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Dear Prospective Student:

The Department of Mathematics has evolved into one of the premier centers in the Southeast for mathematics research and education. Its masters and doctoral programs have been cited for excellence by the S.C. Commission on Higher Education. With its internationally renowned faculty and supportive atmosphere, the department provides a stimulating environment for graduate studies. As the face of mathematics changes, the department responds with appropriate curriculum additions and revisions.

The department's degree programs provide first the core fundamentals, and then the specialized expertise and interdisciplinary skills required of the modern mathematician. Training for those who wish to pursue a career in teaching, those who plan mathematics-related careers in business, government, or industry, and those who wish to obtain the intensive training that will lead them into the contemporary research community is available.

Applicants should submit an official transcript from each school or college previously attended, at least two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with their abilities in mathematics, and a report of scores achieved on the Graduate Record Examination (www.ets.org). We generally expect to see a score of at least 700 on the Quantitative portion. The Subject GRE in Mathematics is recommended for applicants to the Ph.D. program, especially for those who wish to be considered for fellowships (stipends not tied to teaching).

International applicants are also required to submit a report of scores on the TOEFL examination (www.ets.org). Please refer to http://www.math.sc.edu/graduate/admission/ for minimum accepted scores for admission and other relevant information.

Begin your application by visiting the graduate school site (http://gradschool.sc.edu/Archive/apply.htm). Choose “Start New Application,” and once you have initiated an application, a quick return is possible.

Official direct electronic score reports of the GRE & TOEFL should be requested from the testing agencies, but photocopies of the unofficial (student) reports suffice at the time of application. Our institution code is 5818. Paper materials should be sent to:

The Graduate School
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208

Additional Information:

International Student Services: (http://www.sa.sc.edu/iss/)
-Please refer to the links on the left side of the web page for any additional information needed as an International Student
For the International Student Handbook: http://www.sa.sc.edu/iss/docs/handbook.pdf
Admission Requirements: http://www.math.sc.edu/graduate/admission/
Financial Support: http://www.math.sc.edu/graduate/financial-support/
The Graduate School: http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/
Mathematics Homepage: http://www.math.sc.edu/
Information regarding Master of Science in Mathematics: http://www.math.sc.edu/graduate/ma-ms/

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