

**Resolution from the Graduate Council:
Dropping GRE scores for graduate program admissions considerations**

Whereas: Using GRE scores as a consideration in graduate program applications has been demonstrated to be both discriminatory and exclusionary while also providing little indication of how successful a graduate student will be, and

Whereas: The GRE can present a financial burden for student applicants, and

Whereas: It has been demonstrated that GRE scores often significantly underpredict student performance for underrepresented applicants from minoritized racial and ethnic identities, women applicants, and applicants with disabilities, making their consideration in admissions decisions problematic from a diversity, equity, and inclusion lens, and

Whereas: The use of GRE scores in graduate program admissions provides an exclusionary barrier to student applicants,

Whereas: Portland State University is dedicated to setting up incoming students for success, including the elimination of access barriers to education,

Be it resolved: The Faculty Senate strongly encourages all graduate programs at Portland State University to drop the consideration of GRE scores in graduate admissions decision making.

References:

[Fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org/)

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0206570>

[Penn State Philosophy Department Example](#)

[The GRE over the entire range of scores lacks predictive ability for PhD outcomes in the biomedical sciences](#) (PLOS ONE)

[The Limitations of the GRE in Predicting Success in Biomedical Graduate School](#) (PLOS ONE)

[GREs don't predict grad school success. What does?](#) (SCIENCE)