

Preparation for standardized tests (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, GuoLingo)

Two main tests are required by most graduate programs: GRE and TOEFL.

GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) is a general aptitude test (Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical portions). Since this is a standardized test, it allows people on the admissions committee to uniformly evaluate applicants (without the biases of which university and/or country the applicants are applying from). [The GRE](#)

Many institutions are making GRE optional. However, for international students it is advantageous to provide GRE scores to add credibility to your university GPA, as people on admissions committees may not be familiar with Pakistani universities. We highly recommend including the GRE test scores in your application even if your institution of interest does not require it.

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) - International students whose native language is not English are also required to submit a TOEFL score. TOEFL test scores show your proficiency of the English language, which is necessary to be able to understand graduate courses, communicate efficiently with your peers, and teach undergraduate students (if that is a requirement of your graduate program). [TOEFL](#)

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) - Some institutions have started accepting this relatively new test for English language proficiency. [IELTS Home of the IELTS English Language Test](#)

“Duolingo English Test” is also widely accepted by many US and Canadian universities as mentioned on their website. [Duolingo](#)
This test is fully online and can be completed in one hour time frame. Test results are announced within two days.