

# APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree from an institution regarded as a standard by the University and a regional accrediting agency
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) over the last 60 hours of undergraduate degree coursework
- Official GRE Test Scores (TCU code 6820): Typically, successful applicants have a Verbal GRE score of at least 155, a Quantitative GRE score of 145, and an Analytical Writing GRE score of 4.0, although other criteria for admission are considered
- International students are required to also submit official TOEFL scores. Typically, successful applicants have a TOEFL total score of 79-80 (Internet-based), 213 (computer-based), or 550 (paper-based)
- Professional statement of interest
- Three letters of recommendation from former faculty members, sent to the Director of Graduate Studies

## APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

- Complete the online application at <https://www.applyweb.com/tcug/index.ftl>  
This will include payment of the application fee, completion of an essay question, and submission of three letters of recommendation.
- Have two complete, official transcripts mailed from the Registrar's Office of each institution attended since high school.
- Submit official GRE scores to TCU
- Submit official TOEFL scores (for international students)
- Submit resume or curriculum vitae
- Deadline: February 15th each year for fall admissions only

## ABOUT THE BOB SCHIEFFER COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

The mission of the Bob Schieffer College of Communication is to educate students to think, act and communicate effectively, ethically, critically and creatively in a global environment enriching their personal and professional lives.

We believe ethical, truthful, appropriate communication is central to human identity and applicable to a variety of careers and experiences.

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## Texas Christian University DEPARTMENT OF **COMMUNICATION STUDIES** GRADUATE PROGRAM



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# MISSION STATEMENT

TCU's mission is to educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in a global community. Housed within the Bob Schieffer College of Communication, the Department of Communication Studies seeks to educate students to think and communicate in ethical and effective ways that will enrich their personal and professional lives. In our graduate program, we hope to further the university's mission statement by offering a close working and mentoring community. We focus intensely on a small number of in-residence graduate students, and our students develop fundamental understandings of communication theory and research. Our graduates are qualified to pursue further study toward advanced academic and professional degrees, or to take advantage of a wide variety of professional opportunities in business and communication industries, including human resources, training and development, digital analytics, public relations, corporate consulting, and managerial positions.

Recipient of the National Communication Association's (NCA) 2016 Outstanding Master's Degree Program Award

# COURSE SELECTION

## COURSES & RESEARCH AREAS

- Interpersonal communication
- Organizational communication
- Persuasion
- Health communication
- Communication technologies and social media
- Communication and physiology
- Communication education
- Instructional communication

## REQUIRED COURSES

- Communication Theory
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Advanced Research Methods

## ELECTIVE SEMINARS

- Family communication
- Incivility in organizations
- Training and development
- Communication, coping, and resilience
- Health communication campaigns
- Social cognition
- Conflict management
- The "Dark Side" of interpersonal communication

# WHY SHOULD YOU STUDY AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY?

## OUR FACULTY

- Nationally prominent faculty from a variety of doctoral institutions
- A history of mentoring graduate students collaboratively using the Teacher-Scholar model
- Highly productive, yet personable faculty

## OUR PROGRAM

- Focused, yet flexible courses that enhance critical thinking and writing skills
- Training programs for graduate teaching assistants
- Travel support for professional conferences and research development
- Support staff for students who wish to pursue professional employment in a variety of fields

## ACADEMIC PURSUITS

- Our program is one of the leading master's programs in preparing students for future success in doctoral programs
- Quantitative and qualitative research opportunities
- Hands-on training with data collection, statistical analyses, and publishing
- Experience working with research teams and conference participation

## CAREER ENHANCEMENT

- An outstanding national reputation that enhances the value of your degree
- Preparation for data analysis, critical thinking, and writing skills
- Internship opportunities
- Social networking opportunities