PLEASE read the guidance below before restarting the app. Sorry you if you have to redo the header info on the webpage. Code is below.

*This memo is from CEOAS. Questions about the web application parts and scores go to the OSU Graduate Admissions office. That office conducts the application submission process:*[graduate.admissions@oregonstate.edu](javascript:popup_imp('/imp/compose.php',700,650,'to=graduate.admissions%40oregonstate.edu');)

**If you have not already, be sure you've made it to the College's 'research' and 'academics' webpages**, and are familiar with what current research is being conducted, ie potential mentors, specializations area compatibility. This info is requested on the application and is critical for routing your application for review.

These pages also help with questions such as "should I apply to Geology or OEAS marine geology & geophysics?", "what background is expected for applicants in my chosen field?”, etc.

<http://ceoas.oregonstate.edu/academics/graduate/>

<http://ceoas.oregonstate.edu/research/>

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The information below is intended to improve your application with regards to routing and review, and has suggestions drawn from many cycles of admissions.

APPLICANTS: LIST of ITEMS

***To ensure that you get emails regarding the upload and reference system, be sure to add ‘***[***osuadmit@oregonstate.edu***](javascript:popup_imp('/imp/compose.php',700,650,'to=osuadmit%40oregonstate.edu');)***’ to your address book, contact list (Gmail) or Safe Senders List.***

Applications parts:

* Online app & fee
* Resume: upload at time of application
* Statement of Interest: see guidance below
* References: request is emailed by system from within the application process
* Test Scores: sent directly from ETS per code you submit when you take the test, eg GREs, TOEFLs
* Transcripts (upload unofficial copy/copies at time of application)
* **GEOLOGY and GEOGRAPHY** applicants, please answer all custom questions in the section “Additional Graduate Program     Questions” section at the end!
* Writing sample (optional, upload at time of application)

***Please choose Fall 2019 as your application term****. Note that we do not review for terms other than Fall-admit UNLESS you have already found a committed advisor and funding source.*  
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APPLICANTS: guidance

1)  Please treat all fields in the **application** parts as “required”. Put N/A if not applicable. Make sure all sections show as 100% complete. I know it seems like a LONG application, it is.

2)  Please be sure to upload a current **resume or CV.**

3)  The College's deadline is January 5th for all materials. Even though you can submit **reference requests** from within the application (rather than after paying the fee), do work backwards from that January 5th deadline carefully! Please be prepared to remind the referrers to submit their letters prior to the January 5th,  deadline. Reminders can be prompted from within the application website. Be conservative with your reminder emails.

4)  For **transcripts**, do not include any NON-degree schools that you don’t want to have to chase down transcripts for. That’s just $$ wasted. If the work was highly significant, mention it briefly in your Statement of Interest.

5)  Note that GRE/TOEFL **scores**, experience, academics, and references are all weighed in the review of your application. Because of this, we do not offer cutoff-scores for GREs. OSU’s GPA cut-off for graduate admissions is 3.0. The TOEFL cut-off is per the OSU requirements: <http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/admissions/international>

6)  Please upload a PDF of your Statement as it’s a lot easier to read than the webworm-feed on this end. You can do this in the ‘additional documents’ segment of the web app. Keep your **Statement of Interest** brief—one page is best. It should be approached as an exchange of benefits—what you bring to us, what you expect to have gained when you graduate.

a.      Think “skill sets”. Use direct examples of past research.

b.      Show familiarity with what research faculty are actually doing here at OSU/CEOAS.

c.       Name specific names or research areas you’d be interested in working with/within.

d.      Mention your larger goal in the context of graduate education, if you know that at this point.

e.      Shortcomings in scores or term-GPAs can and should be addressed/acknowledged in the Statement.

7) Note: for the potential mentors you list on the application, after the January deadline passes, it’s a good idea to email them directly with a nudge to look at your application (which should be ready for their review by January 12th).

8) Code: CEOAS-ETO-J2H9

(see two pics following, it’s on the “Applicant Home” page, not easy to see)

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