College of Arts & Sciences
Master of Nonprofit Leadership

Application Instructions and Procedures

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For application deadlines and entry terms, refer to the priority deadlines. International applicants and those with international transcripts should consult the International Requirements Page, for deadlines and other requirements, as they may differ.

• Completed Graduate Admission online application
• Nonrefundable $55 application fee (waived for Seattle University alumni, employees, and national service alumni).
• Evidence of a four-year equivalent bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Applicants earning a bachelor’s degree from a non-graded institution must submit official GRE scores in lieu of GPA.
• Transcripts of all post-secondary educational institutions attended in last 90 quarter/60 semester credits of the bachelor's degree, including any transfer credit earned during this time, and any post-baccalaureate course work. Minimum grade point average of 3.00 (GPA) is required. In special cases, those with a GPA less than a 3.00 will be admitted on a probationary basis.
• Current résumé reflecting one year of relevant professional experience in the nonprofit sector, paid or unpaid, is preferred.
• Two letters of recommendations from people who can speak to your professional and/or academic abilities, and to your potential for leadership in the nonprofit sector.
• Two-page statement answering the following questions: (1) Describe your professional and personal goals, and explain how you expect your education with the Master of Nonprofit Leadership program to further those goals. (2) What questions do you have about nonprofit leadership, and how will your education with the Master of Nonprofit Leadership program assist you to address those questions?
• Candidates will be contacted for an admissions interview with Nonprofit Leadership faculty.
• Graduate and post baccalaureate applicants who received a baccalaureate degree or higher from Seattle University or a recognized college or university in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Bahamas, Jamaica, Kenya, Singapore, and Trinidad and Tobago will not be required to submit English proficiency test scores. Students earning a degree in a country other than those listed above may provide official documentation from the degree-granting institution verifying that all instruction was in English. A minimum of three years of enrollment at the university is required. English proficiency may be met with an official TOEFL score of 86 (IBT), or the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 6.0; PTE score of 63; or Duolingo score of 110.
Seattle University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, political ideology, or status as a Vietnam-era or special disabled veteran in the administration of any of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, and other school-administered policies and programs, or in its employment related policies and practices. All University policies, practices and procedures are administered in a manner consistent with Seattle University’s Catholic and Jesuit identity and character. Inquires related to these policies may be referred to the University’s Vice President for Human Resources and University Services and Equal Opportunity Officer at (206) 296-5870.