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Important Guidelines for Using GRE

Scores Identify the BEST Applicants

1. **Use multiple criteria.** Many factors, including GRE® scores, can provide information about an applicant's potential for success. Using multiple criteria in admissions decisions helps ensure fairness and balances the limitations of any single measure of knowledge, skills or abilities.
2. **Be more inclusive by avoiding the use of a cut score.** GRE scores help you compare applicants, but if you use a cut score as a criterion, you could miss an applicant who would be a great asset to your program.
3. **Consider scores on the three GRE® General Test measures independently.** The level of Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing skills needed for success in your field may vary. The GRE® General test measures these skills independently, and you should treat the scores as three separate and distinct pieces of information about an applicant's skills. Using a single score masks critical information about that individual's specific skills.
4. **Use percentile ranks to compare applicants who took the same admissions test.** Looking at percentile ranks can help you better understand applicants' relative performance on the same admissions test. It is not appropriate to use percentile ranks to compare applicants across different admissions tests (e.g., GRE test with GMAT® test). Instead, use the GRE Comparison Tool for Business Schools to interpret GRE scores in the context of GMAT scores: ets.org/gre/comparison.
5. **Get your free copy of the GRE® Guide to the Use of Scores.** In this must-have resource, you'll find GRE score interpretation data, percentile ranks, best practices and more: ets.org/gre/guide.