

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I join your group? Are you taking new students?

A: I would be delighted if you develop an interest in my research. To make an informed decision about joining my group, I recommend thoroughly reviewing my current research programs and recent publications. Additionally, reaching out to both current and former students can provide valuable insights. I strive to meet with all prospective students interested in my research and joining my group. Typically, I admit approximately two doctoral students per academic year.

Q: Do you accept students from other departments?

A: Yes, indeed. While my primary appointment is as a Professor of Mechanical Engineering, I also welcome students from other departments such as Electrical & Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, and the Photonics Center.

Q: May I email you regarding the application process?

A: While I appreciate your interest, if you're considering applying to BU for graduate school, I may not be able to personally respond regarding the application process or opportunities to join my research group due to the volume of emails received.

Q: Should I mention your name in the application form?

A: If you are interested in working with me, I encourage you to include my name in your application form. Additionally, feel free to send me a brief email expressing your interest and application. It's important to note that mentioning a specific professor's name does not commit you to working exclusively with them. You'll have the opportunity to explore various options once you're at BU.

Q: Can you offer guidance on my background and chances for admissions?

A: Typically, individual faculty members are unable to provide such assessments. Admissions decisions are made by the Graduate Admissions Committee within each department, based on a competitive evaluation of all applicants.

Q: Can I receive financial support during my PhD studies?

A: Typically, every PhD student is awarded a fellowship or research assistantship (RA) that covers all expenses associated with studying and living in Boston. However, such support is rarely extended to Master's students. If your ultimate aim is to pursue a PhD at BU, it's advisable to apply for admission as a PhD student.

Q: Can I receive financial support during my MS/MEng studies?

A: It's common for MS/MEng students to finance their tuition and living expenses through personal savings or loans, especially if you accept an offer of admission without financial support. While the MS/MEng degree doesn't necessitate a thesis, there are numerous project-oriented opportunities available that offer students immersive experiences in design.

Q: My English test scores fall below the levels set by your school. What are my chances of admission?

A: Unfortunately, the likelihood is low. Admission decisions are made by the Graduate Admissions Committee within each department. Convincing the committee to accept an applicant with low scores typically requires an exceptional effort from a faculty member.