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Minimum Admission Requirements and List of Required Documents for the PhD Programs of the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences of the Autonomous Organization of Education Nazarbayev University

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Program(s): PhD in Chemical Engineering, PhD in Civil Engineering, PhD in Mechanical Engineering, PhD in Electrical Engineering, PhD in Robotics Engineering, PhD in Computer Science

№	Minimum admission requirements	
1	Bachelor's degree (or equivalent)	no threshold
2	A Master's degree in a relevant discipline (or equivalent). The relevance of the academic and experiential background, and the equivalency and appropriateness of earlier degrees, will be determined by the Admissions Committee. During the application period final year students may submit an official current transcript for consideration	A minimum CGPA of 2.75 out of 4.00 or equivalent
3	The required level of English proficiency	The absolute minimum requirement for English language proficiency test reports for admission to the Program is an overall IELTS test score of 6.5 with sub-score requirements no less than 6.0, or the equivalent TOEFL) score as posted on the ETS website;
4	Applicants to the Program, at the discretion of the Admissions Committee, can be exempted from submitting the language proficiency test report if	One of their earlier academic degrees was earned in a country with English as the language of official communication, academic instruction, and daily life; An undergraduate or graduate degree was earned in a program that was officially taught in English. Applicants must provide an official document confirming English as the language of instruction; The applicant is a graduate of Nazarbayev University.
5	Statement of purpose for the PhD program	1 (one)

№	List of required documents
1	Complete Application form
2	Scanned copy of national ID (for the citizens of Kazakhstan) or passport (for the citizens of foreign countries)
3	Scanned or electronic copy of an official document confirming name change (if applicable)
4	Scanned or electronic copy of the Undergraduate and Master's degree diplomas with transcripts. Students in the final year of their Master's degree can upload their current transcripts
5	Official electronic score report of Academic IELTS (except IELTS Online) or TOEFL (except TOEFL Home Edition) certificates from Test Administrator valid as of date of online documents submission and its scanned or electronic copy
6	Scanned document confirming English as a language of instruction only for applicants who earned their degree in a program which was taught in English and request an exemption from submitting IELTS or TOEFL
7	Two confidential letters of recommendation in English
8	Statement of purpose in English
9	Curriculum vitae in English