Application Process

Profile of a Good Fit Applicant
Passionate: Our program is set up to help passionate individuals to succeed in career development goals. We do not view the Ph.D. program as a particularly suitable venue for students to "find their passion". The cost and risks tied to doctoral studies are quite high for the student and the faculty in the best of cases, and only exacerbated when an indefinitely long period of self-reflection and discovery is added to the equation. The average time required for a doctoral student to complete their studies is just over four years. Some students complete their degrees in less time, others take longer, and up to half of all students never finish. Passion for an area of study may be one of the most influencing factors determining whether a student finishes or fades.

Doctoral Admission Process
Our admission process is designed to match applicants with potential faculty advisors in such a way that the greatest chance exists that a collaborative, mutually beneficial relationship is established. If you have not done so already, contact the graduate program director. The GPD will be able to provide you with preliminary assessment of your research interest and if it might align with a faculty's research direction. You should also contact the GPD if you have already completed the online application. The GPD will be able to provide you with guidance on the materials that you can provide to maximize your chances for admission. Applications are reviewed and evaluated to determine the alignment of research interests with departmental foci, and the competitiveness of the research capability as demonstrated by the materials provided. The most competitive applicants will be invited to interview with departmental faculty.
Ph.D. Application Materials

Applicants to the Ph.D. in Engineering Management and Systems Engineering program should provide the following materials as needed:

1. As part of the online application:
   a. GRE
   b. Transcripts
   c. Essay/statement describing research interests
   d. TOEFL for international students for whom English is a second language
2. Portfolio materials sent to the department, might include any of the following materials:
   a. Thesis
   b. Publications
   c. Reports that speak to the applicant's research interests
   d. Any other documentation that provides evidence of the applicant's research interest, research maturity, and specialized skills

D.Eng. Application Materials:
Applicants to the D.Eng. in Engineering Management and Systems Engineering program should provide the following materials as needed:
   1. As part of the online application:
      a. GRE
      b. Transcripts
      c. Essay/statement describing research interests
      d. TOEFL for international students for whom English is a second language
      e. Curriculum Vitae
   2. The applicant must provide a project proposal. Contact the GPD to ascertain if the intended project meets the scope requirements of the D.Eng. project.
   3. Portfolio materials sent to the department, might include any of the following materials:
      a. Thesis
      b. Publications
      c. Reports that speak to the applicant's research interests
      d. Any other documentation that provides evidence of the applicant's research interest, research maturity, and specialized skills