

Frequently asked questions about the application process

Master's Programme in Mathematics

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn



Can I apply without a TOEFL or IELTS test result?

Yes, it is sufficient to submit any proof of your English knowledge. This may be a test result, a certificate from a language course, a German Abiturzeugnis or even a proof that your Bachelor degree program was a program whose language of instruction was English. If English is your mother tongue, then of course no proof is necessary.

Am I eligible to apply if I did not study mathematics for my first degree?

As our master program is a research oriented ambitious program only students with a first degree in mathematics or a related subject can be admitted. Furthermore, applicants have to prove 120 ECTS from mathematical modules. The master selection committee will check if you learnt enough mathematics to succeed in our advanced master program.

If you studied an engineering oriented subject you are unfortunately not eligible for our program.

When does the new application round start?

We always announce on the homepage when the next application round will be open. The decision about your application does not depend on the date when you submit your application (although your application of course has to be submitted in time before the deadline). The application period opens at least six weeks before the deadline.

What is the procedure for the letters of recommendation?

International applicants have to name one referee and his/her e-mail-address in the application. The applicant has to inform the referee that he/she has to send the letter to apply@math.uni-bonn.de before the application deadline. We do not ask the referee for the letter.

German applicants do not have to provide a letter of recommendation. They just have to name a person we can contact if we have questions.

Do I need authorized translations of my documents?

If your documents are in German, English, Spanish or Italian, then translations are not necessary. You may just upload your documents. For all other languages, please provide translations of your documents.

Is it possible to apply even if my graduation will still take some time?

Yes, it is quite common that, e.g. the Bachelor's degree finishes in June or July, but that the applicant applies for our Master's program before 15 May. This is not a problem. Please upload your current transcript of records. You can be admitted for the winter term (starting in October) if your Bachelor's will finish before 30 September. You can be admitted for the summer term (starting in April) if you finish your Bachelor's before 31 March. Once you are in Bonn, you will have to show us your Bachelor's degree certificate to prove your degree.

Are there any tuition fees?

No, there are no tuition fees. But you have to pay an administrative fee ("Sozialbeitrag") of about 270 Euros per term which includes the use of public transportation.