



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

**Q: If I send my address will additional information on the program be mailed to me?**

A: Every effort has been made to provide complete and accurate information on the website to facilitate timely submission of application materials. Applicants are encouraged to email additional questions rather than send them by conventional mail.

**Q: If I have medical degree from a foreign country, can I apply to the ITDP?**

A: In order to apply to the ITDP, one must have a dental degree, for example a DDS, DMD, BDS, or equivalent degree. A medical degree is not an equivalent degree.

**Q: I'm an international student but I have lived in the U.S. for a while. Do I still need to submit TOEFL?**

A: Yes, everyone applying to the ITDP must submit a TOEFL score. No waivers are granted.

**Q: I am a U.S. citizen, do I still need to take the TOEFL?**

A: Yes. All applicants must submit a TOEFL exam score. There are no exceptions.

**Q: What are the average TOEFL and National Board scores for this program?**

A: The average TOEFL score is approximately 280 (computer based) and National Board Part I average is approximately 88. To be considered a competitive applicant, you test scores should be in this range.

**Q: Can I send in my application now and submit my TOEFL or National Board scores later?**

A: No application will be considered complete until all requested information is received. The applications will not be reviewed without all requested information.

**Q: Other schools have accepted my TOEFL score and National Board score even though they are below those requested by the University of Michigan. Can I send them in and have you decide if I need to retake them after reviewing my entire application?**

A: The TOEFL score must be a minimum of 575 for paper-based, 230 for computer-based, and 89 for the internet-based test. The National Board Part 1 score must be at least an 84 overall with a minimum of 75 or above in each component of the exam. Any application received with scores lower than those requested by the University of Michigan will not be reviewed by the Admissions Committee.

**Q: What if I have taken the TOEFL examination, but the school will not receive the results until after the application deadline?**

A: The TOEFL score must be received or postmarked on or before the program application date.

**Q: Does my visa status have any bearing on my acceptance to the program?**

A: The Admissions Committee does not consider the visa status of applicants when reviewing applications for admission to the program.

**Q: I have graduated from my dental school, but I will not receive my final degree until the next graduation ceremony. I have a provisional degree now that shows I completed all my requirements for my dental degree. Can I send that in with my application until I receive my final degree?**

A: A certified or notarized copy of the original dental degree (DDS, DMD, BDS or equivalent degree) must be submitted with the IDP Application. Degrees in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified translation prepared by a bona fide U.S. translator. Provisional dental degrees will not be accepted as a part of the application.

**Q: To whom should I address my letters of recommendation?**

A: Please address all letters to be submitted with the application to "Members of the Admissions Committee".

**Q: Can I receive financial aid to attend the program?**

A: International students (F and J visas) are not eligible for U.S. federally funded financial aid. However, private loans are available, such as a CitiAssist Loan from Citibank. For more information log on to [www.studentloan.com](http://www.studentloan.com). To inquire about other possible funding sources or for more information inquire at:

- the U.S. Information Service (<http://usinfo.state.gov>)
- the Consulate or Embassy of your home country
- the eduPASS website: [www.edupass.org/finaid](http://www.edupass.org/finaid)