

**Proposal to Accept IELTS Academic Test of English Proficiency for Graduate Admissions for the School of Education**

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According to the Office of International Services, the School of Education is the only unit on this campus that does not accept both TOEFL and IELTS. Accepting the IELTS will expand for the SoE the number of applicants to our graduate programs, and likely the number of countries from which those applications originate. Applicants' access to a test of English proficiency will be expanded. While the exams vary from one another in details of format and scoring, and TOEFL uses U.S. English while IELTS uses British English, OIA advises that the differences in the exams seem balanced as to their advantages and drawbacks for individual applicants.

**Graduate Studies recommends that the School of Education accept both the ETS Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 79 and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic exam with a minimum score of 6.5 for application to graduate programs.**