

Cornell University Student Assembly

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1 S.A. Resolution #60
2 Requesting the Waiving of GMAT/GRE Requirements for Fall Cornell Graduate
3 School Applications
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5 ABSTRACT: A resolution to request that the university waive the GRE/GMAT requirement for
6 Cornell's Fall Graduate School applicants.
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8 **Sponsored by: Ian Wallace '20, Gavin Martin '20**
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10 **Whereas**, the COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented scenario in higher education that
11 has not been seen before;
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13 **Whereas**, the COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted academic and non-academic activities, including
14 in-person GRE exams, for the foreseeable future;
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16 **Whereas**, though the GRE has moved online, testing remains inequitable;
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18 **Whereas**, access to study space, resources, high speed internet, etc. Varies tremendously between
19 individuals. Additionally, the GRE online exam cannot be taken on iOS systems;
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21 **Whereas**, many students only have easy access to iOS systems and social distancing guidelines make
22 access Windows computers for test taking extremely difficult;
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24 **Whereas**, those who catch and recover from COVID-19 cannot be expected to study during the
25 duration of their illness and subsequent recover;
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27 **Whereas**, even under ideal conditions, the ability of standardized tests to adequately measure the
28 capability of applicants is questionable.
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30 **Whereas**, Mississippi State University and Bowling Green State University have announced that
31 they will be temporarily waiving GMAT/GRE requirements for fall applications; ¹²
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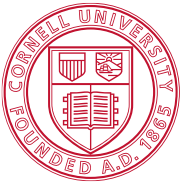
33 **Whereas**, the list of universities waiving these requirements is likely to grow and Cornell should be
34 leading this charge;
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36 **Whereas**, individual departments at Cornell have begun to waive GRE requirements in response to
37 the COVID19 pandemic;
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39 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Cornell University commit to temporarily waiving the GMAT/GRE
40 requirement for fall graduate school applications;

¹ <https://www.msstate.edu/newsroom/article/2020/03/msu-waiving-gmatgre-requirements-summer-and-fall-graduate-school>

² https://www.sent-trib.com/news/bgsu-temporarily-waives-gre-gmat-requirements/article_613da950-7033-11ea-9851-233ef8943757.html



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41 **Be it therefore resolved,** Cornell University advertise departments which have waived
42 GMAT/GRE scores as application requirements on the Cornell Graduate School Admissions
43 webpage;

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45 **Be it finally resolved,** that this resolution be sent to the Director/Dean of Admissions for each
46 graduate program, in order to expedite the normative process.

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49 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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