

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON IDDS PROGRAM

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General

Q: When does the application for the 2025-2026 UW IDDS Program open?

A: March 6, 2025. We encourage you to submit an application as early as possible.

Q: When is the 2025-2026 application deadline?

A: The application deadline for the 2025-2026 cycle will close on **June 2, 2025**.

Q. How much does the program cost?

A. Please refer to our [website](#) for projected costs and fees pertaining to the program. Please note that these are subject to change.

Q. Can I set up an advising session?

A. Yes, please e-mail idds@uw.edu for an appointment.

Q: What is the timeline for UW’s Application Process?

A: The anticipated timeline for 2025 -2026 application cycle is shown in the table below.

March 6, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAAPID Application opens
April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Reviews begin
May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview Invitations begin between May and June
June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application closes on June 2nd • Interviews take place between June and end of July
July – August 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench Examination
August 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifications regarding admission status are sent out
December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory orientation for admitted students
January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students begin classes

Q: Can I apply to the UW School of Dentistry without going through CAAPID?

A: No, all IDDS applicants (first-time or returning) must submit a [CAAPID application](#) directly with ADEA.

Q: I previously submitted an application directly to the UW School of Dentistry. Do I need to submit a CAAPID application?

A: Yes, all returning applicants must submit a CAAPID application with ADEA.

Supplemental Documents

Q: Do I need to submit supplemental documents?

A: No. We do not have a supplemental application. Therefore, no supplemental materials should be submitted.

Q: After sending the CAAPID application, when will I receive an e-mail confirming my application status?

A: Upon release of your CAAPID application from ADEA showing all documents received (e.g., NBDE, INBDE, TOEFL, Transcripts, Letters of Evaluation, and CV), allow 4 weeks to receive e-mail confirming your application status. Please be sure to check your CAAPID portal, e-mail inbox, and your junk/spam folders to make sure you do not miss any e-mails.

Q: I have submitted my application; can I update any documents?

A: Only as CAAPID deadlines allow. Updates must be made directly through CAAPID. UW does not accept any updated documents sent directly to the program office. UW School of Dentistry will not consider any updated supplemental documents received after the deadline.

Q: What happens to my CAAPID application if my application status is considered incomplete?

A: Incomplete applications will not be considered or reviewed by the IDDS Admissions Committee. All received applications and documents will become the property of University of Washington School of Dentistry and will not be returned. The application fee is non-refundable. Please review our website to ensure that you are submitting all required materials, including *using the required CV template on our website*.

Letters of Evaluation

Q: Should I submit letters of evaluation to the University of Washington School of Dentistry, when I have already submitted them to ADEA?

A: No, the UW School of Dentistry only accepts the letters of recommendation provided in your CAAPID application. We require three letters. One letter attesting to your academic ability, one to your clinical skills, and one to your character. We ask the evaluator to indicate the capacity in which they know you and the length of time they have known you, as part of their comments. Your letters of evaluation **must** be on letterhead and signed by your evaluator.

Q: To whom should the letters of evaluation be addressed?

A: Since you may be applying to multiple programs, generic salutations are encouraged. The letters of evaluation may be addressed to "The IDDS Admissions Committee."

Q: May I submit more than 3 letters of evaluation?

A: No, applicants are allowed to submit only three letters of evaluation through the CAAPID portal.

Q: What happens if my letter is not written in English?

A: The letter may be submitted in its original language along with an English translation from a bona fide English translator.

National Board Dental Examination — INBDE

Q: Can I apply to the IDDS program now and take the INBDE later?

A: While you may submit your application in CAAPID, the application *will not* be forwarded for review until your test results have been uploaded. The Admissions Committee will review complete applications *only*.

Q: Does the UW IDDS program accept the NBDE Part I & II?

A: Yes, we accept the NBDE Parts I & II.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Q: Am I required to take the TOEFL?

A: Yes, all applicants who graduated from dental school outside of the United States, regardless of citizenship, are required to take the TOEFL. Your TOEFL score report should be submitted directly to CAAPID. We DO NOT accept a home edition test or best result TOEFL. Your TOEFL must have been taken within the last two years.

Q: Am I exempt from taking the TOEFL when I have earned a degree from a U.S. college/university that did not require me to take a TOEFL since my English is good/proficient?

A: No. There are no exceptions. All applicants whose dental degree is from a country outside the United States, are required to take the TOEFL.

Dental Diploma / Certificate

Q: Can I apply with a medical degree?

A: Only applicants who have earned a dental degree (BDS, DDS, DMD, Odontology, Stomatology) are eligible to apply to the IDDS program.

Q: If I completed most of my dental degree, but I'm unable to complete the rest of my degree due to hardships, am I still eligible to apply?

A: No, only applicants who have completed and earned a dental degree are eligible to apply to the IDDS program. There are no exceptions.

Q: Can I apply with a provisional dental degree?

A: No, the IDDS program does not accept provisional dental degrees, nor offer any exceptions to this dental degree requirement.

Financial Aid / Scholarships

Q: As an international student, am I eligible to apply for federal financial aid?

A: Only students who are U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, or eligible non-citizens are eligible to apply for federal financial aid.

Q: Does the University of Washington School of Dentistry provide any kind of scholarships for the applicants?

A: At this time, the UW School of Dentistry does not have a scholarship program for incoming IDDS students.

Student Visa & Fees

Q: Does my visa status have any bearing on the application process?

A: The IDDS Office does not take your visa status into consideration during the application process. You must be legally able to attend school in the US, should you be accepted into our program.

Q: As an international student, will I be required to submit proof of financial ability form, to request a student visa?

A: Yes, all accepted, incoming students on a visa will be required to submit a form to our International Student Services office to show available funds to cover full costs (tuition, dental kit, books, living expenses and fees) for the program. The form will be released as soon as credentialing and deposits are satisfied, prior to matriculation.

Q. How and when do I pay my UW application fee?

A. You will pay your fee electronically, upon receipt of e-mail from the school, stating that your application has been received, with instructions for payment