GCT Application Process

Thank you for your interest in the online Gifted, Creative and Talented Graduate Certificate at Purdue University! The following will assist you in completing your Graduate School application and preparing your supporting documents.

Applying to the Graduate School

Please note that this system automatically saves your information; there is no “Save” button on each page. If you need to return to it later, exit the application, and all your latest information will be saved. You will need to log back in to continue or view your application. Changes cannot be made after you submit it.

Creating your application

➢ Visit this website: http://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/
➢ Click the gold “Apply Now” box at the bottom left of the page:

➢ Click under “First-time users: Create an account” (or “Returning Users: Log in” if you have already completed an application, in which case you can skip the next few steps and click on your active application to resume completing it).

➢ Fill in email address, first & last name, and birthdate. Then, click “Continue”:
You will see the following screen with your email and name populated:

You will also receive an email with your temporary PIN:

Thank you for registering online with Purdue University Graduate School.

To activate your account, please use the link below:

Activate Account

When requested for a password, enter the following temporary PIN:

012345678

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You can either use the “Activate Account” link from the email or simply return to the login screen if you still have it open. In either case, enter the temporary PIN supplied in the email and use the dropdown menu to select your birthdate. Click “Login.”

The next screen will prompt you to set up a password:
Once all criteria are met (as indicated by the 5 green checkmarks), click “Set Password”:

Set Password
To protect the security of your account, please specify a new password. The password must meet complexity requirements.

New Password
New Password (again)

✓ At least one letter
✓ At least one capital letter
✓ At least one number
✓ Be at least 12 characters
✓ New passwords must match

This will bring you to the Application Management home page, where you will click “Start New Application” near the bottom:

Application Management
Thank you for considering Purdue University for your graduate education!

To start your Graduate School application, create an application account below.

You will be emailed a temporary PIN to log into the Graduate School Application. (Be sure to check your junk mail folder if you do not see the email.) Log in using your birthdate and this temporary PIN. Once logged in, you will be prompted to create a password. Use this password along with your email address in subsequent logins.

Technical Questions? Visit our Technical Help Page or contact gradinfo@purdue.edu.

Your Applications
Type
Status
Started
Submitted

You have not yet started an application using this account.

Select the year from the dropdown menu and click “Create Application”:

Start New Application

The 2023 application has entry start terms Spring 2023 (January 2023), Summer 2023 (June 2023), and Fall 2023 (August 2023).

The 2024 application has entry start terms Spring 2024 (January 2024), Summer 2024 (June 2024), and Fall 2024 (August 2024).

Select an application type:

2024 Graduate Application

Create Application

Click “Open Application”:

Application Details

Started 09/20/2023
Status In Progress
2024
2024 Graduate Application
Completing your application
➢ You will notice the application consists of several sections on the left side of the screen. Please first read the instructions and click “Continue” at the bottom:

➢ Personal Background: Complete all required fields and click “Continue.”
➢ Emergency Contact: Complete all required fields and click “Continue.”
➢ Residency: Complete all required fields and click “Continue.”
➢ Campus and Program: Complete the questions regarding your Purdue University status.

If you are a returning student, for the Current Status question, put “Reclassification from non-degree to degree.” Complete the rest of the fields.

Then, select Purdue West Lafayette (PWL) from the dropdown menu. Select “Educational Studies” as your proposed graduate major:
After selecting “Educational Studies” as your proposed graduate major, 2 new tabs will appear on the left, titled First Choice Program Details and Educational Studies/Curriculum & Instruction Questionnaire.

➢ First Choice Program Details: Select “Gifted Education” as your Area of Interest, “Gifted/Creative/Talented Education Graduate Certificate” as your Degree Objective, and “Distance” as your primary Course Delivery method along with “Entry Term and Year.”

➢ Educational Studies/Curriculum & Instruction Questionnaire: Complete the section.

➢ Education Background: In this section, you will add information regarding previous institutions and upload your proof of degree. Transcripts and other academic documents must be official copies that are sent from the institution.

Transcripts and other academic documents must include your name and the institution name. If personal identifying information such as a student identification number or social security number appears on the document, please REMOVE THIS INFORMATION from your electronic version of your document, or mark out the information in black ink before scanning your document.

➢ Additional Information: Complete fields that pertain to you and click “Continue.”
➢ Employment: Complete and click “Continue.”
➢ Academic Statement of Purpose (required): Complete and click “Continue”
➢ Personal History Statement (required): Complete and click “Continue”
➢ Acknowledgements: Complete required fields, including acknowledgement checkbox, and click “Continue.”
➢ Test Scores: Ignore and click “Continue.”
➢ Resume: Ignore and click “Continue.”
➢ Recommendations: Ignore and click “Continue.”
➢ Acknowledgements: Complete the fields and click “Continue.”
➢ Signature: Type your full legal name and click “Continue.”
➢ Review: Address any detected errors and click “Submit Application” when ready. Remember: Changes can no longer be made after you click “Submit Application.”

Returning to your application after logging out
➢ Visit the application site: https://gradapply.purdue.edu/apply/
➢ Select “Log in” under “Returning users” and input the password you created for the application system:

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**Next Steps**

➢ After your application has been submitted, submit the required supporting material:
   - Academic Statement of Purpose
   - Personal History Statement
   - Official transcripts
   - Resume
   - If an international student: English Proficiency scores. Click here for more information.

➢ If you are offered admission, you will receive information regarding your next steps.
➢ Follow the instructions for obtaining your PUID and setting up your Career Account.
➢ All students are required to activate their Career Accounts and use their @purdue.edu email account. This is how Purdue University will communicate with you.
➢ You will need to accept your admission offer in order to be registered for courses.
➢ Your myPurdue account provides access to options for paying your tuition, requesting transcripts, and receiving important Purdue email notifications.