

## **TOEFL for International Students**

Applicants whose tertiary-level education has been completed at international institutions must meet the following requirements, in addition to providing the credentials for their prospective program:

- Take and score satisfactorily on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) if the native language is not English. A minimum satisfactory score is a total of 550 (or a score of 213 on the computer based exam) or 6.5 for IELTS; however, TOEFL or IELTS score requirements are one of the many criteria of a student's admission, and the requirement could vary based upon previous education, GPA, and related factors. Test of Spoken English is recommended for applicants to the GSBS.
- Submit an acceptable English translation with the transcripts if the transcripts are not in English. If the degree is not indicated on transcript, a copy of the diploma and/or certificate issued by the school is required.

It is important that the international student apply well in advance of the anticipated term of enrollment in order to have enough time, if accepted for admission, to secure a student visa and make travel arrangements to UTMB.

As a condition of enrollment, all international students who are nonimmigrant aliens (such as those with F-1 visas) shall be required to furnish proof of existing health and repatriation insurance coverage. Coverage must be equal to the plan offered to UTMB students through The University of Texas authorized insurance program. Students who fail to comply with this requirement will not be allowed to register for classes. Information about any available policy and coverage amounts may be obtained from the Office of Enrollment Services.

The Office of Enrollment Services prepares the paperwork (I-20AB) necessary to apply for an initial student visa or to request continuation of a visa for educational purposes. The following requirements must be met prior to the initiation of the I-20AB form:

1. The applicant must be accepted as a degree-seeking student by one of the UTMB schools and submit all official credentials.
2. The applicant must submit an official score report providing evidence of a minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL (213 on the computer-based exam) or 6.5 on the IELTS, if the applicant's tertiary work has been completed at international institutions.
3. The applicant must provide satisfactory evidence of financial

support. The amount of financial support considered to be adequate for each 12-month period is listed within the UTMB General Bulletin (<http://www.utmb.edu/enrollmentservices/pdf/GenInfoCatalog07-09web.pdf>) and is subject to change.