

## **Admission to the MS and Ph.D. Degrees in Geoscience**

We admit students during both Fall and Spring semesters. For preferential consideration, please submit application materials (as follow) for Fall admission by February 1st; for Spring admission by October 1st. However, please send materials early as admission decisions are made shortly after the indicated dates, and an application that is missing a component risks being rejected. Exceptional students are encouraged to submit materials early as you may qualify for special assistantships that are determined before the application deadline.

### **Admission Requirements Include the Following:**

1. A Bachelor's or MS degree in Geoscience, or an appropriate related field.
2. A minimum overall grade point average of 3.0. In rare cases, a student with a GPA less than 3.0 may be admitted.
3. Satisfactory scores on the general Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Minimum Verbal GRE score: 400. Minimum Quantitative score: 500.
4. It is not required, but strongly encouraged, that you complete a FAFSA application and indicate that you want the results sent to UNLV as the university has scholarship money that is awarded to incoming students that is based on your GPA and your financial need. Because financial need is determined by your FAFSA scores, you can only receive these funds if you have a FAFSA report on file at UNLV. This opportunity is only available for U.S. citizens.

**To apply, please follow the instructions regarding admission provided on the Graduate College website: <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu>**

### **In addition, please submit the following items directly to the Geoscience Department:**

1. Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals competent to comment on your promise as a graduate student. Use the document provided at the following link:  
<http://geoscience.unlv.edu/GraduateFormletterOfRec09.pdf>
2. A Statement of Purpose: This is a 1-2 page essay describing your reasons for considering graduate study, your goals after completion of the graduate degree, and your specific area(s) of interest.
3. GRE test scores. Our institution code is 4861. The department number is 0504.

**All application materials are available on-line. Once you have completed each of the above steps, your application will be complete!**