

FAQs: Application for Master's program

For **general information** about the online application procedure at the University of Tübingen, please see: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/study/application-and-enrollment/general-information/>

I. Online application

1. Online Application – [User Manual](#)

2. **Do I need to register in the online application system?**

Yes, you must register in the online application system (ALMA). This means you create a username and a password, with this data you can login to your application(s) as often as you like. If you want to modify your application or apply for another course at the University of Tübingen, please login with this data! In case you have been selected for a place in one of the Master's programs, you will have to download the official letter of admission in the online application system.

3. **The drop down menu of the courses of the University of Tübingen is mainly in German. Could you please help me?**

Neural & Behavioural Sciences = *Neuro- und Verhaltenswissenschaften*

Cellular & Molecular Neuroscience = *Zelluläre und Molekulare Neurowissenschaften*

Neuronale Informationsverarbeitung = *Neural Information Processing*

4. **You ask for two addresses in the online application system. What is the difference between correspondence address and permanent address?**

Correspondence Address: Your current address that must be updated at any time.

Permanent Address: Your usual Address of your flat or your parents that will not change within the next month.

5. **On my application page there is no section for me to upload my reference letters.**

As the reference letters are optional, there is no longer a special section. Please upload the letters at the section 'additional documents'.

6. **Is it necessary that I present my Bachelors Diploma at the time of application?**

You will have to show your Bachelors Diploma in October, for the enrolment at the university.

7. **I'm a Chinese student, and I want to apply for the Master's program, but I can't provide the result of APS before the application deadline. Can I provide the APS result afterwards?**

We are sorry, but you need to present the APS already during the application process, which means on March 31 by the latest.

II. English certificates

1. **The language of instruction in my BSc course was English. Do I need a TOEFL/IELTS?**

All applicants whose native language is not English must show proof of English proficiency (TOEFL IBT min. 79; IELTS min. 6.5; FCE, CAE, CPE min B2). Please note: for this application round, the TOEFL IBT Home Edition test is also accepted!

Exempted from this proof are students who (1) graduated from a college/university where the medium of instruction was English or (2) are from a country where the official language is English or (3) German students who had English as a foreign language at a German Gymnasium from grade 8 until grade 12/13, with a final result of at least 2.0.

2. **Do you need my official TOEFL score sent from ETS or can I mail you a copy of my unofficial TOEFL score?**

You can upload a copy of the test results you have received.

3. **I plan to take TOEFL/IELTS exam at the end of April because the exam is being held only every two or three months in my country. Is it possible to give me a time extension to take TOEFL/IELTS exam?**

Please note: for this application round, the TOEFL IBT Home Edition test is also accepted! In case you could not take the test right in time due to the covid-19 restrictions, please get in contact with us.

III. Subject test

1. **Is there any mock test that I could use to get an impression on the type of questions asked in the test? What topics are asked for in the test?**

There is no mock test available for you.

The Neural & Behavioural Science subject test asks for general background knowledge in neurobiology, psychology, cognitive science, brain imaging, mathematics and statistics,

The Cellular & Molecular Neuroscience subject test asks for general background knowledge in neurobiology, molecular biology, cell biology, biochemistry

For the Neural Information Processing subject test you should be prepared very well in maths (linear algebra/analysis); statistics, elementary probability theory, physics

2. **I am not able to come to Germany or even Tübingen to take part in the test. Is it possible to organize it in my home country / near my home town?**

The test will be an online test only!

- 3. Is the subject test / the interview entirely in English?**
The subject test and also the following interview will be entirely in English. You don't need any German skills for the program.
- 4. Will the date of the subject test be notified to me via email or in any other way?**
You will be informed by email. Please check your account regularly.
- 5. I have applied for two programs; will there be a problem in taking the subject test in case I am invited to both of them?**
As we will have online tests for all three programs, there should not be any problem in taking all three tests, if necessary.

IV. General questions

- 1. I applied for the wrong program and the deadline has already expired. Is there any chance that you can consider my Cellular & Molecular Neuroscience application as a Neural & Behavioural Sciences application?**
No, that is not possible.
- 2. I am interested in two programs of the Graduate Training Centre. Can I apply for both of them or do I have to decide now?**
You can apply for both of them, an application to up to three master programs (with restriction on admission) at once is possible.
- 3. What are the odds to get a place in one of the Master's programs?**
It depends on the application situation, which differs a bit from year to year. But in general, we have approximately 8 to 10 applicants per place in the Neural & Behavioural Science program; 6 to 8 for the Cellular & Molecular Neuroscience program and 5 to 6 for the Neural Information Processing program.