

## University of Maine English Department

### Timeline for Applications

At least a few months before the application deadline, take the GRE, order up your undergraduate transcripts, and ask three people to write letters of recommendation. Begin working on your writing sample(s) and personal statements.

January 15	<p>Your complete dossier must be on file with the Graduate School if you wish to be considered for a teaching assistantship, a Trustee Tuition Scholarship, or other funding for the next academic year, This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed application form (including personal statement) and fee</li><li>Official GRE Scores</li><li>Undergraduate transcripts</li><li>Three letters of recommendation</li><li>For all applicants, a 10-20 page sample of literary critical writing</li><li>For applicants to the creative writing program, a 10-20 page sample of poetry, fiction or creative nonfiction</li><li>For assistantship applicants, a response to an exercise regarding teacher comments on student essays. You will receive this exercise within a few days of submitting your application, and you will have two weeks to complete this exercise.</li></ul>
Mid February	<p>English Department begins to make decisions on admissions and assistantship offers</p>
March 1	<p>Last date to file FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal financial aid, including work-study assistantships</p>
Mid March	<p>First round offers of assistantships should have gone out, as well as notice of wait list status for applicants not receiving first round offers.</p>
April 15	<p>Deadline to accept first round offer of assistantship. Second round offers are made as spaces become available.</p>
Early May	<p>Most assistantships for the following fall will have been assigned, although occasionally spaces will open up over the summer.</p>
Summer	<p>We continue to review applications and admit qualified applicants during the summer. However, late applicants are unlikely to receive funding.</p>