International Freshman Applicant:

An “international freshman” applicant:

- is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States (or applicant for permanent residency)
- has not graduated from a Texas high school after three years of residence in Texas. (If this applies to you, please apply as a U.S. freshman applicant based on Senate Bill 1528.)
- has never enrolled at Texas A&M as an undergraduate degree-seeking student
- is a degree-seeking applicant without college credit or whose only college credit was received prior to high school graduation

Application Dates/Deadline for Fall 2013

Application Dates/Deadline for Spring 2014
Opening April 1, 2013  Closing Aug. 1, 2013

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| **All materials must be received (not postmarked) by the application deadline.** | Admission Review
  Complete application files are reviewed and decisions are made by the Admission Selection Board. |
| Checklist:                             | Admission Criteria/Conditions
  1. Application                         | International applicants are expected to complete an educational program that will permit them to be considered for admission to a university in their home country. Examples include the completion of Grade 13, Sixth Form or three (3) General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A-level) exams following the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE). If final results are not available, predicted or anticipated A-level exam results must be received by the application closing date. Successful applicants will rank near the top of their country’s educational system (B average or better) and score well above the average on national exams. |
  2. Application fee                      | State of Texas Uniform Admission Policy
  3. Official test scores                 | Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803-51.809 requires that all students meet one of several college readiness standards in order to be eligible to be considered for admission at a Texas Four-Year Public Institution. More information concerning the Uniform Admission Policy can be found at: [http://admissions.tamu.edu/freshmen/gettingin/Texas UAP.aspx](http://admissions.tamu.edu/freshmen/gettingin/Texas UAP.aspx). |
  4. Essay topics                         | Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine
  5. Official high school transcripts     | ALL new students are required to show evidence of a bacterial meningitis vaccination within five (5) years from the start of the semester for which they intend to enroll. More information will be available at time of admission. |
  6. Document ID sheet                    | |

1. State of Texas ApplyTexas Application – Completed.
   - Please select the Freshman International Application option.
   - When completing the application, enter your name as it appears on your passport.

2. Nonrefundable $90 application fee –
   - Checks or money orders (U.S. dollars) should be made payable to Texas A&M University. Checks or money orders are accepted provided they display an agency bank in the United States and have magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) routing numbers at the bottom.
   - International applicants are not eligible for fee waivers.

3. Official test scores
   - Official SAT or ACT scores with writing component.
   - Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit proof of English ability, which is satisfied by one of the following:
     - a minimum TOEFL score of:
       - i. 550 for paper-based testing (p-BT),
       - ii. 80 internet-based testing (i-BT),
     - b. a minimum SAT Critical Reading score of 500,
     - c. a minimum ACT English score of 21,
     - d. a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 overall band, or
     - e. completion of all four years in a high school in the U.S.
   - TOEFL & IELTS scores should be from a test date within two years.
   - Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to be considered official.
   - We will use your highest test score from one test date.
   - The Texas A&M University SAT and TOEFL code is 6003, and the ACT code is 4198.
- Tests should be taken at least eight weeks prior to the appropriate application deadline to ensure timely receipt and processing of results.
- You may verify receipt of your official scores by contacting Measurement and Research Services at mars@tamu.edu. You will need to include your name (as given on test), date of birth, University Identification Number (UIN), date of test and date you requested scores to be sent.
- There is no institutional code for the IELTS examination; however, you may report your Test Report Form Number (TRF#) on the application and TAMU will retrieve your official scores. Copies of test scores are not considered official, but they may help the University locate your official test scores and are therefore useful when the application is processed. Applicants should request their official IELTS scores be sent to:

  Measurement and Research Services  
  Texas A&M University  
  4239 TAMU  
  750 Agronomy Road, Suite 1101  
  College Station, TX 77843-4239

4. Official transcripts – Submit all official senior secondary or high school transcripts and diploma according to the educational system of your country (generally the last three to four years of senior secondary education). The final transcript and high school diploma must be received by the application closing date. If you attended a U.S. high school:

- Credit transferred from foreign high schools and listed on the U.S. transcript will be accepted.

  General transcript information

How do you handle incomplete transcripts?
If you are enrolled in your final year of senior secondary education when you submit your application, you are required to submit official transcripts for the completed years by the application closing date. The final transcript and high school diploma should be submitted upon completion of studies.

Which transcripts do you require?
If you attend more than one senior secondary school, we require an official transcript from each school, including U.S. accredited high schools.

What makes transcripts official?
Transcripts are considered official if they have an original signature of a school official or an original school seal. Accepted signatures include the Registrar, Principal, Headmaster, or Director of student records. In addition, we will accept documents that have been stamped official by the embassy/consulate. Transcripts from U.S. institutions must be sent directly from the institution. Photocopies or other duplications of a transcript, such as notarized, faxed or scanned copies are not considered official.

What about transcripts not in English?
Applicants from an institution that does not issue a transcript in English must submit the official native language transcript with an official English translation. Official translations are prepared by a recognized translator and include all original seals and/or signatures; photocopies are not accepted.

Do you accept education evaluations?
Evaluations of transcripts are considered unofficial.
What should I do with incomplete exam results from Grade 13 and Form 6?
Applicants whose educational system includes Grade 13 and Form 6 should submit all results completed at time of application, as well as a listing of currently enrolled courses.

What should I do if my A-level results are not in yet?
Applicants whose educational system includes O-levels and A-levels will be required to send the completed O-level results and projected A-level results. Final A-level results should be submitted upon completion.

Where do I send my application materials?
The address specific to international documents is:

International Admissions Processing
Texas A&M University
P.O. Box 40002
College Station, TX 77842-4002

Credentials sent via overnight mail (or presented in person) should be sent to:

International Admissions Processing
Texas A&M University
General Services Complex
0200 TAMU
750 Agronomy Road, Suite 1601
College Station, TX 77843-0200

5. Essay Topics – Applicants are required to complete Essay Topics A and B, and strongly encouraged to complete Essay Topic C. To facilitate processing, please submit your essay either the same day or after you have submitted your application for admission.

6. Document ID Sheet - To ensure that your official transcripts and other supporting documents are processed in a timely and efficient manner, please include the appropriate Document ID Sheet with all documents you submit in support of your application.