

# Carnegie Mellon

College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Department of Social and Decision Sciences

## Application for the Doctoral Program

Please be sure that we receive **all** of the following materials **no later than December 15, 2009**.

1. This completed form.
2. Official transcripts of all college or university work to date. **Note:** *To be considered official, transcripts must arrive in sealed university envelopes with the registrar's seal/signature across the envelope's seal. Open or unsealed transcripts are not considered official.*
3. An official copy from the Education Testing Service of your scores on the aptitude sections of the Graduate Record Examination. (**GRE Codes: Institution Code-2074; Department Code-2299**)
4. Three letters of recommendation evaluating your potential for graduate study from persons who know you well, including at least two professors or employers. A Graduate Appraisal Form is included on the website with the application form and must be completed by your recommenders.
5. Include in a maximum of 2 pages an essay addressing the following questions: Why do you wish to do graduate work in the Department of Social and Decision Sciences? What attracts you to our doctoral program in particular? Describe your academic interests, including the type of research that you are interested in pursuing. What are your major career goals after completing your study at Carnegie Mellon University?
6. Submit a check or money order (bank draft for international applicants) for \$45 US dollars made payable to Carnegie Mellon University. The application fee must accompany your application. **NOTE:** We do not accept any other payment methods, including wire transfers, to cover the application fee. We will not waive the application fee..
7. If English is not your native language, you must have ETS send us an official report of the scores that you achieved on the TOEFL, Test of English as a Foreign Language. It is extremely important to use only these codes or we will not receive your TOEFL scores: **TOEFL Codes: Institution Code-2074; Department Code-92. NOTE: For the Internet-based TOEFL, the Department Code is 80.**
8. Your resume/vitae
9. (Optional) A sample of your writing.

**Please return completed form to:**

Graduate Admissions, Department of Social and Decision Sciences  
Carnegie Mellon University  
5000 Forbes Avenue, BP 208  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890

**An email will be sent to the email address provided on your application to confirm receipt of your application packet. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all required documents have been submitted. It takes several weeks after receipt to process application documents. Please refrain from calling the department unless your situation is dire and extremely time sensitive. If you feel you must contact the department with a question that has not been answered on these forms or in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website, you may email us at [sds-phd@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:sds-phd@andrew.cmu.edu). You may expect a notification of the Admission Committee's decision sometime in late April 2010.**

**Deadline: December 15, 2009**

Carnegie Mellon University does not discriminate and Carnegie Mellon University is required not to discriminate in admission, employment, or administration of its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or other federal, state, or local laws or executive orders.

In addition, Carnegie Mellon University does not discriminate in admission, employment, or administration of its programs on the basis of religion, creed, ancestry, belief, age, veteran status, sexual orientation or in violation of federal, state or local laws or executive orders. However, in the judgment of the Carnegie Mellon Human Relations Commission, the Department of Defense policy of, "Don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue," excludes openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual students from receiving ROTC scholarships or serving in the military. Nevertheless, all ROTC classes at Carnegie Mellon University are available to all students. While the federal government does continue to exclude gays, lesbians and bisexuals from receiving ROTC scholarships or serving in the military, ROTC classes on this campus are available to all students.

Inquiries concerning application of this policy should be directed to the Provost, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890, telephone (412) 268-6684 or the Vice President for Enrollment, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890, telephone (412) 268-2056.

Obtain general information about Carnegie Mellon University by calling (412) 268-2000, or on the Internet, <http://www.cmu.edu/>.

Contact Information

Please type or print in ink.

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Email: Please be sure this is a current, active email address that you check regularly.

Current Address (until mm/yy ): Street

City State Zip Phone (including area code)

Permanent Address: Street

City State Zip Phone (including area code)

Date of birth mm/dd/yy Country of citizenship

Gender: Male Female:

Please answer the following questions regarding your ethnicity.

1. Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

- 2. You may select one or more races: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White

Will you be receiving financial support from an outside agency or Company? e.g., NSF, DOD (Please specify)

When did/will you take the Graduate Record Examination? mm/yy

GRE Scores: Verbal Quantitative Analytical

If you took the GRE in a specific field: Name Score

Is English your native language? yes no

If you answered no, you must submit official TOEFL scores sent from ETS, even if you have lived or studied in the United States. This requirement will not be waived.

If applicable, when did/will you take the TOEFEL? mm/yy Score

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List all colleges that you have attended regardless of whether credit or a degree was obtained. If you wish to comment on any item on your transcript, please attach a letter of explanation.

Name	Degree Major	Date Entered/Left (mm/yy)-(mm/yy)	Grade Point Average
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List all full-time employment and military service, plus significant part-time and summer positions.

Company	Location	Date Start/Stop (mm/yy)-(mm/yy)	Description of Job
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Whom are you asking to send letters of recommendation? At least two of the three should be from faculty or employers who know your work well.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title and Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title and Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title and Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Interests**

Where do you see the basis of your research interests (check any/all that apply)

- Behavioral Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Industrial Organizations
- Psychology of Decision Making
- Social Psychology
- Social Systems
- Strategy
- Technology & Innovation
- Other *Please specify:*

(Optional) Please indicate if you would like to be considered for one of the following specific programs:

- Behavioral Decision Research (BDR)
- Strategy, Entrepreneurship, Technical Change (Your application maybe shared with The H.J. Heinz School of Public Policy, Engineering and Public Policy Department and Tepper Business School.)

Are there faculty in the Department of Social and Decision Sciences or Carnegie Mellon University with whom you are particularly interested in working? If so please list.

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**Additional Information**

*(Optional)* How did you first learn of this program? (We would appreciate this information.)

*(Optional)* Please list other academic programs you have applied to for next year:

I certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_