Application Checklist

Do you have a **problem-solving mindset**? Do you want to combine your **quantitative and programming experience** with your collaboration and communication skills to **innovate and use data science for good**? If you are ready to challenge yourself and become a leader in the field, start your journey towards a **Master of Science in Data Science (MSDS)** at UVA today!

**Before you Apply**

- Review the full program curriculum, prerequisites, and degree outcomes
- Attend an informational webinar
- Speak to an enrollment advisor at 434-264-5759 or onlinedatascience@virginia.edu about:
  - Full and part-time program options
  - Prerequisite completion plan
  - Online experience and flipped classroom model
  - Recommended technical skills (working knowledge of advanced mathematics and Python)
  - Weekly time commitment (15-20 hours a week)
  - Program start dates (Spring, Summer, and Fall)
  - Standardized test waivers (GRE/GMAT/MCAT and TOEFL or IELTS)
  - GPA requirements (minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA)
  - Financing options
- Speak with your current employer to explore tuition assistance options and let them know you are planning to pursue your degree

**Applying**

- Schedule an in-depth application walkthrough with an enrollment advisor to talk through application requirements, best practices, and your timeline to completion
- Gather the following materials and apply at https://apply.onlineprograms.virginia.edu/apply/
  - Statement of Purpose Explain how the MSDS fits your short- and long-term educational and career goals
  - Unofficial Transcripts Send electronically to onlinedatascience@virginia.edu
  - Standardized Test Scores Upload scores in the application system unless you qualify for an exemption
  - Two Letters of Recommendation Submit reference contact information in the application. Your recommenders will automatically receive instructions for providing recommendations on your behalf
  - Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
  - Application fee Non-refundable $85.00 USD
- Apply for financial aid

**Preparing for Classes**

- Submit your deposit
- Submit official final transcripts to onlinedatascience@virginia.edu. Send official TOEFL scores via ETS to institution code C250 (no department code needed). Submit IELTS scores electronically through the IELTS test center.
- Connect with Success Coach to prepare a work/life balance plan
- Review prerequisite course materials prior to the start of the semester
- Make sure you have internet service that can handle video calls and a designated study space
- Download Zoom on your computer
- Connect with your professors, network with your peers, and take your first class!

For questions about the online application or the admission process please contact the **School of Data Science Online Enrollment Team at 434-264-5759 or email onlinedatascience@virginia.edu** to learn more.