complete the Graduate School Admissions form. It can be accessed on the Graduate School web page at: www.ttu.edu/gradschool/. Please be aware that admission to the graduate program is not possible until the following materials have been received:

COMPLETED ON THE WEB AND SUBMITTED TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

1. Graduate School application form.

SENT TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

2. Official report of GRE scores (and TOEFL scores of international students)
3. Official transcripts.

SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCES

4. Geoscience application (printed copy) – be sure to specify Geology/Geophysics or Atmospheric Sciences emphasis.
5. Copy of transcripts (photocopies are acceptable)
6. GRE scores (photocopies are acceptable); TOEFL scores of international students.
7. Three letters of reference. These should be sent directly to the Dept. of Geosciences by the referees.

Admission to the Graduate Degree Program is granted by the Dean of the Graduate School and is contingent upon acceptance by the Department of Geosciences. Within the Department, applications are considered by the Graduate Admissions Committee as well as by other Faculty members in the student's areas of interest. Applications for each academic year are considered in February and at this time decisions regarding financial assistance are made. If you wish to be considered for an assistantship or other financial aid, we urge you to complete your application by February 15. Teaching assistantships are approximately \$12,250 for a 9-month appointment, and involve about 8 contact hours per week. Certain fees are waived for teaching assistants. Research assistantships are also available, as are various small grants and scholarships awarded to academically outstanding students.

Applicants whose majors are in other sciences and engineering are encouraged to apply. In these cases, some leveling work is ordinarily required. The amount of leveling is determined according to the student's background and career objectives. Such students should correspond early with the Graduate Advisor to clarify any questions.

Should you wish any additional information, you are encouraged to contact the Chairperson of the Department, the Graduate Advisor, or a member of the faculty in your area of interest. (Please provide an appropriate subject heading when corresponding by email.)

Graduate Advisor:

Dr. Aaron Yoshinobu

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Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services should contact the Geosciences Administrative Secretary (806) 742-3103 in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Texas Tech is committed to the principle that in no aspect of its programs shall there be differences in the treatment of persons because of race, creed, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and that equal opportunity and access to facilities shall be available to all.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION, GRADUATE STUDY IN GEOSCIENCES

Return to: Department of Geosciences, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409-1053

Discipline: Geology/Geophysics _____ Atmospheric Sciences _____

Name _____ Date _____

SSN _____ Birth Date _____

Current Address _____ Permanent Address _____

Email Address _____

Present Academic or Employment Status _____

Highest Degree Earned/Date _____
Institution/Major _____

If your degree is not complete, please indicate anticipated graduation date and list courses to be completed on the back of this form. _____

Which semester do you plan to enroll? _____

Which graduate degree are you seeking? _____

Overall Undergraduate GPA _____ Overall Graduate GPA _____

Undergraduate Geology GPA _____ Graduate Geology GPA _____

List course titles and grades in the following subjects. Use back of sheet if necessary.

Chemistry _____ Physics/Engineering _____

Calculus and Higher Math _____

College Biology/Computer Science/Statistics _____

Graduate Record Exam: _____ Date taken _____
Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical _____

TOEFL Score (international students only): _____

Recommendation Form

Department of Geosciences
Texas Tech University

We call to the attention of the prospective student and the evaluator the provisions of the family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 under which “students attending” shall have “the right to review any and all official records...directly related to themselves.” If the prospective student wishes to waive his rights to further inspection of this evaluation, he should sign the following waiver before submitting it to the evaluator. Failure to sign this waiver will not prejudice consideration of your application.

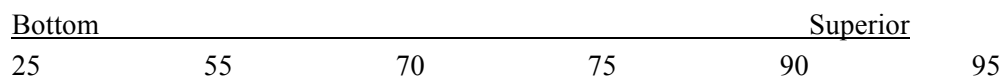
Waiver: I, _____ (signature), hereby
relinquish all rights to inspection of this evaluation.

Date: _____

_____ has submitted your name as a reference. We would greatly appreciate your assessment of this candidate in relation to his/her ability to carry out advanced (graduate) work in his/her field. Of course, your reply is confidential within the framework of the above waiver option. Thank you.

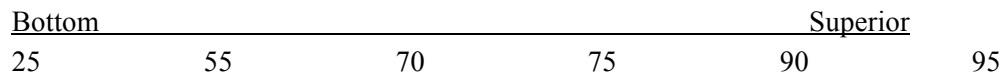
Please rank this student on the following percentage bar graph.

Industry, self-discipline, motivation:



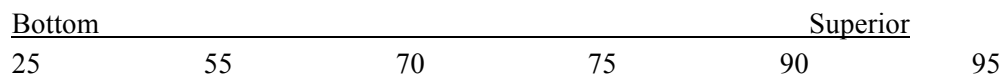
Remarks: _____

Ability to work with others:



Remarks: _____

Scholarship:



Remarks: _____

How would you rank this student's research abilities or research potential?

Check here if you have no knowledge of past research performance:

Bottom Superior
25 55 70 75 90 95

Remarks: _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please indicate your recommendation concerning this student.

Highly Recommended

Recommended

Recommended with Reservations

Not Recommended

Additional Remarks (Below or on a separate sheet, please add comments that may help assess this student's capacity to successfully carry out graduate-level work; if you have reservations, please explain).

Name _____ Position _____

(please type or print)

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Confidential. Do not return to applicant but send directly to:

Graduate Advisor
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