

Fiber and Polymer Science

The Ph.D. in Fiber and Polymer Science (<https://textiles.ncsu.edu/academics/graduate-programs/fiber-and-polymer-science/>) brings together the disciplines of mathematics, chemistry, physics and engineering for the development of the independent scholars versed in the fields of polymer, fiber and textile science.

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of textiles, students pursuing a Ph.D. in fiber and polymer science research a nearly unlimited range of STEM topics, including:

- Polymer science
- Fiber science
- Forensics
- Textile chemistry
- Dyeing and finishing
- Medical textiles
- Nanotechnology
- Nonwovens
- Functional textiles
- Smart textiles
- Sustainability

Graduates of this multidisciplinary program go on to successful careers in academia, government and industry.

Scholarships and Assistantships

Competitive scholarships and assistantships from the program, as well as from the university, are available to incoming new students. All incoming students will be considered for the funding opportunities. No separate application for assistantships/scholarships is needed.

More Information

Fiber and Polymer Science Program Website (<https://textiles.ncsu.edu/academics/graduate/fiber-and-polymer-science/>)

Admission Requirements

Students with a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in a related field may apply to the Fiber and Polymer Science program. Typically the minimum acceptable overall grade point average (GPA) is a 3.0 out of 4.0, based on most current U.S. universities. Students without a master's degree may also apply if met the following conditions:

- the undergraduate degree from a well-known and robust research active program with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above;
- strong recommendation letters from faculty adviser(s) indicating research experience or suggesting research potential; and
- strong publication record/experience or extensive industry experience in related industry/profession.

Applicants should plan to take the GRE or GMAT examination, which is required for all applicants. The GRE/GMAT scores should be sent to NC State University electronically and be available online.

For International students, TOEFL or IELTS is required for the application. Students must rank in a competitive percentile in order to be considered for acceptance into NC State University.

- TOEFL: A total score of 80+ on IBT. Minimum scores of 18 points for each section: or
- IELTS: An overall band score of 6.5+. Minimum scores of 6.5 points for each section

Applicant Information

- **Delivery Method:** On-Campus
- **Entrance Exam:** GRE
- **Interview Required:** None

Application Deadlines

- **Fall:** March 1 (International); June 25 (U.S.)
- **Spring:** July 15 (International); November 25 (U.S.)

Degrees

- Fiber and Polymer Science (PhD) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/textiles/fiber-polymer-science/fiber-polymer-science-phd/>)
- Fiber and Polymer Sciences (Minor) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/textiles/fiber-polymer-science/fiber-polymer-science-minor/>)

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