# Grad Apps 2.0 System User Manual

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# 1 General Information

# 1.1 System Overview

GradApps 2.0 is a business system application, which assists **The EECS Graduate Program** to *locate* the best candidate into the EECS Graduate Program by *minimizing* the manual work to be done.

The application is broken down into three user levels: Administrator, Committee Member and Professor. GradApps 2.0 operates as a web application, hence, a reliable internet connection is required when interacting with the application.

# 1.2 Organization of the Manual

The users manual consists of eight sections:

- General Information section explains in general terms the system and the purpose for which it is intended.
- System Summary section provides a general overview of the system. The summary outlines the uses of the systems hardware and software requirements, systems configuration, user access levels and systems behavior in case of any contingencies.
- Getting Started section explains how to get GradApps 2.0 and install to have it up and running. This section is solely for administrative uses.
- Using The System section provides a detailed description of the common system functions.
- Administrator Use section provides a detailed description of the administrator system functions.
- Committee Member Use section provides a detailed description of the committee member system functions.
- **Professor Use** section provides a detailed description of the professor system functions.
- **Help** section provides the contact information for further help on using the application.

# 2 System Summary

This section provides a general overview of the system. The summary outlines the uses of the system's hardware and software requirements, systems configuration, user access levels and systems behavior in case of any contingencies.

# 2.1 System Configuration

## 2.1.1 Browser Configuration

GradApps 2.0 operates as a web interface application. It supports all modern web browser, however, Chrome and Mozilla Firefox are the recommended browser for using the application. The application is recommended to be only used through desktop browsers.

## Recommended Browser(s):

• **Chrome**: >= Chrome v60.0.3112

• Mozilla Firefox: >= Firefox 57 (v57.0a1)

## 2.1.2 Node.js Configuration

GradApps 2.0 is built using Node.js and it is vital to use the correct version of the node package manager (npm) and the node.

### Recommended Node.js version:

• Node: >= v8.9.4

• NPM: >= 5.6.0

#### 2.1.3 MySQL Configuration

GradApps 2.0 uses MySQL commercial database as the datasource manager.

#### Recommended MySQL version: >= 5.7.20

The following environmental variables are required to be set prior to starting the application.

• MYSQL\_HOST: the host name of the database server

- MYSQL\_PORT: the port number of the database server
- MYSQL\_USER: the user name to access the database
- MYSQL\_PASSWORD: the password to access the database
- MYSQL\_DATABASE: the database name (optional)

**Note:** The default database name for the application is *gradapps*. However, any customized database name can be set by using the environmental variable mentioned above.

## 2.1.4 Other Configuration

The default port for the application web server is 3000. However, it can be set to one of your choice by enabling the PORT environmental variable.

### 2.2 User Access Levels

Only registered users can use the application. The user access levels for the three different user roles are discussed further in the document for each role.

# 2.3 Contingencies

In case of power outage or unexpected shutdown of the web server, the application will stop working and any unsaved data will be lost. It is recommended for users to save data frequently to avoid such losses.

# 3 Getting Started

This section explains how to get GradApps 2.0 on the machine, install it and start the application. Please note this section is solely for the system administrators who will maintain the application.

To install the application, it has to be pulled from the private GitHub repository as it is not a published application for other uses.

To clone the repository in the server machine, please make sure Git is installed in the machine. Along with Git, all the above configuration mentioned in Section 2.1 must be installed.

#### Recommended Git version: >= 2.3.2

1. Git clone the repository in the current working directory, run the following command:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/ssh24/EECS4090-Project.git
```

2. Change the working directory to the source of the project:

```
$ cd EECS4090-Project/src/
```

3. Install the required dependencies:

```
$ npm install
```

4. Set the required environmental variables (CentOS):

```
$ SET MYSQLHOST = <host>
$ SET MYSQLPORT = <port>
$ SET MYSQLUSERNAME = <username>
$ SET MYSQLPASSWORD = <password>
$ SET MYSQLDATABASE = <database>
$ SET PORT = <app_port>
```

5. Seed the database:

```
$ npm run seed:app
```

6. Start the application server:

\$ npm start

7. The application can then be accessed at port 3000 or the one set by you using the environmental variable. To access the application locally, go to http://localhost:<app\_port>.

**Note:** In order for the application be accessible from outside, the application port need to be set open. Once it is set open, the application can be accessed from anywhere it an internet in the following way: http://<app\_host>:<app\_port>.

# 4 Using The System

This section provides a detailed description of the common system functions. Common system functions are functionality that are available to all users who have access to the system. The list of common system functions are listed below:

# 4.1 Logging In

To access the gradapps portal you'll first need to be authenticated into the system. To begin simply click on the "Sign In" button on the welcome page.

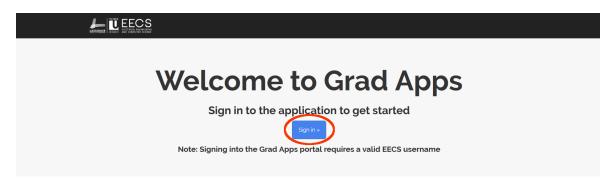


Figure 1: Welcome Page

You will then be redirected to the login page. Input your username, password and click on the "Login" button. If you are successfully authenticated you will be redirected to the role selection page.

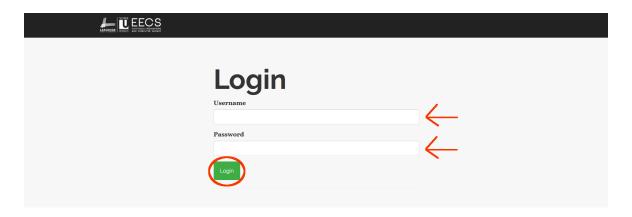


Figure 2: Login Page

**Note:** If the credentials you have provided are invalid you will be greeted with an error message.

# 4.2 Selecting a Role

The subsections below describe the methods for selecting the a role.

## 4.2.1 Role Selection Page

From the role selection page click on the "Continue as Committee Member" button to be redirected to the committee member portal.



Figure 3: Role Selection Page

**Note:** To access the administrator/committee/professor portal you must be granted access from an administrator.

## 4.2.2 Navigation Bar

If you have selected another role and wish to switch roles you will be presented with an option on the navigation bar. Click on the dropdown menu that displays your current role and click on your desired role.



Figure 4: Switch Roles

**Note:** To access the administrator/committee/professor portal you must be granted access from an administrator.

# 4.3 User Settings

To customize personal user settings, simply click on the "Settings" button from the navigation bar on any page. The following are the required fields when update personal user settings:

- Username
- Last Name
- First Name
- Email

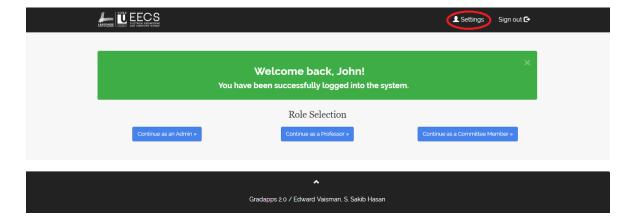


Figure 5: Open User Settings

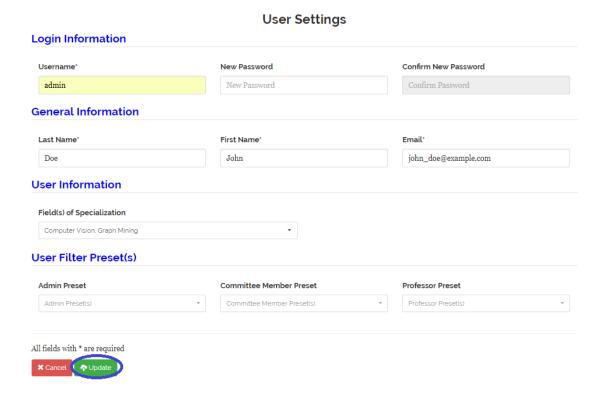


Figure 6: User Settings Form

# 4.4 Logging Out

To logout of the system, simply click on the "Sign out" button from the navigation bar on any page.

**Note:** Idleness in the system for a maximum of 15 minute will cause the user session to be automatically terminated and the user will be logged out.

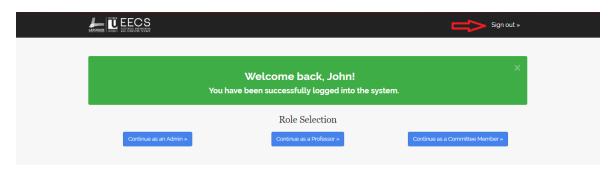


Figure 7: Logout of the System

# 5 Administrator

This section provides a detailed description of the administrator system functions.

## 5.1 Administrator Dashboard

After logging in and selecting the Admin role you will have access to the administrator dashboard. From the dashboard you can perform the following:

- Manage Users (Refer to section: 5.2)
  - Adding a new user
  - Remove an existing user
  - Assign a new role to an user
  - Removing a role from an user
  - Updating user information such as:
    - \* Username
    - \* Password
    - \* Last Name
    - \* First Name
    - \* Email Address
    - \* Field(s) of Specialization
  - Deleting unwanted filter presets
- Manage Applications (Refer to section: 5.3)
  - Creating a new application
  - Deleting an existing application
  - Apply filtering on existing application(s)
  - Save presets on most used filter(s)
  - Export all or a set of application(s) to CSV
  - View application PDF file
- Manage Reviews (Refer to section: 5.4)
  - Assign at most one reviewer for visa applicants
  - Assign at most two reviewer(s) for domestic applicants

- Unassign reviews from an application
- Dismiss submitted review from an application
- View application PDF file

More on each of the three management portals in the following sections.

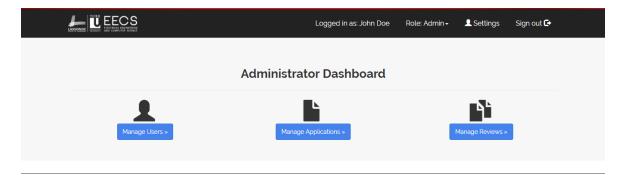


Figure 8: Administrator Dashboard

**Note:** Each of the management portal has a *Go back to dashboard* link which upon clicking will bring back to the default dashboard.

# 5.2 Manage Users

This section describes how you would add/remove a user, assign/unassign roles from a user and update user related information. To begin, from the administrator dashboard, click on *Manage Users*.

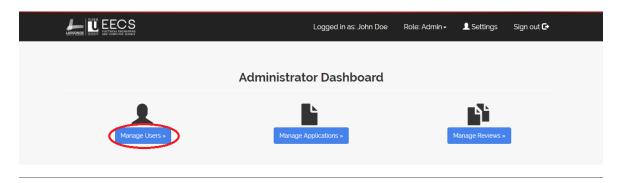


Figure 9: Click to Manage Users

## 5.2.1 Adding a user

Once in the managing user portal, you can add a new user to the system. Adding a new user to the system requires you to give them a username (EECS username), generate a random password or make a password for the user, fill in basic user information (such as Last Name, First Name, Email Address, Field(s) of Specialization) and assign them a role. The following fields are required when creating a new user:

- Username
- Password
- Last Name
- First Name
- Email
- Role(s)

**Note:** Username for a user is unique and hence trying to create a user with an existing username will not allow the new user to be created.

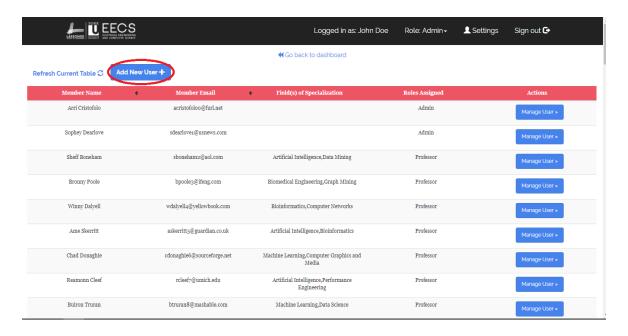


Figure 10: Click to create a user

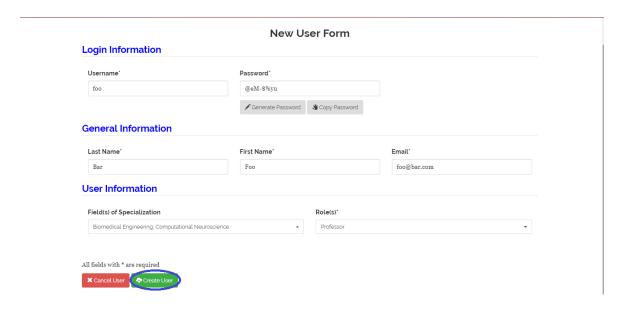


Figure 11: Filling in user information

## 5.2.2 Edit existing user

Once in the managing user portal, you can edit an existing user. Editing includes updating user information, assigning/unassigning roles or removing the user completely from the system.

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|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----|-------------------|
|                                    |   |                            | <b>≪</b> Go bad         | ck to dashboard            |                |    |                   |
| Refresh Current Table $\mathcal Z$ | Add New User +                            |                            |                         |                            |                |    |                   |
| Member Name                        | •   | Member Email               | • Field(s) of           | f Specialization           | Roles Assigned |    | Actions           |
| Arri Cristofolo                    |   | acristofoloo@furl.net      |                         |                            | Admin          |    | Manage User »     |
| Sophey Dearlove                    |   | sdearlover@usnews.com      |                         |                            | Admin          |    | Manage User »     |
| Sheff Boneham                      |   | sboneham2@aol.com          | Artificial Inte         | elligence,Data Mining      | Professor      |    | Manage User »     |
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| Joeann Edgeon                      |   | jedgeong@reverbnation.com  | Machine Learning        | Performance Engineering    | Committee Memb | er | Manage User »     |

Figure 12: Click to edit an user

**Note:** An administrator cannot edit their own user settings from the manage user portal. Another administrator has to edit it for them. However, they can update their own personal settings like any other user from the *Settings* menu in the navbar.

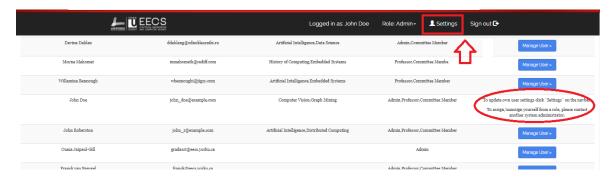


Figure 13: Editing own user settings

## 5.2.3 Remove a user

To remove an existing user from the system, click on the *Manage User* button as shown above for the corresponding user. Then click on the trash can button at the bottom of the page as shown.

**Note:** As an administrator you can only remove other users. You cannot remove yourself from the system. Another administrator has to remove you in that case.

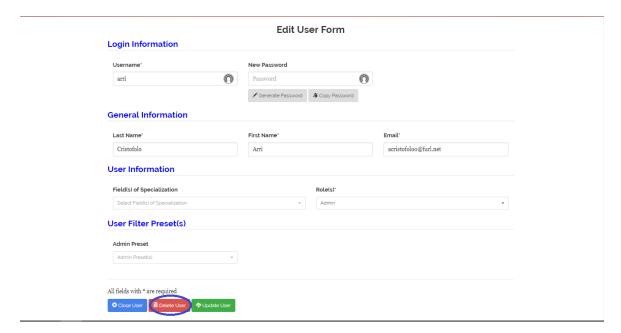


Figure 14: Removing an user

## 5.2.4 Assign/Unassign roles

To assign or unassign a role from an existing user from the system, click on the *Manage User* button as shown above for the corresponding user. Then select or de-select the role you want to assign or unassign for the user.

Note: A user must have at least one role assigned to them at all times.

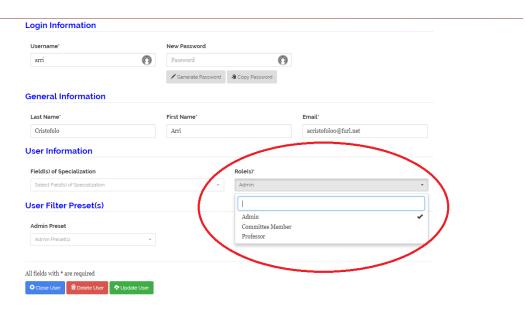


Figure 15: Assign/Unassign roles

## 5.2.5 Update User Information

As an administrator you can update user information. To update user information for an existing user, click on the *Manage user* button as shown above for the corresponding user. Then click on the upload button at the bottom of the page as shown. The following fields are required when updating a user information:

- Username
- Last Name
- First Name
- Email
- Role(s)

Note: All required fields are needed to be filled when editing an user.

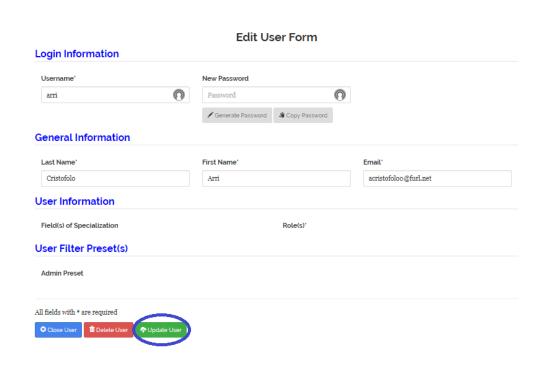


Figure 16: Updating an user

#### 5.2.6 Remove Unwanted Filter Presets

As an administrator you can remove unwanted filter presets for a particular user. To remove such presets for an existing user, click on the *Manage user* button as shown above for the corresponding user. Then simply unchecking the preset from the dropdown will permanently remove the preset for the user.

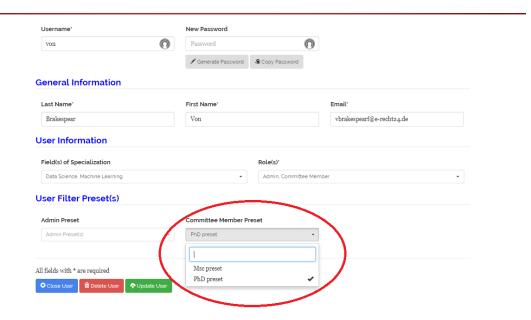


Figure 17: Remove Filter Presets

## 5.2.7 Sorting the Table

If you wish to sort the table displayed simply click on the columns that display arrows next to the name. The table can be sorted in Ascending/Descending order described below.

- Member Name: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Member Email: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z

**Pro-tip:** To sort by multiple columns hold the shift key while clicking on the columns.

# 5.3 Manage Applications

This section describes how you would create/delete an application, export applications to CSV, apply filtering on application(s), save most used filter(s) as preset and viewing application PDF file. To begin, from the administrator dashboard, click on *Manage Applications*.

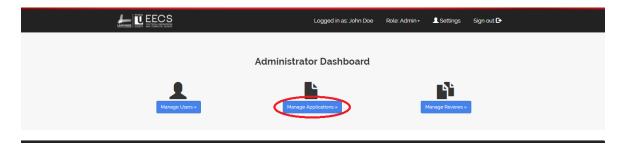


Figure 18: Click to Manage Applications

## 5.3.1 Create an application

Once in the managing application portal, you can create a new application and upload all necessary documents. Creating a new application requires you to upload the application file, filling out general application information, previous grades, application information and finally assigning a one or more reviewer from the admission graduate committee. The following fields are required when creating a new application:

- Application File
- Session
- Student Number
- Last Name
- First Name
- Email
- Gender
- GPA
- Visa Status

- Degree Applied For
- Field(s) of Interest
- Preferred Professor(s)

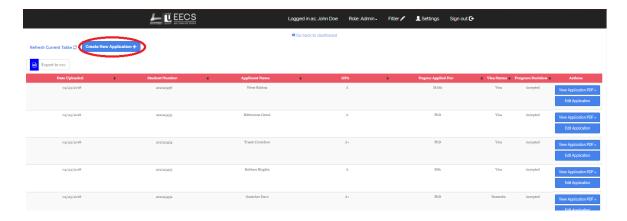


Figure 19: Click to create a application

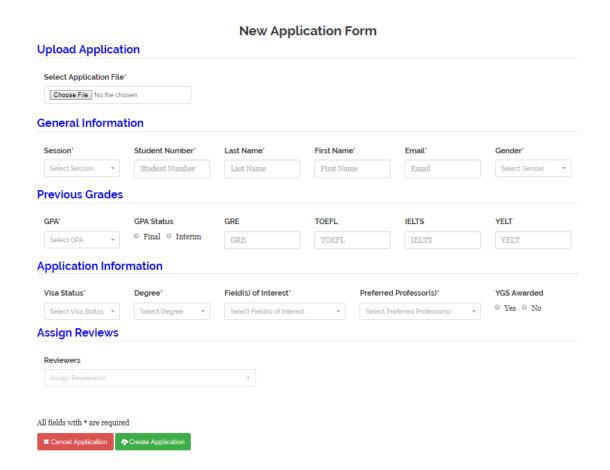


Figure 20: Filling in application

**Note:** The maximum application file size for upload is set to 4MB and only accepted format of file accepted is PDF.

## 5.3.2 Edit existing application

Once in the managing application portal, you can edit an existing application. Editing includes updating all attributes specified in the previous section (refer to Section 5.3.1) plus additional attributes such as professor(s) that have contacted or requested the student, the program decision, the student decision and etc.

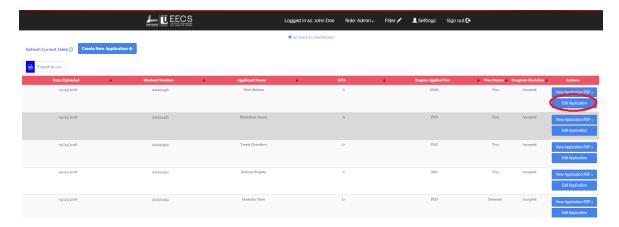


Figure 21: Click to edit an application

## 5.3.3 Remove an application

To remove an existing application from the system, click on the *Manage Applications* button as shown above for the corresponding application. Then click on the trash can button at the bottom of the page as shown.

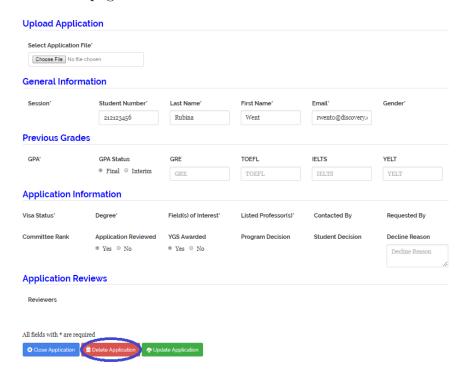


Figure 22: Removing an application

## 5.3.4 Update an application

To update an existing application from the system, click on the *Manage Applications* button as shown above for the corresponding application. Then click on the upload button at the bottom of the page as shown. The fields that are required when editing an application is the same as when creating an application.

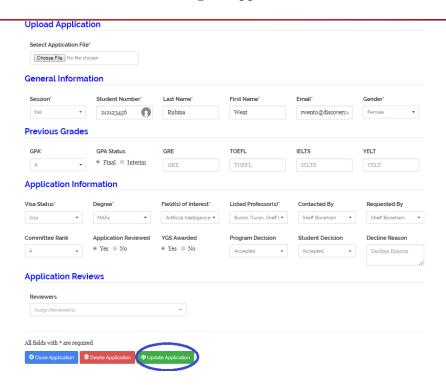


Figure 23: Updating an application

# 5.3.5 Export Application(s)

Once in the managing application portal, you can export all or a set of application(s) in CSV format. To achieve a set of applications simply use filtering to narrow down the application result. Clicking on the  $Export\ to\ CSV$  button will download all selected application into a CSV file.

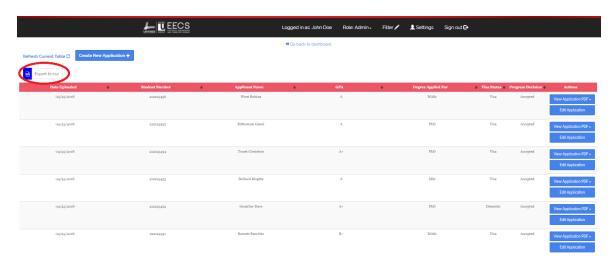


Figure 24: Exporting application(s)

## 5.3.6 View Application PDF

Once in the managing application portal, you can chose to view the PDF formatted file of the application. Clicking on the *View Application PDF* for the corresponding application will open a new tab along with the pdf file.

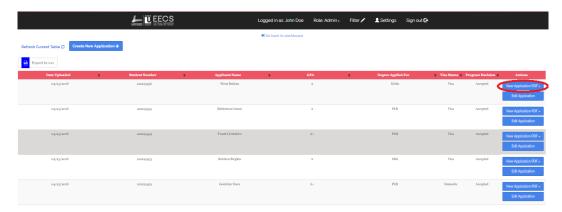


Figure 25: Viewing Application PDF

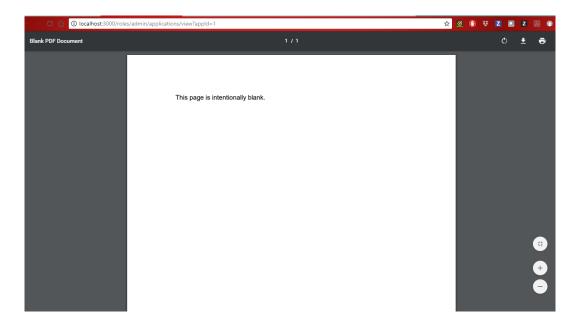


Figure 26: Application PDF

# 5.3.7 Filtering the Table

This section describes how you would use/build/save/load a filter on the review table.

1. **Opening the Modal** To begin with filtering you must open the modal. To do so click on the "Filter" button on the navigation bar.

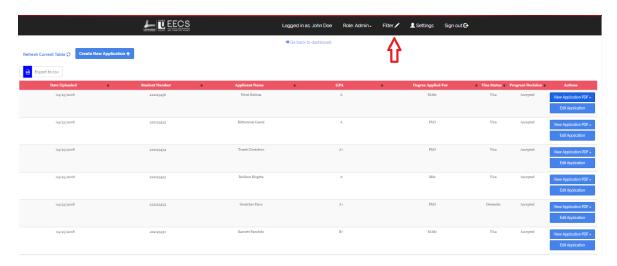


Figure 27: Opening the Modal

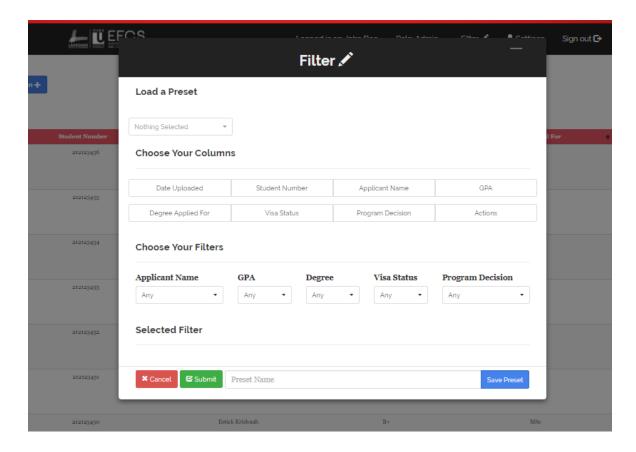


Figure 28: Filter View

2. Choose Your Columns Once the modal is opened you can then choose the columns you wish to be displayed on the table. To do so, click on the button indicating which column you wish to see. Once clicked the button will display the order that column will appear in the table.

**Note:** Not selecting any column will use the same columns and order as the default table. If the *Actions* column is not selected it will automatically be placed as the right most column.

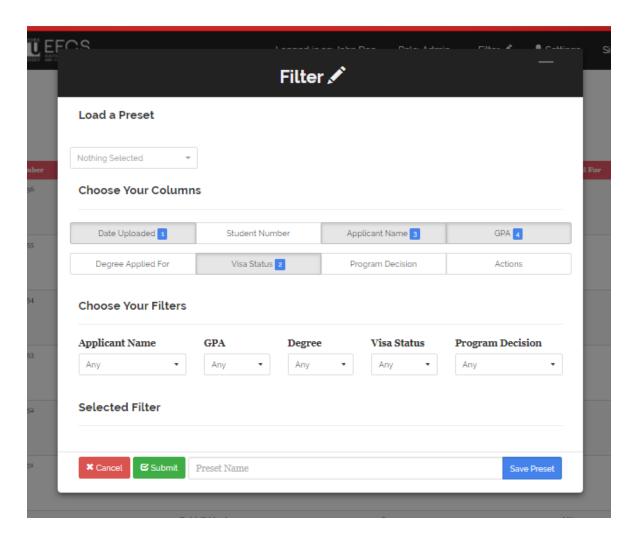


Figure 29: Choose Your Columns

3. Choose Your Filters After selecting your columns, you can then choose the attributes by which you wish to filter your table. Begin by clicking on the drop down of the attribute you wish to filter and select an option from a list of generated options.

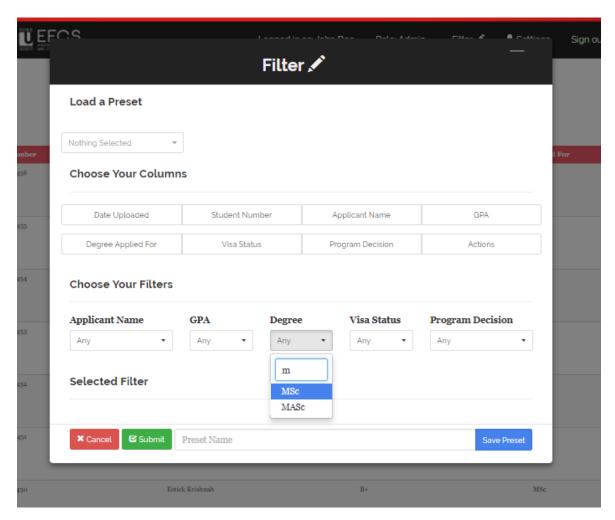


Figure 30: Choose Your Filters

**Note:** You can use the search bar to help locate values. Begin by typing in the text box displayed. You can only select an option that appears in the dropdown.

4. Submitting a Filter Once you have chosen your columns and filter attributes confirm your filter by reading the text under "Selected Filter" and click "Submit". The text under the "Selected Filter" will change based on your filter attributes.

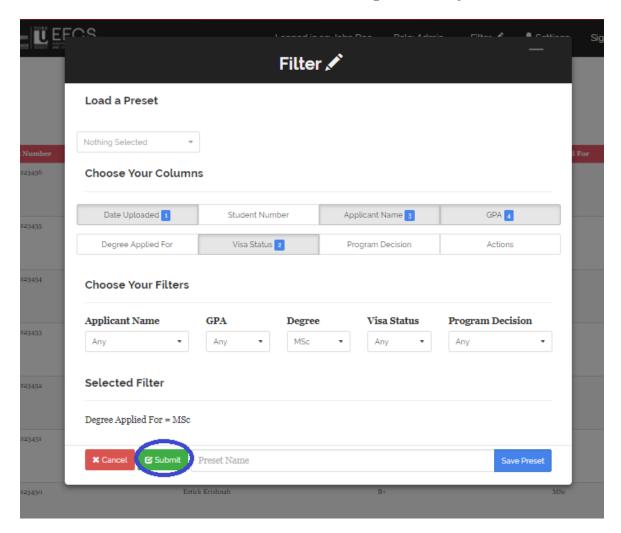


Figure 31: Submit Filter

Note: When submitting a filter with no selected filters, the default table will be loaded.

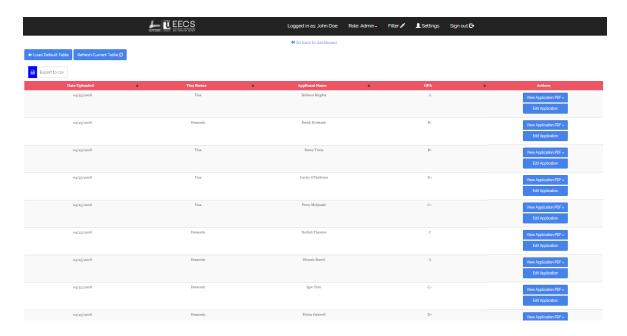


Figure 32: Resulted Table After Applying Filter

5. Saving a Filter Once you have chosen your columns and filter attributes confirm your filter by reading the text under "Selected Filter" and give the preset a name by typing in the text box between the "Submit" and the "Save Preset" button. Once that is done click "Save Preset".

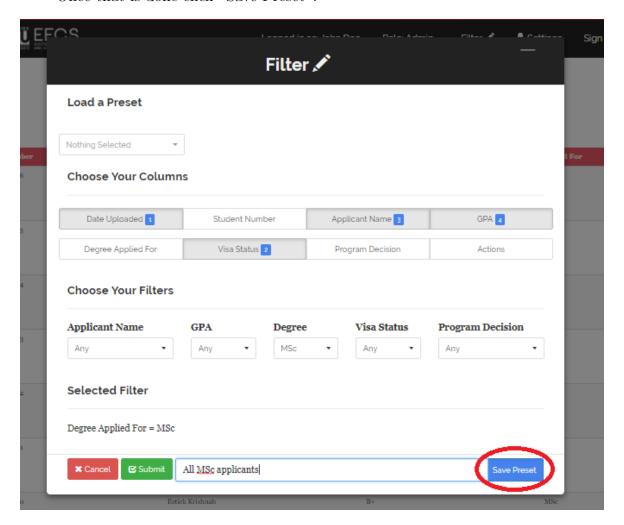


Figure 33: Save a Filter

Once you have saved a filter you will be provided with a new table to match your filter and it will appear in the dropdown to be used for loading a filter.

**Pro-tip:** You can update a filter by typing in the same name as an existing filter.

6. **Loading a Filter** To load a saved filter click the dropdown under "Load a Preset" and select the preset you wish to use. Once selected the modal will auto-populate.

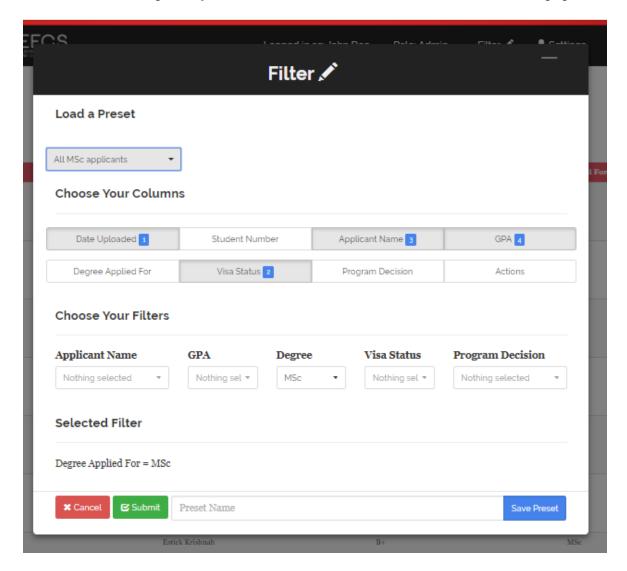


Figure 34: Loading a Filter

**Pro-tip:** Create a preset called *Default* with no columns or filters selected. You can then use this to load the default table or help clear any data you put in the modal.

#### 5.3.8 Sorting the Table

If you wish to sort the table displayed simply click on the columns that display arrows next to the name. The table can be sorted in Ascending/Descending order described below.

- Date Uploaded: Descending Order = Newest Oldest, Ascending order = Oldest Newest
- Student Number: Descending Order = Largest to Smallest, Ascending order = Smallest to Largest
- Applicant Name: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- **GPA:** Descending Order = A + to F, Ascending order = F to A + to F
- Degree Applied For: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Program Decision: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z

**Pro-tip:** To sort by multiple columns hold the shift key while clicking on the columns.

**Note**: Ordering fields can be done on both filtered and unfiltered application lists.

The following images depict how to order review applications using the *Student Number* field in ascending and descending order.



Figure 35: Ascending order of Student Number field

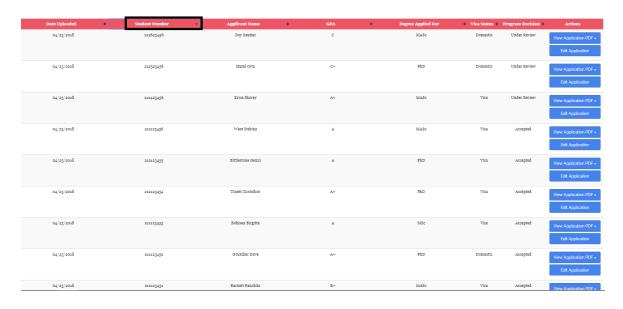


Figure 36: Descending order of Student Number field



Figure 37: Ordering using multiple fields

## 5.4 Manage Reviews

This section describes how you would assign, unassign or dismiss reviews for an application and apply filter on review applications. To begin, from the administrator dashboard, click on *Manage Reviews*.

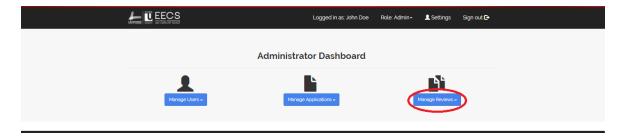


Figure 38: Click to Manage Reviews

#### 5.4.1 Assign Review

Once in the managing review portal, you can assign a reviewer to an application. There is a maximum cap of number of reviewers assigned to an application. For domestic applications there is a maximum of 2 reviewers whereas for visa applications there is a maximum of 1 reviewer.

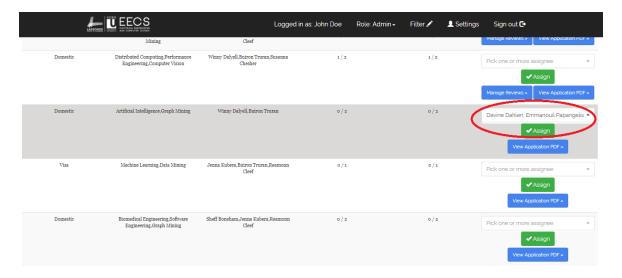


Figure 39: Assign a review

#### 5.4.2 Unassign Review

Once in the managing review portal, you can manage a review for the corresponding application. To manage the review, click on *Manage Reviews* for the corresponding application. In the review outline page, it will display all the reviewers for the application. You can unassign a review for an application if it has not been submitted yet.

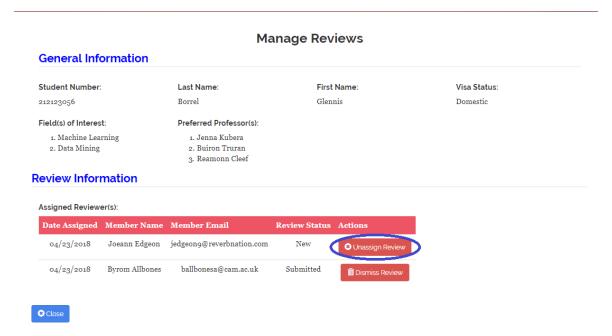


Figure 40: Unassign a review

#### 5.4.3 Dismiss Review

Once in the managing review portal, you can manage a review for the corresponding application. To manage the review, click on *Manage Reviews* for the corresponding application. In the review outline page, it will display all the reviewers for the application. You can dismiss a review for an application if it has been already submitted.

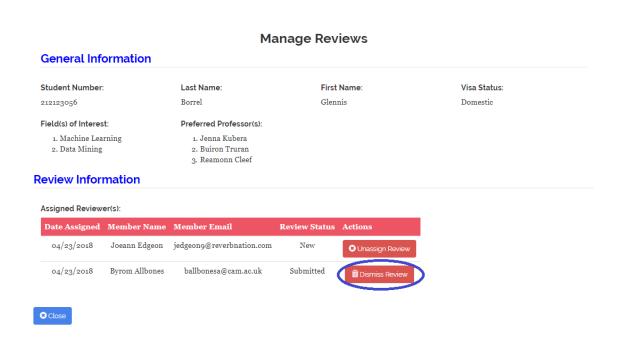


Figure 41: Dismiss a review

### 5.4.4 Filtering the Table

This section describes how you would use/build a filter on the table.

1. **Opening the Modal** To begin with filtering you must open the modal. To do so click on the "Filter" button on the navigation bar.

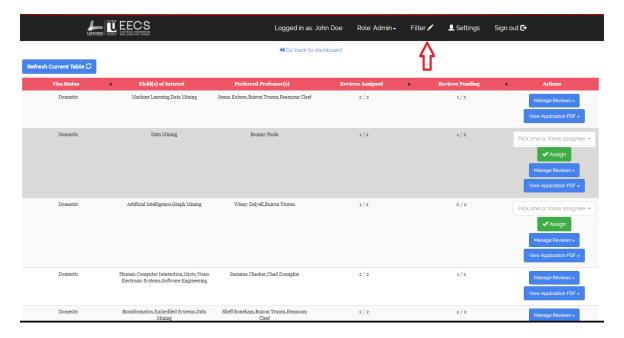


Figure 42: Opening the Modal

2. Choose Your Columns Once the modal is opened you can then choose the columns you wish to be displayed on the table. To do so, click on the button indicating which column you wish to see. Once clicked the button will display the order that column will appear in the table.

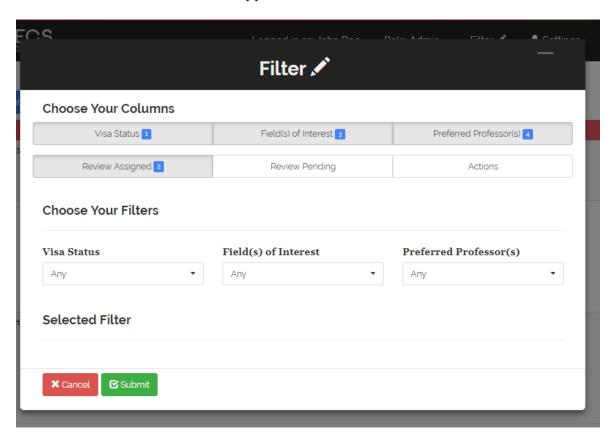


Figure 43: Choose Your Columns

**Note:** Not selecting any column will use the same columns and order as the default table. If the *Actions* column is not selected it will automatically be placed as the right most column.

3. Choose Your Filters After selecting your columns, you can then choose the attributes by which you wish to filter your table. Begin by clicking on the drop down of the attribute you wish to filter and select an option from a list of generated options.

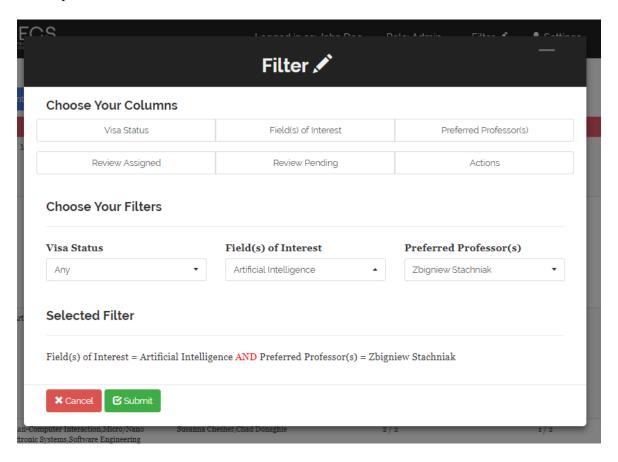


Figure 44: Choose Your Filters

**Note:** You can use the search bar to help locate values. Begin by typing in the text box displayed. You can only select an option that appears in the dropdown.

4. **Submitting a Filter** Once you have chosen your columns and filter attributes confirm your filter by reading the text under "Selected Filter" and click "Submit". The text under the "Selected Filter" will change based on your filter attributes.

Once the resulting table is returned after filtering, you can assign/unassign/dismiss review from any of the returned applications.

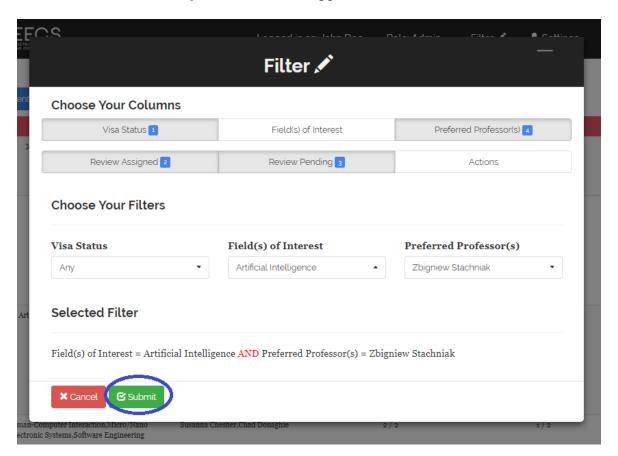


Figure 45: Submit Filter

Note: When submitting a filter with no selected filters, the default table will be loaded.

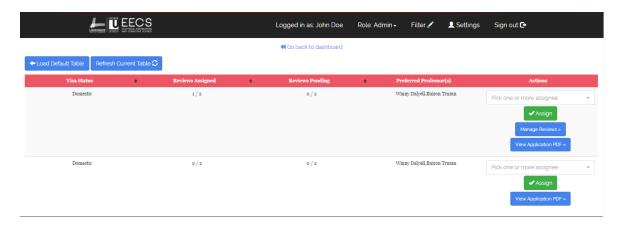


Figure 46: Resulted Table After Applying Filter

#### 5.4.5 Sorting the Table

If you wish to sort the table displayed simply click on the columns that display arrows next to the name. The table can be sorted in Ascending/Descending order described below.

- Visa Status: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Review Assigned: Descending Order = Largest to Smallest, Ascending order = Smallest to Largest
- Review Pending: Descending Order = Largest to Smallest, Ascending order = Smallest to Largest

**Pro-tip:** To sort by multiple columns hold the shift key while clicking on the columns.

**Note**: Ordering fields can be done on both filtered and unfiltered review application lists.

# 6 Committee Member

This section provides a detailed description of the committee member system functions.

#### 6.1 Default Portal

After logging in and selecting the *Committee Member* role you will have access to the committee member portal. In this portal you will be presented with a table containing all the students who have applied to be a graduate student. Here you can perform the following:

- View current and past reviewed application(s)
- Apply filters on current and past reviewed application(s)
- Review an assigned application(s)
- Save a review as a draft for later completion.
- Add new university assessments in the system to be used in a review. Such a new assessment will be added globally to the system and can be seen and used by other committee members when filling out a review.



Figure 47: Committee Member Portal

Note: If there are no reviews assigned, it will display a message instead.

## 6.2 Filtering the Table

This section describes how you would use/build/save/load a filter on the table.

### 6.2.1 Opening the Modal

To begin with filtering you must open the modal. To do so click on the "Filter" button on the navigation bar.

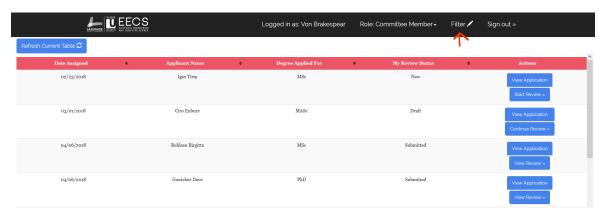


Figure 48: Opening the Modal

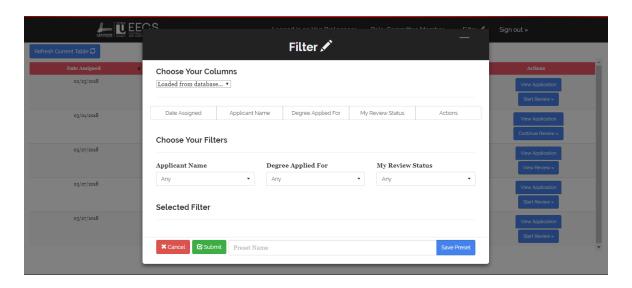


Figure 49: Filter View

#### 6.2.2 Choose Your Columns

Once the modal is opened you can then choose the columns you wish to be displayed on the table. To do so, click on the button indicating which column you wish to see. Once clicked the button will display the order that column will appear in the table.

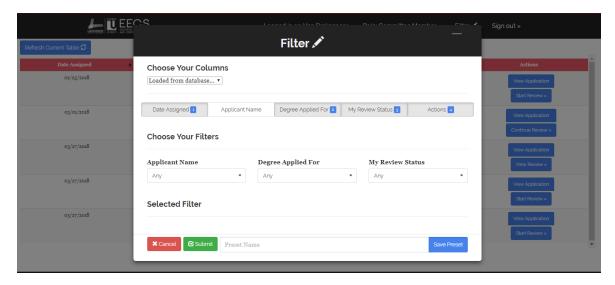


Figure 50: Choose Your Columns

**Note:** Not selecting any column will use the same columns and order as the default table. If the *Actions* column is not selected it will automatically be placed as the right most column.

#### 6.2.3 Choose Your Filters

After selecting your columns, you can then choose the attributes by which you wish to filter your table. Begin by clicking on the drop down of the attribute you wish to filter and select an option from a list of generated options.

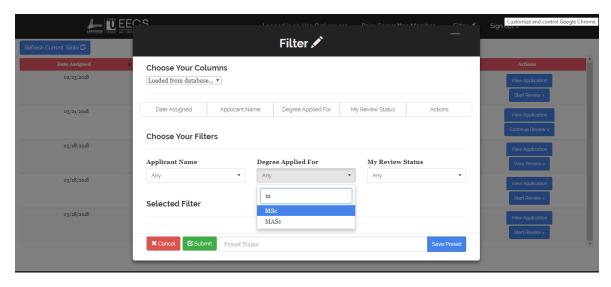


Figure 51: Choose Your Filters

**Note:** You can use the search bar to help locate values. Begin by typing in the text box displayed. You can only select an option that appears in the dropdown.

## 6.2.4 Submitting a Filter

Once you have chosen your columns and filter attributes confirm your filter by reading the text under "Selected Filter" and click "Submit". The text under the "Selected Filter" will change based on your filter attributes.

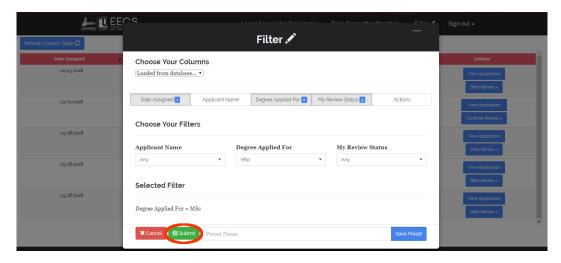


Figure 52: Submit Filter

**Note**: When submitting a filter with no selected filters, the default table will be loaded.



Figure 53: Resulted Table After Applying Filter

#### 6.2.5 Saving a Filter

Once you have chosen your columns and filter attributes confirm your filter by reading the text under "Selected Filter" and give the preset a name by typing in the text box between the "Submit" and the "Save Preset" button. Once that is done click "Save Preset".

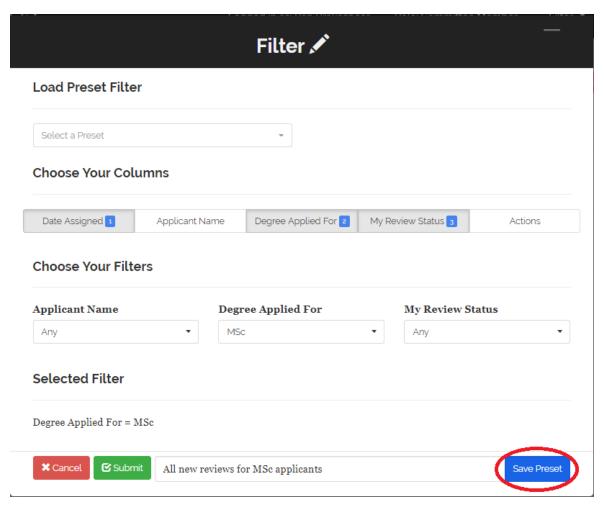


Figure 54: Save a Filter

Once you have saved a filter you will be provided with a new table to match your filter and it will appear in the dropdown to be used for loading a filter.

**Pro-tip:** You can update a filter by typing in the same name as an existing filter.

#### 6.2.6 Deleting a Filter

You can delete a filter by going into your settings. See Section 4.3.

#### 6.2.7 Loading a Filter

To load a saved filter click the dropdown under "Load a Preset" and select the preset you wish to use. Once selected the modal will auto-populate.

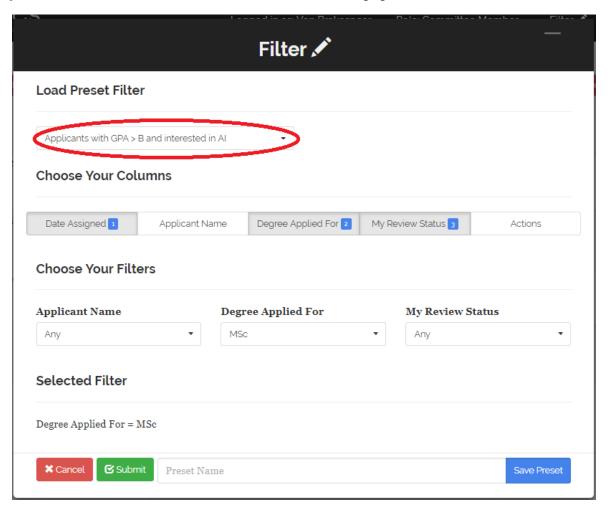


Figure 55: Loading a Filter

**Pro-tip:** Create a preset called *Default* with no columns or filters selected. You can then use this to load the default table or help clear any data you put in the modal.

### **6.3 Sorting the Table**

If you wish to sort the table displayed simply click on the columns that display arrows next to the name. The table can be sorted in Ascending/Descending order described below.

- Name: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Date Assigned: Descending Order = Newest Oldest, Ascending order = Oldest Newest
- Degree Applied For: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Review Status: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z

**Pro-tip:** To sort by multiple columns hold the shift key while clicking on the columns.

**Note**: Ordering fields can be done on both filtered and unfiltered review application lists.

The following images depict how to order review applications using the *Date Assigned* field in ascending and descending order.



Figure 56: Ascending order of Date Assigned field



Figure 57: Descending order of Date Assigned field

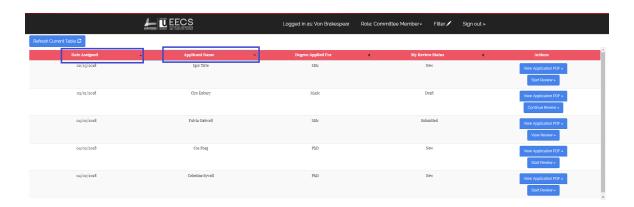


Figure 58: Ordering using multiple fields

## 6.4 Reviewing Applications

The review process can have three different statuses shown

• New: A new application has been assigned to the committee member and no changes have been made on the review yet.

- **Draft**: A previously saved draft review. A review is considered as a draft when there has been at least one or more changes committed and the user has decided to save the changes.
- **Submitted**: A completed review which has been submitted and uploaded to the server. Once a review is submitted, it cannot be undone.

The following list denotes the fields in a review form that is **not** submitted yet and their requirement status:

| Field Name                | Required |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Institution Name(s)       | No       |
| Institution Assessment(s) | No       |
| Background Information    | No       |
| Research Experience       | No       |
| Letter of Intent Analysis | No       |
| Additional Comments       | No       |
| Applicant Rank            | Yes      |

Table 1: Review Fields

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The following image depicts the full view of the review form. The  $View\ Application\ PDF$  link opens the student application in PDF version uploaded by the system administrator.

| Student Number: 212113456 Sywell Celestine PhD  Previous Grades  GPA GRE TOEFL N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A Previous Institution  Institution Name(s) Institution Name(s) Institution Assessment(s) Institution Assessment(s)  Background and Research Information  Background Information  Background Information  Background Information  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  Additional Comments |                         |                   | eview F |                     |            |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|
| Previous Grades  GPA GRE TOEFL BLTS YELT A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N  | General Information     |                   |         |                     |            |
| Previous Grades  GPA GRE TOEFL IELTS YELT N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A Previous Institutions  Institution Name(s)  Institution Name(s)  Institution Assessment(s)  Nothing selected  Nothing selected  New Assessment  Background and Research Information  Background Information  Background Information  Research Experience  Research Experience  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments                   |                         |                   |         |                     |            |
| A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A  Previous Institutions  Institution Name(s)  Institution Name(s)  Institution Assessment(s)  Nothing selected  Nothing selected  New Assessment  Nothing selected  New Assessment  Research Experience  Letter Analysis Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  Additional Comments   | Previous Grades         | Sywell            |         | Celestine           | PhD        |
| A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A  Previous Institutions  Institution Name(s)  Institution Name(s)  Institution Assessment(s)  Nothing selected  Nothing selected  New Assessment  Nothing selected  New Assessment  Research Experience  Letter Analysis Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  Additional Comments   |                         | CDE               | TOFFI   | ISITE               | VELT       |
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| Institution Name  Institution Assessment(s)  Nothing selected  Nothing selected  New Assessment  Nothing selected  New Assessment  Add  Research Experience  Research Experience  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  Additional Comments   | Previous Institutions   | N/A               | NA      | NA                  | N/A        |
| Institution Assessment(s)  Nothing selected  Nothing selected  New Assessment  Add  Research Information  Background Information  Research Experience  Research Experience  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  Additional Comments   | Institutio              | on Name(s)        |         | ■ Add I             | astitution |
| Institution Assessment(s)  Nothing selected  Nothing selected  New Assessment  New Assessment  Research Information  Background Information  Background Information  Research Experience  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  Additional Comments   | Nothing selected        |                   | *       | Institution Name    |            |
| Background and Research Information  Background Information  Background Information  Research Experience  Research Experience  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments   | Institution A           | Assessment(s)     |         |                     |            |
| Background and Research Information  Background Information  Research Experience  Research Experience  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments   | Nothing selected        |                   | -       | Nothing selected    |            |
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| Background Information  Background Information  Research Experience  Research Experience  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  |                         |                   |         | A                   | dd         |
| Background Information  Research Experience  Letter Analysis and Additional Comments  Letter of Intent Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments   |                         |                   |         |                     |            |
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| Letter of Intent Analysis  Letter Analysis  Additional Comments  Additional Comments  | Background Information  |                   |         | Research Experience |            |
| Letter Analysis Additional Comments   |                         |                   |         |                     |            |
|   | Letter Analysis and Add | litional Comments |         |                     |            |
| Final Rank  |                         |                   |         | Additiona           | l Comments |
|   | Letter of In            |                   |         |                     | l Comments |
| Applicant Rank  | Letter of In            |                   |         |                     | l Comments |

Figure 59: Full view of the Review Form

#### 6.4.1 Opening a new Review

When a new review is received it will show on the portal. After that you will have the option of opening the review and start completing the form. The action for opening a new review will say **Start Review**.

The following image depicts user opening a brand new review.



Figure 60: Opening a brand new review

The following image depicts user making no changes to the opened review and exiting out of the review form.

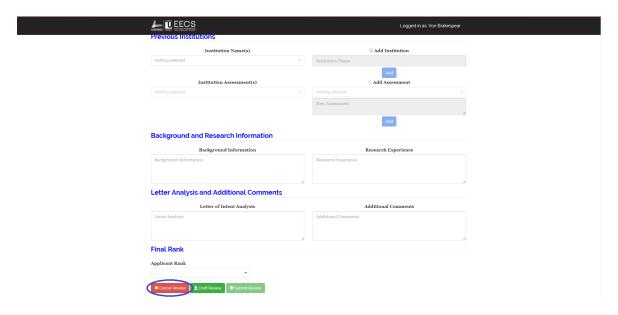


Figure 61: Exiting out of a brand new review application without changes

### 6.4.2 Filling out a Review

Table 1 outlines the fields in a review application and their required status. The following table specializes Table 1 and displays the type of input each field takes.

| Field Name                | Input Type         |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Institution Name(s)       | Multiple Drop-Down |
| Institution Assessment(s) | Multiple Drop-Down |
| Background Information    | Text               |
| Research Experience       | Text               |
| Letter of Intent Analysis | Text               |
| Additional Comments       | Text               |
| Applicant Rank            | Single Drop-Down   |

Table 2: Review Fields Input Type

**Institution Assessment**: When performing an institution assessment you can select from one or more institutions and a description in the database. If the institution does not exist or their description is inadequate you can also create a new institution/assessment.

The following image depicts a user selecting two institutions the applicant has attended and selecting an assessment from each of the institutions.

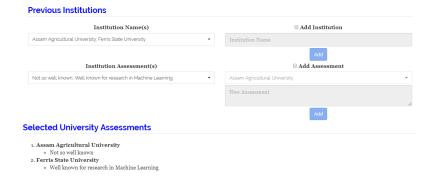


Figure 62: Institution Assessment View

#### 6.4.3 Saving a Review as Draft

While filling out a review you will have the opportunity to save an on-going review as a draft for future completion.

The following images depicts a user making changes to an application review and then saving it as a draft. Consequently, the status of the review is changed to **Draft**. And if the user wants to continue working on the draft sometime later, the action for opening a drafted review will say **Continue Review**.

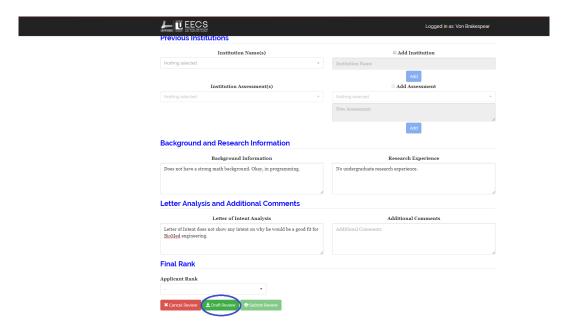


Figure 63: Save a review as draft



Figure 64: Drafted Review View

#### 6.4.4 Submitting a Review

Once you are satisfied with your review simply click the **Submit Review** button to complete your review. If the correct number of reviews for an application has been submitted (depending on visa status), the application will be automatically available for selection to those on the **Professor Portal**. The only required field needed for submitting a review is the final application rank that is to be decided by the admission committee member upon analysing the application.

The following image depicts an end user submitting a review.

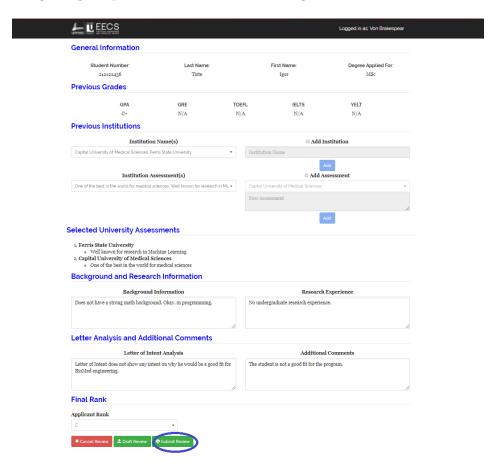


Figure 65: Submit a Review

Once the review is submitted, it will show up on the user dashboard with status as **Submitted** and the user action to view a submitted review will say **View Review**. Submitted reviews are only viewable as a plain text application form. The following images depict viewing a submitted review.



Figure 66: Submitted Review View

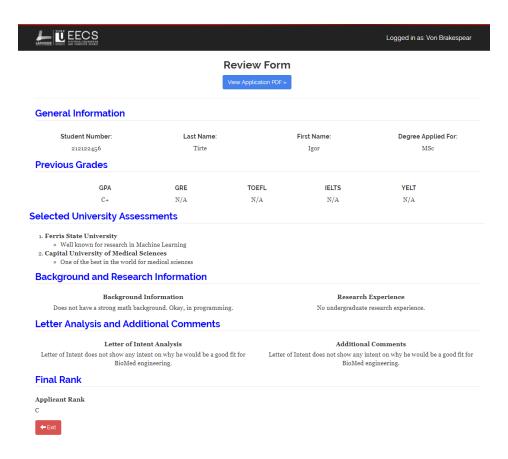


Figure 67: Submitted Review View

## 7 Professor

This section provides a detailed description of the professor system functions.

#### 7.1 Default Portal

After logging in and selecting the professor role you will have access to the professor portal. In this portal you will be presented with a table containing all the students who have applied to be a graduate student. Here you can perform the following:

- Filter the table to only display applications based on criteria of your choosing
- Sort the table on certain columns
- View applications and their respective committee review
- Set application attributes such as notifying others if you have contacted/requested an applicant or indicate to yourself if you find an applicant interesting or not.

## 7.2 Filtering the Table

This section describes how you would use/build/save/load a filter on the table.

### 7.2.1 Opening the Modal

To begin with filtering you must open the modal. To do so click on the "Filter" button on the navigation bar.

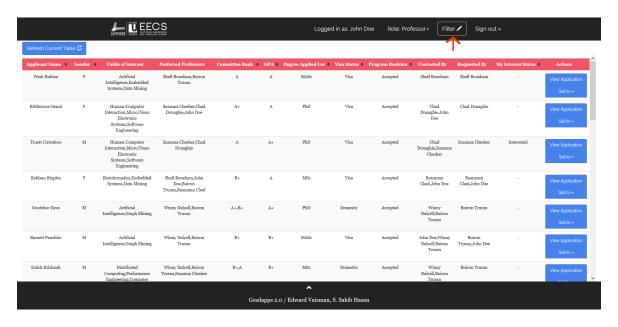


Figure 68: Opening the Modal

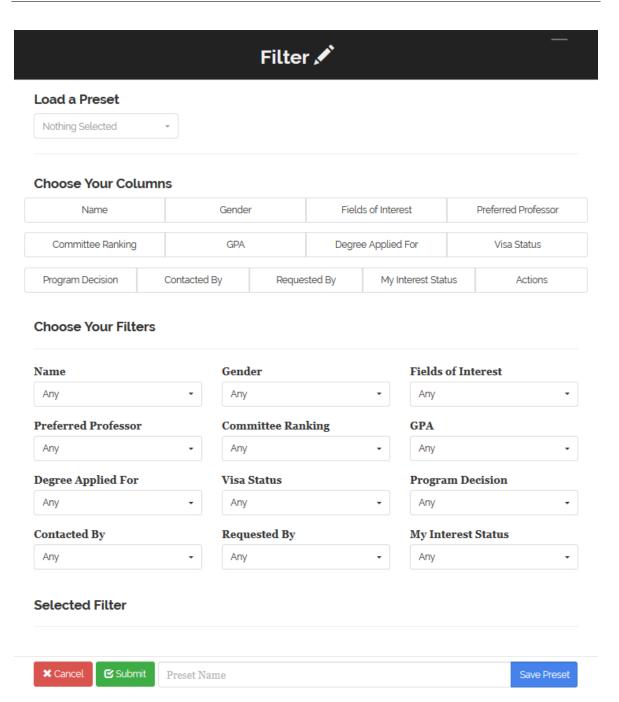


Figure 69: Filter View

#### 7.2.2 Choose Your Columns

Once the modal is opened you can then choose the columns you wish to be displayed on the table. To do so, click on the button indicating which column you wish to see. Once clicked the button will display the order that column will appear in the table.

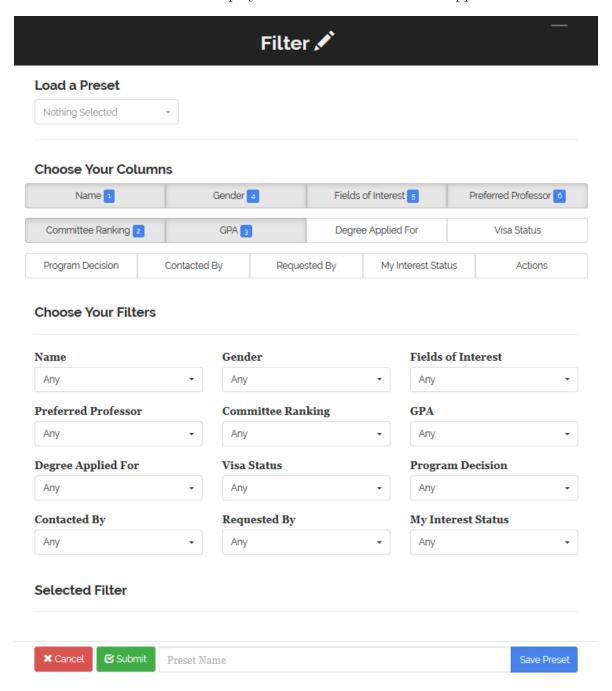


Figure 70: Choose Your Columns

**Note:** Not selecting any column will use the same columns and order as the default table. If the *Actions* column is not selected it will automatically be placed as the right most column. *My Interest Status* is account specific and can only be seen by you.

#### 7.2.3 Choose Your Filters

After selecting your columns, you can then choose the attributes by which you wish to filter your table. Begin by clicking on the drop down of the attribute you wish to filter and select an option from a list of generated options.

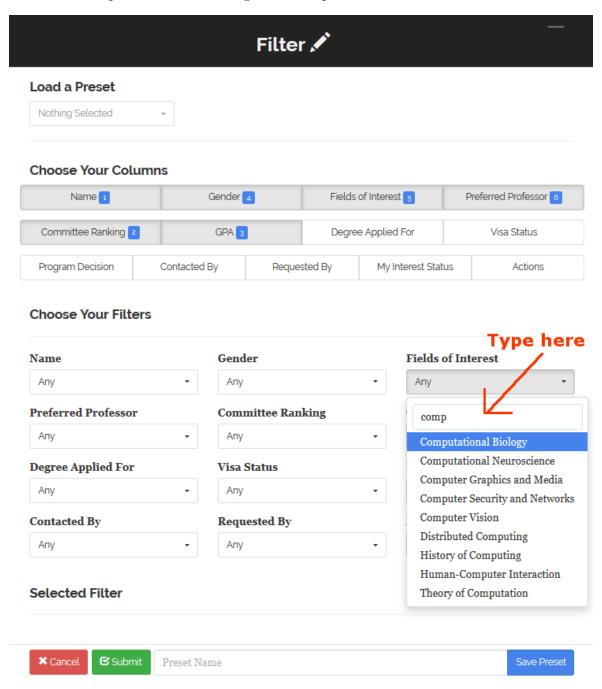


Figure 71: Choose Your Filters

**Note:** You can use the search bar to help locate values. Begin by typing in the text box displayed. You can only select an option that appears in the dropdown.

#### 7.2.4 Submitting a Filter

Once you have chosen your columns and filter attributes confirm your filter by reading the text under "Selected Filter" and click "Submit". The text under the "Selected Filter" will change based on your filter attributes.

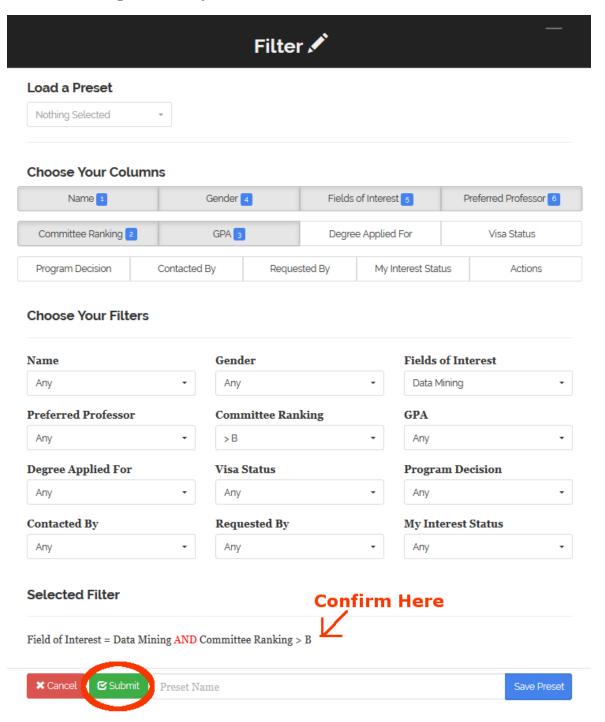


Figure 72: Submit Filter

After you submit a filter you will be provided with a new table to match your filter.

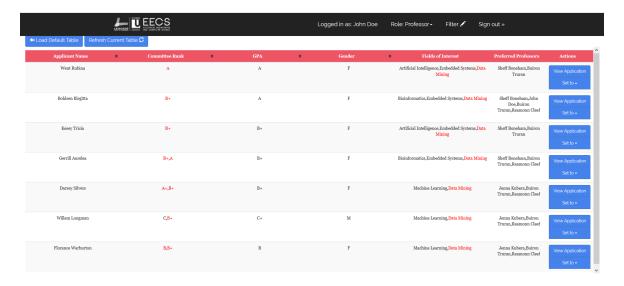


Figure 73: Filtered Table

**Pro-tip:** Attributes that satisfy your filter will be highlighted. Make sure to include the right column to see those highlights!

#### 7.2.5 Saving a Filter

Once you have chosen your columns and filter attributes confirm your filter by reading the text under "Selected Filter" and give the preset a name by typing in the text box between the "Submit" and the "Save Preset" button. Once that is done click "Save Preset".

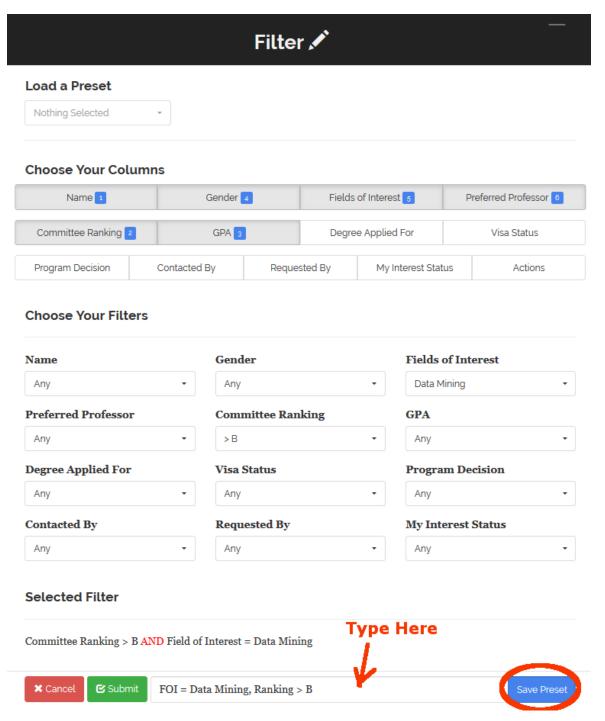


Figure 74: Save a Filter

Once you have saved a filter you will be provided with a new table to match your filter and it will appear in the dropdown to be used for loading a filter.

Pro-tip: You can update a filter by typing in the same name as an existing filter.

## 7.2.6 Deleting a Filter

You can delete a filter by going into your settings. See Section 4.3.

#### 7.2.7 Loading a Filter

To load a saved filter click the dropdown under "Load a Preset" and select the preset you wish to use. Once selected the modal will auto-populate.

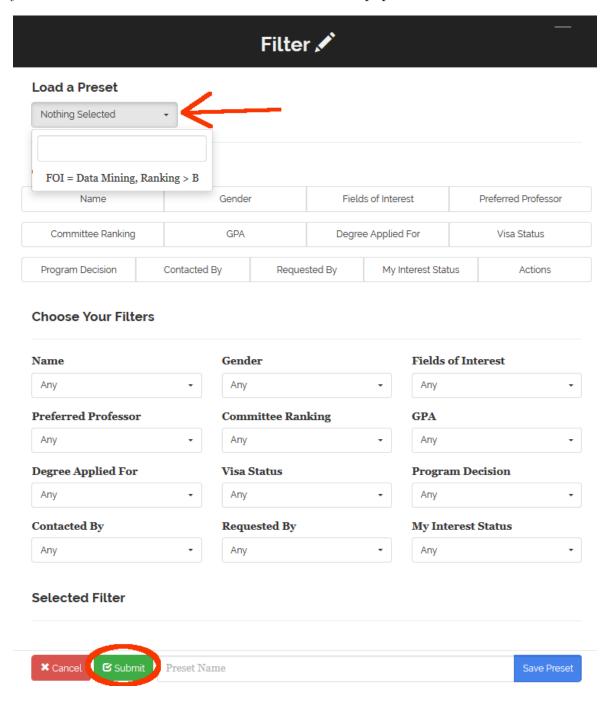


Figure 75: Loading a Filter

**Pro-tip:** Create a preset called *Default* with no columns or filters selected. You can then use this to load the default table or help clear any data you put in the modal.

### 7.3 Sorting the Table

If you wish to sort the table displayed simply click on the columns that display arrows next to the name. The table can be sorted in Ascending/Descending order described below.

- Name: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Gender: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Committee Rank: Descending Order = A+ to C, Ascending order = C to A+
- **GPA:** Descending Order = A + to C, Ascending order = C to A + to C
- Degree Applied For: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Visa Status: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Program Decision: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z
- Interest Status: Descending Order = Z to A, Ascending order = A to Z

**Pro-tip:** To sort by multiple columns hold the shift key while clicking on the columns. For example to sort by Committee Rank and then GPA, hold onto shift and left click Committee Rank and then GPA.

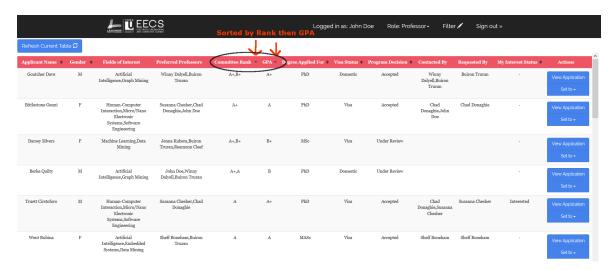


Figure 76: Sort Table

## 7.4 Viewing an Application

To view an application click on "View Application" at the row corresponding to the applicant you wish to view.

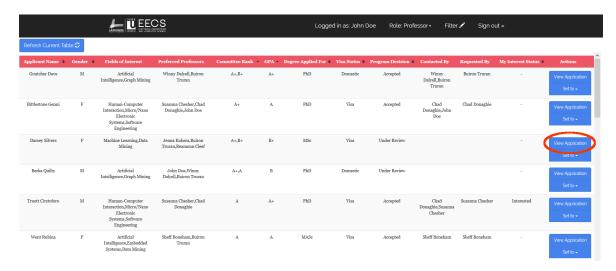


Figure 77: Viewing an Application

You will be redirected to an application summary page that will contain a summary of the application and the committee review. If you wish to see more click on "View Application PDF".

## **Application Summary**

View Application PDF

Applicant Name Session Email

Perry McQuade Winter pmcquade4@tiny.cc

Gender GPA - Final/Interim GRE

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Degree Visa Status Fields of Interest

MSc Visa Data Mining

Preferred Professor(s) Program Decision Contacted By Requested By

Bronny Poole Declined

#### Committee Review #1

#### **Background**

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#### **Committee Rank**

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## 7.5 Setting Application Attributes

Clicking on the "Set To" drop down on an applicant row will provide you options to update the following fields on an application.

- Contacted/Requested: Indicate to others whether or not you have contacted/requested a student (default not contacted and not requested).
- My Interest Status: This is a personal field to help you keep track of applications you have/haven't viewed and your opinion of them. It can only be seen by you.

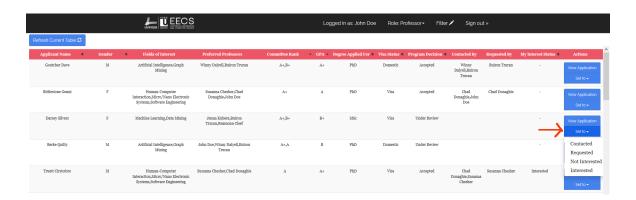


Figure 79: Setting Application Attribute

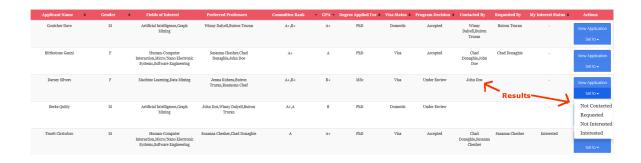


Figure 80: Results

# 8 Help

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