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From: Bird-Pollan, Jennifer
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:16 PM
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Subject: Re: Graduate Admissions

From: "Jackson, Brian A." <Brian.Jackson@uky.edu>
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 at 3:14 PM
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Dear Jennifer:

As you know, international applicants to the Graduate School are required to provide passing scores on either TOEFL or IELTS in order to confirm English language proficiency. At the present time, students in China and Iran are not able to take these tests. We have been asked by a number of programs whether we would accept Duolingo scores, a test that is more readily accessible in these two countries. Duolingo is already accepted by our undergraduate admissions colleagues. Our proposal therefore for the current recruiting season only (i.e. fall 2020 admission) is as follows:

For students in China and Iran where there is no access to online TOEFL/IELTS tests during the COVID-19 pandemic, upon request of the Director of Graduate Studies, the Graduate School would accept a Duolingo test result with a minimum score of 115 and a passing performance on a standardized supplemental interview conducted by CESL/Graduate School staff.

On a second issue affecting international applicants, the current deadline for submitting applications is (was) March 15. In order to provide maximum flexibility to both students and programs, for the current recruiting season only (i.e. fall 2020 admission) we are seeking permission to extend the deadline at least through the end of the current spring semester.

Many thanks for considering these requests.

Best,

Brian



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