Tips for putting together a compelling application

Start early!
The early decision application deadline is March 1. Regular decision deadline is May 1.

Attend a live online Q&A
Learn more about the program from our Admissions team. We host live online info sessions to answer any questions you may have about the program. See our [upcoming Q&A events](#).

Read our admissions requirements carefully
There are many components that go into the PMASE application. Read the [admissions requirements](#).

Choose the right references
References are a critical component of your candidacy for the PMASE program. They help our Admissions team assess your professional accomplishments and your leadership potential. Take the time to meet with your references: explain why you have chosen them and how they can contribute to your PMASE application. If you need to provide them with more information about the program, direct them to the [program brochure](#).
Three references are required, so choose wisely!

Fine-tune your resume
Your graduate school resume should accompany your application. It should be designed to enhance your application and provide yet another opportunity to sell yourself. The PMASE program requires at least five years of relevant work, co-op & internship experience and a bachelor’s of science in either engineering or a hard science.

Resume tips:
- Use a clean, easy-to-read layout
- Include all your relevant experiences (work and education)
- Remember to proofread your resume
Order your transcript early
A transcript is required from every college and university you attended. Order these early so you have time to complete your application before the deadline.

If you are an international student, schedule your TOEFL or IELTS test early
All international students from countries in which English is not the primary, native language must demonstrate proof of English language proficiency. The only exception is international students who have attended a college or university in the United States for at least one academic year (two semesters or three quarters). Applicants who are not US Citizens or Permanent Residents can meet the English Language Proficiency using the GTL English Language Assessment, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or International English Language Testing System (IELTS); no other language test may be substituted. Therefore, schedule and take your test well ahead of the application deadline.

Craft an effective essay
Start early and take your time formulating your essay/statement of purpose. Articulate why you chose engineering as your career path and include any noteworthy events or accomplishments that led to your career aspirations and interests. Also tell us why you should be admitted to the program and what makes you a good fit for it. Be sincere about your reasons for applying and demonstrate your motivation. (Hint: proofread!)

When you are ready, apply online through the How to Apply page.

Evaluation criteria:

- **3.0 GPA**
  Minimum

- **5 YEAR**
  At least five years of relevant work, internship, & co-op experience

- **RESUME**
  Submit resume with application

- **APPLICATION**
  3 descriptive letters of recommendation

- **ESSAY**
  1 written essay/statement of purpose

- **TRANSCRIPT**
  Official transcripts from each accredited school

- **MARCH 1**
  Standard Application deadline: March 1

- **MAY 1**
  Final Application deadline: May 1