Frequently Asked Questions:

What do I need to do so that I can be considered for funding if I am accepted? There is nothing you need to do to apply for funding if you are accepted into the graduate program. We will contact you if you are selected for funding by the faculty in your intended area of study. A student who hasn’t received any communication from the CE Department within one month after being accepted should assume that they have not been selected for funding. Contact the faculty in your intended area of study for any funding opportunity.

What are the deadlines for applying? We review and make decisions on graduate applications throughout the year. However, to be considered for funding, the CE Department recommends that applications be submitted (including all supporting material) by October 1st for Spring enrollment and March 1st for Fall enrollment. In addition to these recommended deadlines, the International Services Office has deadlines for issuing I-20s (December 1st for Spring enrollment and July 15 for Fall enrollment).

What is the minimum GRE/TOEFL/IELTS score requirement? The Department does not have a minimum GRE score requirement. We consider all aspects of an applicant’s packet – including scores, grades, references, and statement of purpose – when making a decision on admissions. However, the Graduate School does require a minimum TOEFL score of 80 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5.

Do I need to mail any supporting material to the CE Department or Graduate Admissions? Nothing needs to be mailed – everything required can be submitted electronically with the application. During application process, if you have any question contact the Graduate School. The Graduate School forwards the application packet to CE department once it is complete.

How long does the review process take? Once an application is determined to be complete (all supporting material received), it may take approximately two months for the review process to be finalized, particularly during certain times of the year when we receive a high volume of applications. We will make every effort to ensure that applications are reviewed and decided upon in a timely manner. If you would like to check the status of your application, please take a look at the “Status Check” option on the Graduate Admissions website.

Who reviews my application? Faculty in your intended area of study will review and decide upon your application. For instance, if you apply to the Structural Engineering program, your application will be reviewed by the Structural Engineering faculty.

I have been accepted and wish to defer my enrollment. Is this possible? We allow accepted students to defer their admission for up to one calendar year. If you wish to defer your admission, send an email to ce.graduate@ces.clemson.edu stating your wish to defer. The email should include your full name, NR number, the semester in which you were initially accepted, and the semester in which you intend to enroll. This information will be sent to Graduate Admissions to update your start date.
I am an accepted International Student. What is my next step? You will need to provide some information to the Office of International Services before an I-20 will be issued. Please visit their website at http://www.clemson.edu/administration/ia/services/index.html to find out everything you need to know about this process.

How do I find out more information on the required courses for my degree? Course requirements vary by concentration area. To find out about the courses you need to take, please contact a faculty representative in your intended area of study:

Applied Fluid Mechanics - Dr. Abdul Khan (abdkhan@clemson.edu)
Construction Engineering & Management - Dr. Leidy Klotz (leidyk@clemson.edu)
Construction Materials - Dr. Brad Putman (putman@clemson.edu)
Geotechnical Engineering - Dr. Nadarajah Ravichandran (nravic@clemson.edu)
Structural Engineering - Dr. Sez Atamturktur (sez@clemson.edu) or Dr. Weichiang Pang (wpang@clemson.edu)
Transportation Engineering - Dr. Mashrur Chowdhury (mac@clemson.edu)