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KNIGHT SCHOOL of COMMUNICATION

GRE Waiver Appeal Guidelines

Applicants to the M.A in Communication program without a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above must provide acceptable GRE scores from within the past five years before they will be admitted.

However, applicants with over five years of professional experience may request a GRE requirement waiver by submitting a written appeal to the Admissions Committee.

Writing a letter of appeal does not guarantee that the GRE will be waived. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants requesting a GRE waiver should send a written statement to the Admissions Committee in which they specifically detail the following:

Suggestions for Writing A GRE Appeal

- 1) Explain how your professional work, rather than your undergraduate GPA and GRE score, indicates that you will perform well in this graduate program.
- 2) Provide an explicit argument(s) (with examples) demonstrating how your professional work has set you up for success in our program.
- 3) Describe skills you have developed in your career that have prepared you to succeed in the Knight School online MA Communications program.
- 4) Give specific examples about how your experience/skills prepare you for the program.
- 5) **DO NOT** list your professional experience (although you may draw from it) – the admissions committee will have your resume and will be able to view your detailed professional experience there.
- 6) **FORMAT:** Your statement should be typed in a standard essay format and it should be no more than three (3) pages in length.
- 7) **IMPORTANT:** Verify that the statement is clearly organized and free from any mistakes in GRAMMAR, SPELLING, and FORMAT.

**If there are any questions after reading these guidelines, please contact the admissions department at knightgradadmissions@queens.edu*