



Guidelines Governing Direct Transfer from the M.Sc. to Ph.D.

Promising M.Sc. students may apply to transfer directly into the Ph.D. program without first completing all of the M.Sc. requirements. The following guidelines will be applied in consideration of applications for such a transfer.

1. The request must be initiated by the student in the form of a letter to the Director before the end of the third semester in the M.Sc. program. ***For direct transfers effective May 2010 this request must be received by April 2nd 2010 and all supporting documentation is to be received by April 9th 2010.***
2. An applicant for direct transfer must have demonstrated a superior academic record at the graduate level. This will normally mean that the student has demonstrated consistently above average performance in at least two graduate courses as well as in Chem. 794(0) M.Sc. Seminar.
3. The applicant must have already demonstrated oral and written communication ability appropriate for a Ph.D. level student. In addition there must be clear evidence of research productivity and promise.
4. The request should be accompanied by the following supporting documentation:
 - a) a detailed letter from the supervisor
 - b)* a written report by the Supervisory Committee detailing the candidate's aptitude for Ph.D. level research, his/her communication skills and his/her performance in research in the M.Sc. program
5. The request will be considered by the Director/Co-ordinating Committee at the end of the student's third term in the M.Sc. program. If the result is positive the Director will forward this recommendation and supporting documentation to the Dean of Graduate Studies.

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**Re item 4. b) above:*

Please note that your Chem. 794(0) Committee Report will not suffice, unless the issue of direct transfer was directly addressed under the "comments" section of the report.