

The following programs are sorted by Physics GRE score acceptance policy, where the programs that have completely abandoned the Physics GRE are listed on top and those with increasingly less-progressive policies are listed towards the end. Universities listing a deferral are listed in the middle. The AAS's primary recommendation is that graduate programs eliminate or make optional the GRE and PGRE as metrics of evaluation for graduate applicants. But the author of this spreadsheet believes in deprioritization of the test as positive developments and should be encouraged. For more info on the rationale for such a change, please see the links below the table.

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Program	GRE (Physics, General, & Temporary)	Application Fee \$	Notes	Verified by	
University	Phys. Gen. 2+2+2	Policy	Dom. int.	None	
McGill	Physics R	US\$ 110 [\$110 N		J. Gullouchon	
Maine	Physics R	US\$ D. Quarter			
Mississippi	Phys. & Ast. R	US\$ J. Meyer	\$50 [\$50 N	J. Meyer	
Massachusetts	Phys. & Ast. R				
Northwestern Univ.	Physics R	N	J. Berrando	\$65 [\$65 N	T. Robinson
Northwestern	Physics R	R	M. Sykes	\$100 [\$100 N	M. Sykes
Penn State	Physics R	R	US\$ K. Gibbs	\$65 [\$65 Y	C. Cronwell
Rutgers	Phys. & Ast. (Phys.) R	R	US\$ A. Baker	\$70 [\$70 Y	A. Baker
Texas Tech	Phys. & Ast. R [4+1] R	R	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$60 [\$60 N	J. Gullouchon
Washington State	Phys. & Ast. R	Y	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$75 [\$75 N	J. Gullouchon
Wayne State	Phys. & Ast. R	Y	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$50 [\$50 N	J. Gullouchon
Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Physics R	R	US\$ D. Erb	\$75 [\$75 N	J. Gullouchon
Yale	Physics Y	Y	US\$ E. Hertz	\$60 [\$60 N	J. Gullouchon
Chicago	Physics Y	Y O	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$60 [\$60 Y	D. Haid
Central Michigan	Physics Y	Y	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$60 [\$60 N	J. Gullouchon
Georgetown	Physics Y	Y O	US\$ S. Revett	\$60 [\$60 N	D. Blair
Houston	Physics Y	Y	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$6 [\$6 N	J. Gullouchon
Maine	Phys. & Ast. Y	Y	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$65 [\$65 N	J. Gullouchon
New Mexico	Phys. & Ast. Y	Y	US\$ C. Fries	\$50 [\$50 Y	J. Gullouchon
New Mexico State	Physics Y	Y	US\$ S. Zolotar	\$40 [\$50 N	J. Gullouchon
Penn State	Physics Y	Y O	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$65 [\$65 Y	J. Gullouchon
Pittsburgh	Physics Y	Y O	US\$ O. French	\$95 [\$95 Y	J. Gullouchon
Southern Mississippi	Phys. & Ast. Y	Y	US\$ J. Gullouchon	\$60 [\$60 N	J. Gullouchon
UC Berkeley	Physics Y	Y ON	US\$ R. Wehner	\$130 [\$130 Y	R. Fe
Washington	Physics Y	Y	US\$ R. Wehner	\$85 [\$85 N	J. Gullouchon

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Notes: Some of the info originally entered into the table comes from E&M group on FB and the following sources

- <https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/physics-gre-requirements-2024-25.4444444>
- <https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/physics-gre-requirements-2024-25.4444444>
- For more reading on the rationale for elimination of the Physics GRE requirement, please see the following:
<https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/physics-gre-requirements-2024-25.4444444>
- <https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/physics-gre-requirements-2024-25.4444444>
- <https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/physics-gre-requirements-2024-25.4444444>
- <https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/physics-gre-requirements-2024-25.4444444>
- <https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/physics-gre-requirements-2024-25.4444444>
- <https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/physics-gre-requirements-2024-25.4444444>

GRE policies for other subject tests (Master list of GRE subject)

- [Biology](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Economics](#)
- [Earth Sciences](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Engineering](#)
- [History](#)
- [Literature](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Philosophy](#)
- [Political Science](#)
- [Psychology](#)
- [Sociology](#)
- [Theater](#)
- [Writing](#)

AAS Statement on Limiting the Use of GRE Scores
<https://www.aas.org/2024/08/01/aas-statement-on-limiting-the-use-of-gre-scores>

AAPT Policy Discouraging the Use of the GRE
<https://www.aapt.org/2024/08/01/aapt-policy-discouraging-the-use-of-the-gre>

Footnotes:
 1 Listed department reflects how admissions are considered, even if separate departments operate independently or the PhD is offered by a joint department.
 2 "Optional" vs. "recommended" as a fuzzy line for some departments that don't make the distinction clear in their policies. In general, we will mark a department as "recommended" if the policy suggests it's "better to submit scores than not".
 3 Total cost in USD (converted from CAD for Canadian programs) to apply to specified program (doesn't include PGRE admission fees). Does not include required printing fees charged by your host institution to apply. Internal column indicates whether the school offers a fee waiver that can be applied for. Additional details are included in notes for each cell, when you can hover your cursor over to see.
 4 Temporary change in policy that are assumed to be lifted after the 2022-2023 application cycle program that date 2024 is completed. Unless otherwise noted, the policy applies to both the general and physics GREs. This column is purged after every admissions cycle and re-populated as needed when current year's admissions policies are posted.
 5 Minimum cost computed assuming all waivers are used and GREs are not taken by the applicant. Maximum cost computed assuming no waivers are used and GRE is submitted to all institutions except those that do not accept the test.

Average Fee	Average International Fee	Physics GRE cost	GRE recommended fraction	GRE not accept fraction	TOEFL	General GRE cost	Number of schools score	Addition cost per sch	Fraction fee waivers
\$71	\$79	\$150	55.78%	17.59%		\$200	4	\$27	41.97%
# Applications						\$205 [156]			
	General + Physics GREs	Domestic Fees	Intl Fees	Min Dom. Cost to Apply	Max Dom. Cost to Apply	Min Intl. Cost to Apply	Max Intl. Cost to Apply		
0	\$355	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$355	\$200	\$555		
4	\$355	\$286	\$317	\$166	\$641	\$384	\$872		
5	\$377	\$357	\$396	\$207	\$734	\$430	\$973		
10	\$489	\$714	\$792	\$415	\$1,203	\$660	\$1,481		
15	\$600	\$1,071	\$1,189	\$622	\$1,671	\$890	\$1,988		
25	\$822	\$1,786	\$1,981	\$1,036	\$2,608	\$1,350	\$3,003		

[1] Fee info:
<https://w3.physics.arizona.edu/node/38>

[2] Fee info:
<https://webapp4.asu.edu/dgsadmissions/Index.jsp>

[3] Fee info:
<https://case.edu/gradstudies/prospective-students/applications-admissions/instructions>

[4] Fee info:
<https://physics.case.edu/graduate-studies/apply-gradstudies/faq-for-prospective-graduate-students/>

[5] Fee info:
<https://gradschool.cornell.edu/admissions/apply/application-fees/>

[6] Fee info:
<https://gradschool.cornell.edu/admissions/apply/application-fees/>

[7] Fee info:
<https://www.astro.ufl.edu/academics/graduate-studies/graduate-admissions>

[8] Fee info:
<https://gradapply.gsu.edu/apply/>

[9] Fee info:
<https://gradapply.gsu.edu/apply/>

[10] Fee info:
<http://www.astro.indiana.edu/admissions.shtml>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[11] Fee info:
<https://eps.jhu.edu/graduate/admissions/>

[12] Fee info:
<https://rackham.umich.edu/admissions/most-requested-admissions-forms/>

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<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[13] Fee info:
<https://grad.umn.edu/admissions/application-instructions/application-fees>

[14] Fee info:
<http://www.physics.montana.edu/grad/sidenavinfo/gradapp-2017.html>

[15] https://astro.nmsu.edu/graduate/graduate_admissions.html

[16]

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[17] Fee info:

<https://graduateschool.nd.edu/admissions/faq/#:~:text=A%3A%20The%20application%20fee%20is,nd.edu%20for%20more%20information>.

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Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:

<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[19] Fee info:

<http://gradschool.psu.edu/faq1/#appfee>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:

<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[20] Fee info:

<https://www.rit.edu/admissions/graduate>

[21] Fee info: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/hsbulletin/admissions/Application-Fees.php>

Wavier info:

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/graduatebulletin/current/admissions/special/waiver.php>

[22] Fee info:

<http://www.astro.utoronto.ca/academics/graduate-studies/prospective-students/how-to-apply/application/>

[23] Fee and waiver info:

<https://asegrad.tufts.edu/admissions/requirements-and-policies>

[24] Fee info:

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/>

[25] Fee info:

<https://astronomy.utexas.edu/academics/graduate-program/prospective-student-information/how-to-apply>

[26] Fee info:

<https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/application/index.php>

[27] Fee info:

<https://graduate.as.virginia.edu/requirements>

[28] Fee info:

<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>

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<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

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Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:

<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[30] Fee info:

<https://physics.ucdavis.edu/academics/graduate-program/apply-graduate-program>

[31] Fee info:

<https://grad.soe.ucsc.edu/admissions>

[32] Fee info:

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/physics/graduate-admissions-faqs/>

[33] Fee info:

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/physics/graduate-admissions-faqs/>

[34] Fee info:

<https://www.physics.utah.edu/graduate-programs/gradadmission/>

[35] Fee info:

<https://gsas.yale.edu/admissions/application-fees>

Waiver info:

<https://gsas.yale.edu/admissions/phdmasters-application-process/application-fees-fee-waivers>

[36] Fee info:

<https://graduate.ua.edu/prospective-students/apply-now/>

[37] Fee info:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/prospective-students/apply-for-admission>

[38] Fee info:

<https://grad.arizona.edu/admissions/procedures/application-fees>

[39] Fee info:

<https://grad.arizona.edu/admissions/procedures/application-fees>

[40] Fee info:

<https://schoolofsustainability.asu.edu/admissions/application-process/graduate-admissions/>

[41] Fee info:

<https://graduate.appstate.edu/prospective-students/how-apply/applying-faqs#fees>

[42] Fee info:

<https://www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/admissions/how-to-apply>

[43] Fee info:

<https://www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/admissions/international-applicants>

[44] Fee info:

<https://www.colorado.edu/physics/admissions/graduate-application-information>

[45] Fee info:

<https://gsas.columbia.edu/degree-programs/admissions>

[46] Fee info:

<https://grad.uconn.edu/admissions/faq/>

[47] Fee and waiver info:

<https://www.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/physics-astronomy/academic-programs/ma-ms-physics/apply>

[48] Fee info:

<https://www.binghamton.edu/grad-school/admissions/apply/index.html>

[49] Fee info:
<https://www.bgsu.edu/graduate/admissions.html>

[50] Fee info:
<https://www.brandeis.edu/gsas/admissions/apply/fees.html>

[51] Fee info:
<https://www.bu.edu/cas/admissions/phd-mfa/apply/fee-waiver/>

[52] Fee info:
<http://www.gradoffice.caltech.edu/admissions/fees>

[53] Fee info:
<http://www.gradoffice.caltech.edu/admissions/fees>

[54] Fee info:
<http://www.gradoffice.caltech.edu/admissions/fees>

[55] Fee info:
<https://www.fullerton.edu/graduate/admissions/applying.php>

[56] Fee info:
<http://www.csulb.edu/admissions/graduate-programs-application-process>

[57] Fee info:
<https://graduate.ucf.edu/applying-to-ucf/>

[58] Fee info:
<https://astro.uchicago.edu/academics/prospective.php>

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<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[59] "Recommended" for students whose undergrad degree is not in physics

[60] Fee info:
<https://www.clemson.edu/graduate/admissions/preparing-to-apply/application-fee.html>

[61] Fee of \$60 due if student is admitted to program

[62] Fee info:
<https://gsas.columbia.edu/degree-programs/admissions>

[63] Fee info:
<https://gradschool.cornell.edu/admissions/apply/application-fees/>

[64] Fee info:
<https://www.gc.cuny.edu/Prospective-Current-Students/Prospective-Students/Admissions>

[65] Fee info:
<https://physics.dartmouth.edu/graduate/apply>

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Fee info:
<https://grad.udel.edu/fees-and-funding/application-fee/>

Waiver info:

<https://grad.udel.edu/fees-and-funding/application-fee/>

[67] Fee info:

https://www.du.edu/academics/admission-steps/physics-phd_2020-2021 (3rd tab)

[68] Fee info:

<https://csh.depaul.edu/admission/graduate/Pages/default.aspx>

[69] Application fee waiver is available upon request (gradprogram@physics.drexel.edu)

[70] Fee info:

<https://gradschool.duke.edu/admissions/application-instructions>

[71] Fee info:

<https://catalog.emich.edu/content.php?catoid=30&navoid=5872>

[72] Fee info:

<https://www.physics.ufl.edu/wp/index.php/graduate/admissions/>

[73] Fee info:

<https://www.fit.edu/graduate-admissions/applying-for-graduate-admission/>

[74] Fee info:

<https://www.physics.fsu.edu/graduates/graduate-application-process>

[75] Fee info:

<https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply>

[76] Fee info:

<https://grad.gatech.edu/before-you-apply>

[77] Fee info:

<https://grad.illinois.edu/application-fee>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:

<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[78] Fee info:

<https://grad.illinois.edu/application-fee>

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<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

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<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[80] Fee info:

<https://grad.admissions.uiowa.edu/instructions/graduate-college>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:

<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[81] Fee info:
https://www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/pdf/us_gr_instr.pdf

[82] Fee info:
<https://physics-astronomy.jhu.edu/graduate/admissions/>

[83] Fee info:
<https://www.k-state.edu/grad/admissions/application-process/>

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Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

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Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[86] Fee info:
<https://www.umass.edu/graduate/apply/how-apply>

[87] Fee info:
<https://www.umass.edu/graduate/apply/how-apply>

[88] Fee info:
<https://lsa.umich.edu/physics/graduate-students/application.html>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[89] Fee info:
<https://grad.umn.edu/admissions/application-instructions/application-fees>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[90] Fee info:
<https://grad.umn.edu/admissions/application-instructions/application-fees>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[91] Funds available to waive the fee, e-mail the graduate coordinator

[92] Fee info:
<http://gradadmissions.mit.edu/about/diversity-initiatives/fee-waiver>

[93] Fee info:
<https://futurestudents.mst.edu/admissions/graduate/doctoralapplicantchecklist/>

[94] Fee info:
<https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/admissions/requirements#appfee>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[95] Fee info:
<https://www.unr.edu/physics/student-resources/graduate-assistantship>

[96] Fee waivers offered upon request

[97] Fee info:
<https://gradschool.unc.edu/admissions/instructions.html>

[98] For the first 100 applicants, then \$75 thereafter.

Program does not waive the fee for international students.

Fee info:
https://physics.sciences.ncsu.edu/graduate/apply/graduate_application_faq/

[99] Fee info:
<https://www.physics.northwestern.edu/graduate/doctoral-program/admissions/>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[100] Fee info:
<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/gsas-application-resource-center/application-and-instructions/nyu-gsas-application-instructions.html#3>

Fee waiver info:
<http://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/gsas-application-resource-center/nyu-gsas-general-application-policies.html#2>

[101] Fee info:
<http://admissions.osu.edu/apps/pdfs/g-info.pdf>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[102] Fee info:
<https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply/apply-degree-seeking>

[103] Fee info:
<https://www.physics.upenn.edu/graduate/admissions>

[104] Fee info:
<https://www.physicsandastronomy.pitt.edu/graduate/how-apply>

[105] Fee info:
http://www.physics.purdue.edu/academic-programs/future_students/admissions.html

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[106] Fee info:
<https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rpi-2803/applying>

[107] Fee info:
<https://physics.rice.edu/how-apply>

[108] Fee info:
<https://www.pas.rochester.edu/graduate/applying.html>

[109] Fee info:
<https://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/apply/application-guidelines>

Fee can be waived through Big 10 fee waiver program:
<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[110] Fee info:
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

[111] Fee info:
https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/index.php

[112] Fee info:
<https://gradadmissions.stanford.edu/applying/starting-your-application/application-fee-payment>

[113] Fee info:
<https://gradschool.utk.edu/admissions/applying-to-graduate-school/new-applicants/>

[114] Fee info:
<https://physics.tamu.edu/academics/prospective-graduates/admissions/>

[115] Fee info:
<https://physics.tamu.edu/academics/prospective-graduates/admissions/>

[116] Fee info:
<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/application-admission/online-application-fee>

[117] Fee info:
<https://ph.utexas.edu/graduate/explore-our-graduate-program/how-to-apply-to-the-graduate-program>

[118] Fee info:
<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply/>

[119] Fee info:
<http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/admissions/how-to-apply#application-fee>

[120] Fee info:
<http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/admissions/how-to-apply#application-fee>

[121] Fee info:
<https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/graduate-application/>

[122] Fee info:
<http://www.phys.virginia.edu/GraduateBrochure/GraduateAdmissions.asp>

[123] -\$10 for a "non-matriculated application," whatever that is

Fee info:
<https://grad.uw.edu/admissions/apply-now/>

[124] Fee info:
<https://physics.wustl.edu/graduate/how-to-apply>

[125] Fee info:
<https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/apply-for-2019-2020/first-time-graduate-applicant>

[126] Fee info:
<http://www.uwyo.edu/education/prospective-students/graduate-education/admissions.html>

[127] Fee info:
<https://gsas.yale.edu/admissions/phdmasters-application-process/application-fees-fee-waivers>

[128] Fee info:
<https://uaf.edu/admissions/apply/>

[129] Fee info:
<https://www.bu.edu/cas/admissions/phd-mfa/apply/fee-waiver/>

[130] Fee info:
<https://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/application-information/application-components-process>

[131] Fee info:
<https://www.cmu.edu/physics/graduate-program/admission.html>

[132] Fee info:
<https://www.uc.edu/about/registrar/graduation/apply-to-graduate.html>

[133] Fee info:
<https://grad.uga.edu/index.php/prospective-students/domestic-application-information/requirements/application-fee/>

[134] Fee info:
<https://physics.cas.lehigh.edu/how-apply-0>

[135] Fee info:
<https://www.lsu.edu/physics/graduate-programs/physics-astronomy/application/deadlines-fees.php>

[136] Fee info:
<https://gradschool.umbc.edu/admissions/requirements/appfee/>

[137] Fee info:
<http://www.physics.mcgill.ca/grads/application.html>

[138] <https://gradschool.olemiss.edu/apply-now/>

[139] Fee info:
<http://gradschool.psu.edu/faq1/#appfee>

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<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

Additional fee waiver through program:
<https://science.psu.edu/physics/graduate/frequently-asked-questions>

[140] Fee info:
<https://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/apply/application-guidelines>

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<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[141] Policy is strangely worded, test is "expected" to be taken unless: "may be ignored if a prospective student can show the promise of a successful graduate career based on such other factors as work experience, research experience, demonstrated leadership, or unusual desire."

[142] Fee info:
<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/che/grad/admissions.php>

[143] Fee info:
<https://www.applyweb.com/wsugrad/index.ftl>

[144] Fee info:
<https://gradschool.wayne.edu/admissions/process>

[145] Fee info:
<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/>

[146] Fee info:
<https://gradstudies.byu.edu/page/admissions-information>

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<http://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/freeapp/introduction>

[148] Fee info:
<https://uh.edu/nsm/physics/graduate/faq/>

[149] Fee info:
<https://umaine.edu/graduate/apply/faq/>

[150] Fee info:
<https://physics.unm.edu/pandaweb/graduate/faq.php>

[151] <https://gradschool.nmsu.edu/apply/>

[152] Fee info:
<https://gradschool.princeton.edu/admission/applying-princeton/deadlines-and-fees>

[153] Fee info:
<https://www.usm.edu/graduate-admissions/graduate-program-contacts-and-application-deadlines.php>

[154] Fee info:
<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply/>

[155] Fee info:
<https://grad.uw.edu/admission/apply-now/>

[156] Slightly more for a few specific countries:

Australia\$230
China\$231.30
Nigeria\$220
Turkey\$255