

**T**hank you for your interest in the Department of Oceanography at Florida State University. Inside are instructions for completing the application process. In essence, you will be applying to *two* separate offices at Florida State University: the Department of Oceanography and the Office of Graduate Admissions. Explicit instructions are provided regarding which office needs which materials. Do not send materials meant for one to the other.

**Questions?** Please feel free to contact

Academic Coordinator  
Department of Oceanography  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-4320 U.S.A.  
(904) 644-6700

admissions@ocean.fsu.edu  
<http://ocean.fsu.edu/>

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## **SEND TO THE FSU OFFICE OF GRADUATE ADMISSIONS:**

- Application for Admission (Green-U.S. or Blue-international). Read the instructions for this form carefully. Fill the form out completely. Do not detach any part of the form. All pages must be sent to the admissions office. Do not send any part of this form to the Department of Oceanography.
- \$30 application fee. A check or money order should be made payable to The Florida State University. This fee is not optional. The Office of Graduate Admissions will *not* process your application without it. The Department of Oceanography has *no* mechanism by which to request a waiver or pay the fee for you.
- Two official transcripts. Request that two transcripts be sent directly from every university, college, or school you have attended to the Office of Graduate Admissions. That office will not accept xerox copies,
- Official test results. Your application must include GRE scores. If you are applying as an international student you must include a TOE FL score. These *two requirements cannot be waived, postponed, or dismissed*, The Office of Admissions will not process your application without them.

**These four items should be mailed directly to:**

**Office of Admissions Florida State University Tallahassee, Florida  
32306-1009 U.S.A.**

**All of the materials sent to Admissions will be forwarded to Oceanography as soon as that office has processed them.**

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## **SEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY:**

- Personal Information Form (attached). Include GRE and TOEFL scores (or an indication of when they will be available), your GPA on a 4.0 scale, a statement of your objectives and interests, and other pertinent data.
- Three letters of recommendation. Ask three professionals who are able to judge your potential success in an oceanography program to mail letters of recommendation directly to the Department of Oceanography.
- To enable us to evaluate your application more quickly, it is strongly recommended that you include with the items sent to the department unofficial xerox copies of the official test results and transcripts that will be sent to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

**These three items should be mailed directly to:**

**Academic Coordinator Department of Oceanography Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-3048 U.S.A.**

**Your application will not be considered until all of these materials have been received.**

# PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM



Department of Oceanography  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4320  
U.S.A.  
Phone: (850) 644-6700  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Term:  Fall  Spring

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Proposed Degree:  M.S.  Ph.D.

Major field of graduate study:

- Biological Oceanography  Chemical Oceanography  
 Geological Oceanography  Physical Oceanography

4. Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Res. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Resident of Florida:  Yes  No

7. Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Nationality (Citizenship): \_\_\_\_\_

Items 9 and 10 are optional. Leaving them blank will not affect your application.

9. Physical Disabilities (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

10. Gender:  Male  Female

Marital Status:  Single  Married

Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Educational Record:

| Colleges and Universities Attended | Major | Dates | Degree |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| _____                              | _____ | _____ | _____  |
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12. Grade Point Average (4.0 scale): Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Science and Math Average: Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_\_\_

13. GRE Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_ Analytical \_\_\_\_\_

TOEFL Score (International Students Only): \_\_\_\_\_

14. Honors (Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, or other scholastic awards, prizes, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

15. Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Research: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

16. Applications typically are not approved without financial sponsorship by a faculty member. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to write directly to any faculty member whose areas of research interest them. Applicants who check "Yes" below will automatically be considered for all available financial aid. The majority of oceanography students are supported by grant-related research assistantships. There are also a limited number of departmental teaching assistantships, as well as university fellowships.

I wish to be considered for a graduate assistantship or fellowship:  Yes  No, I am self-supported.

17. References (Names of three people who are well acquainted with you and your work and who can assess your probable success in graduate school. Reference letters should be sent directly from the writer to the department.):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Please attach a one-page statement of your career objectives and particular research interests in the study of oceanography.

19. If you have done independent research, please submit a copy of your work. If you are applying to the Ph.D. program and you already hold a master's degree, please submit a copy of your master's thesis.

20. The information I have provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

21. How did you hear about the FSU Department of Oceanography graduate program?

Dept. Website  Brochure

Word of Mouth Who: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This form is only one component of your application for admission to the Department of Oceanography at Florida State University. Please refer to the attached Graduate Application Instructions page for a complete list of steps to follow and documents to provide when applying.**