

Thank you for contacting the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

We will answer emails in the order we received them. **Please do not send us multiple emails regarding the same issue, as doing so will slow down our response time.**

[Incoming/Current Students](#)

To **request a deferral**, please contact your program. Contact information for all graduate programs can be found [here](#).

[Admission Documents](#)

We will notify you via email once your documents have been processed. Please allow **up to 10 business days after delivery** for processing. If you have not received a response after that time, you may contact us again to confirm whether your documents have been received.

Study permits should be submitted to Chris Bell (cbell57@uwo.ca).

Official transcripts and **diplomas** should be submitted to gradapps@uwo.ca.

[Applicant FAQs](#)

These are a few of the most common questions we receive, but **please review the Helpful Resources listed at the bottom of this email for application troubleshooting guides** and answers to more common questions.

Is the application deadline date inclusive? Yes. For example, if a program's application deadline is February 1, 2026, you must submit your application by 11:59 pm EST on February 1, 2026.

Do my references need to be received before I submit my application? No. You can submit your application before your references are received.

My referees have submitted their references, but when I try to submit my application, I'm receiving an error message saying that a reference is missing. References do not need to have been received before you can submit your application. This error message usually means that there is missing information on the References page of your application. All of the fields on the References page are required fields, including the "Reference Type" field.

The application only lets me select a Reference Type that isn't accurate to my referee. You will need to select that option anyway in order to submit your application. Academic and professional referees are sent the same reference form. The admissions committee will be able to tell what type of reference it is based on your referee's responses.

When are references due? References must be submitted by the application deadline. It can take 1-2 business days for your reference status to be updated from "Not Received" to "Received" on

your application, but we consider references to have been received at the time your referees submitted them.

Can my referees provide their references after the deadline? To request an extension, please contact the graduate program you are applying to. Contact information for all programs can be found via the [Explore Our Programs](#) page.

[Helpful Resources](#)

[Explore Our Programs](#) – A complete list of our graduate programs. Each program page provides information about the program, including the admission requirements, application deadlines, and more. Contact information for all programs and links to each program’s website can also be found here.

[How to Apply](#) – A step-by-step guide to the application process. **Look under ‘Step 4. Apply - Application Overview’ for links to our troubleshooting guides for each page of the application.** Click ‘I WANT TO APPLY’ in the left-hand sidebar to access the [application portal](#).

[English Language Proficiency](#) – A guide to our English language proficiency requirement, including the English language tests we accept and the minimum required scores.

[International Student Services](#) – ISS have an abundance of resources for international applicants and students, including information about preparing to come to Canada, applying for student visas and study permits, life in London, and more.

[Funding & Fees](#) – All things related to funding and fees for graduate students at Western.

- The Graduate Admissions Team