ELI’s Support for International Graduate Student Recruitment and Success

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AGENDA

• Overview of ELI’s Graduate Conditional Admissions Program
• Recruiting international students
• How to become a Graduate CAP partner
International students pursuing graduate degrees can fulfill English skill requirements (in lieu of IBT or IELTS) in the ELI’s Graduate Conditional Admissions Program (Graduate CAP).

Currently, 99 registered graduate students came through the ELI.
GRADUATE-LEVEL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Research Skills
Use library resources and databases to write academic articles

Case Study Analysis
Develop problem-solving skills, enhance communication abilities and business acumen

Presentation Skills
Present research in oral and written forms

Genre-Based Writing
Learn graduate-level writing appropriate to area of study
GRADUATE TRACK PROGRESSION

All Students

Level 4
High Intermediate
Listening/Speaking & Reading/Writing

Level 5
Advanced Grad
Listening/Speaking & Reading/Writing

Non-Lerner Majors

Level 6
High Advanced Grad
Listening/Speaking

Level 6
High Advanced Grad
Reading/Writing

Lerner Majors

Level 6
ABCS
Listening/Speaking

Level 6
High Advanced Grad
Listening/Speaking

Level 6
High Advanced Grad
Reading/Writing

Lerner Majors
ADVISING

- Focused support
  - while in classes and in application for programs
  - in transition to their department
- Onsite Academic Success Center and Self-Access Learning Center
- Dedicated graduate advisors
- Close liaison with graduate department program coordinators
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | COHORT

> Mentors

> Linguistic, academic, professional, social, and cultural skills for integration in American graduate programs and professional world

> E-treat retreat for students studying virtually

> Liaison with University resources: libraries, Career Services, clubs
STUDENT SUPPORT | TRANSITION

Orientation

ELI Women’s Group

American Host Partner Program

Support for Families
Student Life at the ELI is designed to connect students to clubs, student groups, and eSports teams.
ACCOMMODATIONS

Off-campus apartments

Homestay

The Internationale

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OTHER OPTIONS

• Pre-sessional
• Co-requisites
• Denials based on language
• ELI online classes
MARKETING AND RECRUITING UD GRAD PROGRAMS

• Visiting sponsors, ministries of education
• University partnerships
• Agents (92, 50 countries)
• International in-person and virtual fairs
• Conferences
• Social Media
• Alumni referrals
• Alumni Advisory Council
ELI’S MARKETING AND RECRUITING TEAM

- Emily Liu, Acting Manager, ORMC, China Region
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SCHOLARSHIPS

- Colombia
- Chile
- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates
- Oman
- Turkey
- Kazakhstan
- Thailand
WHAT WORKS

GRE test optional at master’s level

Many graduate degree programs have dropped GRE requirements:

1. Poor predictor of academic performance for professional programs (Morrison and Morrison, 1995), (Steinberg & Williams, 1997)

2. GRE scores consistently correlate with socio-economic status, gender, race (Clayton, 2016) and thus may be poor measure of graduate school potential for international students and underrepresented minorities in professional programs

3. Peer/aspirational schools dropping GRE: UCLA, Penn, Cornell, Chicago Emory, and UNC-Chapel Hill for selected majors
WHAT WORKS

Admissions Responsiveness and flexibility

• Provide rapid admissions decisions
• Offer conditional admissions
• Capitalize on personal connections (UD faculty, staff, ELI) with in-country sponsors, partners, colleagues
• Develop regular communications with program coordinators
• Maintain regular communication with applicants by program coordinators
• Leverage office staff support
Incorporate Graduate College’s International recruitment strategy with ELI’s

Focus on graduate student sponsors

Leverage ELI alumni to better promote UD worldwide

Connect students to programs via recruiting events, social media, digital communications

Diagnostic testing to inform admissibility or funding
CURRENT UD CAP PARTNERS

- Accounting (MS)
- Agricultural and Resource Economics (MS)
- Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (MS-BICB)
- Biological Sciences (MS and PhD)
- Biotechnology Professional Science Master’s Degree (PSM)
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Chemistry and Biochemistry (MA, MS, PhD)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering (MCE)
- Computer and Information Sciences (MS)
- Data Science (MS)
- Early Childhood Development and Programming (MA)
- Economics (MA, MS)
- Educational Technology (MEd)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (MS, PhD)
CURRENT UD CAP PARTNERS

- Fashion and Apparel Studies (MS)
- Finance (MS)
- Geography (MA, MS, PhD)
- Health Promotion (MS)
- Hospitality Information Management (MS)
- Information Systems and Technology Management (MS)
- International Business (MSIB)

- Linguistics (MA)
- Music (MM)
- Physics and Astronomy (MS)
- Public Administration (MPA)
- Statistics (MS)
- Teaching English as a Second Language (MA)
READY TO BECOME A GRADUATE CAP PARTNER?

• Complete the form in the chat to notify us that you would like to start admitting students through CAP. At this point we will also add your program information to our website as a program that admits through CAP. Please include information about the GMAT/GRE scores that you will be requiring from CAP applicants.

• Email the Graduate Admissions office so that they can add a Conditional Admissions option to your online application.
QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the application process, or about a particular student situation; or if you are still considering CAP and would like to know more, please contact Jeanine Feltner at capadmissions@udel.edu.
THANK YOU!