

Fee Exemptions for ECE MS Applicants

A Statement of Financial Need is required in order to be eligible for a departmental application fee waiver.

The Statement of Financial Need is submitted as part of your ECE MS program application and will help the Electrical & Engineering program determine your eligibility for a department-sponsored application fee waiver. In order to be eligible for a departmental fee waiver, MS applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Student qualifies for the 4+1 Contiguous Pathway Program.
2. Student has identified a faculty advisor of interest on their application.
3. Student is ineligible for OR has been denied the graduate division application fee waiver.

Applicants who do not meet these criteria are not eligible for the ECE departmental application fee waiver.

Domestic applicants must first apply for an application fee waiver before submitting a formal request to the ECE department. If you do not meet the qualifications for the fee waiver, please note this in your Statement of Financial Need.

Once you have completed the ECE MS program application, please contact ece-gradadvising@ucsc.edu to alert the department that you would like to request a departmental fee waiver. In this email, please include:

1. Your Statement of Financial Need. This document should include a brief description of your current circumstances that demonstrates your need for financial assistance. If applicable, you should also explain why you are ineligible for the graduate division application fee waiver.
2. A screenshot of your denial notification for the application fee waiver, if applicable.

If you are selected for the ECE departmental application fee waiver, we will reach out to you via email with directions on how to complete your application.

To ensure sufficient time to process your fee waiver request, you must contact ece-gradadvising@ucsc.edu to alert the department to your waiver request no later than **January 23, 2025**.

Please be advised that the graduate division will not issue a decision regarding your application fee waiver until **after** your application is complete (awaiting payment). Please allow time for administrative processing since the ECE department will not consider your waiver request unless you have already been denied a waiver by the graduate division (if eligible).

Applications for the ECE MS program and the departmental fee waiver that are incomplete after February 6, 2025 will not be eligible for a departmental fee waiver.