

## **GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION WAIVER POLICY**

Virtually all Schools of Government across the nation require the GRE for admission for two reasons: (1) to differentiate between promising students for merit aid; and (2) to provide the School and the student with an indicator of academic success at the graduate level. The Robertson School of Government (RSG) has a similar admissions requirement, although the Admissions Committee has the discretion to grant waivers of this GRE requirement. In the past, the Admissions Committee has exercised its discretion to grant this waiver on the basis of age. That is, if an applicant was at least 35 years old and had been engaged in a career which demanded critical thinking skills, the Admissions Committee would waive the GRE requirement.

However, in order to build in some flexibility for RSG admissions without lowering standards, students below the age of 35 may now request a waiver of the GRE based on one or more of the following criteria: (1) previous demonstrated success at the graduate level; (2) superior performance at the undergraduate level that, in the opinion of the Admissions committee, indicates that an RSG candidate will likely succeed at the graduate level; (3) successful performance on other post-graduate examinations such as the LSAT or GMAT; and (4) significant achievement beyond graduation in various professional fields.

During the application process, students who request a GRE waiver must provide any material that might lend support to their request to the Admissions committee. Students who are granted a GRE waiver must understand that by doing so, they will not be eligible for institutional merit aid. However, students remain eligible for any and all need based programs and scholarships.

In order to graduate from RSG, all students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Taking the GRE gives individual students an indication of the likelihood of achieving this standard. Accordingly, taking the GRE is still strongly encouraged for all RSG admission candidates.

After reading the above, the undersigned requests a GRE on the above list criteria, and waives the undersigned's right to apply for any institutional merit based aid. The undersigned further acknowledges that, in order to graduate; he/she maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

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Applicant

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Date