GRE Requirements

1. Is GRE required or optional?
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we evaluate Fall 2021 applications with or without GRE scores. If GRE was not submitted, conditional admission may be given. The condition is that you must submit GRE scores by the end of the 1st semester of enrollment. Please keep in mind that the GRE score is a very important factor for a merit-based scholarship. Those who do not submit GRE scores at the time of scholarship application have a very low chance of getting a scholarship.

2. Are there minimum GRE scores for admission?
Our catalog describes advisable GRE scores for admission which says the following: GRE revised scores of 154, 156, and 4 for the verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing components, respectively, are advisable based on our experience with student success in the program. However, the posted scores are not the “minimum” scores. The admission decision is holistically made with the GPA, GRE (if submitted), essay, and letters of recommendation. Some applicants with lower than those GRE scores have been accepted as GRE scores are not the single factor for admission.

3. I was conditionally accepted because I did not submit GRE scores. When and how I should submit GRE scores?
If you got conditional acceptance because you did not submit GRE scores, then you must submit GRE scores by the end of the 1st semester of enrollment. You can enroll in classes in the 2nd semester only after you submit your GRE scores. You must submit your GRE scores through the Galaxy Portal, not to the ECE Graduate Office.

4. After submitting my application, the Galaxy Portal displays “awaiting document” for a GRE score. What should I do?
If the GRE is the only item missing in your application, your application will be reviewed and an admission decision will be made without GRE even though the system may show that “awaiting document – GRE scores”. All information entered and updated in the To-do list and Student application status weblink (Galaxy Portal) is managed by The Enrollment Services Department. If you have further questions on the information displayed in the Galaxy Portal, please contact admission-status@utdallas.edu.