

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a Ph.D. in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES). Because this degree is offered as an interdisciplinary graduate program, you will need to review the requirements for the Engineering and Applied Sciences Ph.D. which is administered jointly by the College of Sciences and the College of Engineering at UNO (visit the following website for more information: <http://cosc.uno.edu/interdiscgrad.cfm#phd>). Your degree will be administered through this program while your dissertation research will be conducted in EES. Note that the main requirements for entering the EES Program are completing the GREs and finding an EES Faculty member who will agree to be your advisor *prior to* being accepted into the Department (to review faculty research activities, please visit our website at <http://ees.uno.edu/>). If you would like to apply for fall 2008, the EES Departmental deadline will be 15 March 2008. To apply, please send a cover letter (including the name of the faculty member who has agreed to be your advisor, if possible) and *three* letters of recommendation to EES at the address below. Official transcripts and test scores need to be sent to the UNO Office of Admissions (http://admissions.uno.edu/instruct_grad.cfm). Please see the main University website (www.uno.edu) for other deadlines and dates. Also visit the following website about UNO scholarships available for incoming graduate students: <http://www.grad.uno.edu/scholarships/>. As for financial support, Ph.D. students are typically supported by research assistantships through their advisor's laboratory *or* applicants can apply for teaching assistantships within the Department. The latter are somewhat competitive with preference being given to those applicants with experience in teaching basic geology laboratory courses. I hope this helps and feel free to contact me if you have any more questions. I look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

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