**GRE for PhD: Policy and Requirements per Academic Unit:**

**General information**
Most departments will not require a GRE test as part of the application process from applicants who meet the following criteria:

1. The intended advisor interviewed the applicant, read their Thesis and wrote a supportive recommendation letter.
2. The applicant provided three additional recommendation letters, one of them from the previous advisor, regarding their academic and research abilities.
3. The applicant graduated from a highly ranked university (Shanghai ranking) – the department may consider an exemption to this condition based on the recommendations.

**List of Departments that will exempt applicants from the GRE test:**

- Aerospace Engineering
- Architecture & Town Planning
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biotech. & Food Eng.

Chemical Engineering – the applicant must provide a copy of the Thesis in English

Chemistry – final decision regarding the GRE will be made after an interview by the advisor and the department acceptance committee

- Civil Engineering (all programs)
- Computer Science
- Education in S&T
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Eng. & Management
- Materials Sci. and Eng.
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Physics
- IDP in Applied Math.
- IDP in Autonomous Systems and Robotics
- IDP in Energy – the advisor may request a GRE test in some cases.
- IDP in Biotechnology
- IDP in Nano S&T
- IDP in Polymer Eng.

PhD applicants must present a GRE (general test) score as part of the application process:

- Biology
- Mechanical Engineering