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The deadline for applying to the Graduate Program for Fall 2021 is December 15, 2020. Graduate School catalogues are available on-line: <catalogs.rutgers.edu>. In addition to the completed application, applicants are required to submit electronically:

1. All relevant (undergraduate and graduate) academic transcripts. If admitted into the program, applicant will be required to submit (2) sets of original transcripts for all relevant schools attended;
2. Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's work;
3. A personal statement, one to two pages single spaced;
4. A writing sample, about 20 pages double spaced, demonstrating the applicant's abilities as a literary critic (either one 20-page paper or two 10-page papers is acceptable);
5. For Admissions year 2021, the English Department is not requiring the GRE subject or general test, and such scores will not be considered by the admissions committee in its deliberations;
6. TOEFL/IELTS. An official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score is required of non-native speakers of English. However, for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle, the English Department will also accept the Duolingo English Test in place of the TOEFL. The minimum TOEFL score is 213 (computer version) and 550 (paper version). The minimum IBT internet TOEFL: Writing 22, Speaking 23, Reading 21, Listening 17. A Band 7 or higher score is required for the IELTS. The TOEFL or IELTS score may be no more than two years old. You are exempt from submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores if you are a permanent resident, US Citizen, or an international applicant with a minimum of three years undergraduate studies or a master degree with the mode of instruction being English;
7. A curriculum vitae which should also include a list of the applicant's fields of interest.

Use Institutional code #2790 to report TOEFL/IELTS scores. Arrange for all supporting documents and official test scores to be sent to the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions, Rutgers, The State University of NJ, 18 Bishop Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8530, U.S.A.

For test administrations of the TOEFL test, contact the Educational Testing Service, 609-771-7670 or 1-877-863-3546. For IELTS application information, please visit: www.ielts.org.

Requests for further information should be addressed to:

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