



# UCI Samueli School of Engineering

## Accelerated Status

Exceptionally promising current UCI undergraduate Engineering students may petition for streamlined admission directly into a graduate program within The Samueli School of Engineering.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be in the 3rd year or beyond of undergraduate study.
- Must hold a cumulative grade point average of 3.5+ OR be in the Campuswide Honors Collegium.
- Must have completed one quarter of 199 Individual Research within Engineering OR one Engineering graduate technical course.

### How to Petition:

Students are required to submit an Accelerated Status Petition Form, as well as the Faculty Advisor Recommendation Form and Letter of Recommendation (emailed directly from faculty member) to Graduate and Professional Studies via email at [gradengr@uci.edu](mailto:gradengr@uci.edu). Students may join the Accelerated Status at any time in 3rd year or later. It is recommended to join as early as possible to take advantage of the opportunities provided. Students are strongly encouraged to submit the petition packet no later than December 1st of their last undergraduate year.

### What are the advantages?

Accelerated Status assists students in their preparation for graduate study by offering a head start on graduate coursework, as well as by allowing students to create an advisor/advisee relationship early.

Students in the Accelerated Status Program can begin their graduate coursework while still an undergraduate student. If students are offered MS admissions, up to one-half the total units earned during regular academic quarters of graduate courses taken as an undergraduate at UCI can potentially be transferred toward their M.S. degree requirements. We encourage students to email a graduate counselor at [gradengr@uci.edu](mailto:gradengr@uci.edu) prior to taking any graduate courses. If graduate units were earned during undergraduate study, a letter from your undergraduate counselor is required stating coursework was not used towards bachelor degree. In addition, Accelerated Status students are eligible for reimbursement of their UCI Engineering graduate application fee if and when they matriculate to the graduate program.

Students within the program are also exempt from UCI's GRE requirement for the MS application. Students applying directly to the Ph.D. program will still need to complete the GRE requirement. Accelerated Status applicants are otherwise evaluated in the same manner as other applicants to the School's graduate programs.

### Important notes about applying to graduate school:

- Completing the Accelerated Status Petition form does not mean that the student has applied for graduate admission to the University.
- Benefits such as application fee reimbursement and GRE waiver are automatically applicable if the student applies to the graduate program(s) within the same academic department as their undergraduate major(s). For other graduate programs, applicants should consult with the admissions chair of their intended graduate program.
- In order to receive the benefits of the Accelerated Status program as a graduate student, students must apply to graduate school the Fall quarter immediately after completing their undergraduate studies.

If you are interested in learning more about this option, please schedule a meeting with a Graduate Counselor by calling 949-824-8090.

\*\*\*\*\* **Please note** that “accelerated” does not mean that you are working on your bachelor’s degree and your graduate degree at the same time. You must wait until *after* you have been accepted and have matriculated to petition for any graduate units earned during your undergraduate studies to apply to your M.S. or PhD degree. \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* **Please note** that if you apply and are accepted as an Accelerated Status student you are under no obligation to attend graduate school at UCI\*\*\*\*\*



Petition for Accelerated Status

Instructions: Please submit completed petition packet to Graduate and Professional Studies (204 Rockwell Engineering Center).

I. Personal Information

Name: Student ID #:

Email Address: Phone Number:

II. Undergraduate Information

Undergraduate Major: Cumulative GPA:

Current Year: Expected Graduation (Quarter/Year):

At the point of turning in this petition, I have taken (please mark all that apply):

199 Individual Research (and received a B or better or Pass) with the following Engineering professor:

at least one Engineering graduate course numbered 200-289 (and received a B or better)

III. Graduate Information

I am interested in beginning a UCI School of Engineering graduate program in (quarter/year):

I am interested in the following program:

- Biomedical Engineering
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Materials and Manufacturing Technology School-wide Concentration
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Networked Systems

I would like to obtain a:

- M.S. Only
Ph.D. (earning M.S. along the way)

IV. Short Answer Questions (Please attach a type-written sheet)

- 1) Please describe any research or internship experience you have had during undergrad school.
2) Please describe any other extracurricular activities you are involved in.
3) What motivating factors have led you to want to potentially pursue a graduate degree at UCI?

V. Name of Faculty Advisor:

The faculty advisor needs to be someone who would consider supporting you as a graduate student if you are admitted into a M.S. or Ph.D. program at UCI. Please attach these materials in a signed, sealed envelope to your petition.

Student

Date

Graduate and Professional Studies Use Only:

Associate Dean Signature

Date

Verified GPA:



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## Accelerated Status Petition: Faculty Advisor Recommendation Form

Accelerated Status allows students to form a potential advisor/advisee relationship before entering graduate school. The student's faculty advisor will mentor the student throughout their remaining time in undergraduate school, as well as be an advocate and potential advisor for the student throughout his/her graduate work.

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### To be filled in by the student and given to the faculty advisor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in beginning a UCI School of Engineering graduate program in (quarter/year): \_\_\_\_\_

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### To be filled in by the faculty advisor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I have known this student for \_\_\_\_\_ quarters.

The capacity in which I have known this student is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am open to the possibility of being this student's faculty advisor during his/her graduate study.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

### Recommendation Letter Details

Please attach a letter detailing your relationship with and impressions of this student and his/her potential for success in graduate study. Please mention, specifically, any undergraduate research this student has completed that could potentially become M.S. or Ph.D. thesis research.

**Please place this form and the recommendation letter in a signed, sealed envelope and return it to the student for submission with the Petition for Accelerated Status. Thank you for your input!**

# Accelerated Status Process

