MCRP FAQs

MCRP Program Required Documents:
- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited University or College
- Unofficial and Official Transcripts (See Specifics Below)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (See Specifics Below)
- Writing Sample, Self-Authored paper, 5-10 pages
- Statement of Purpose
- CV/Resume

1. **Q: When does the application review process start?**

   A: For Fall**,** CRP starts reviewing MCRP applications around the second week in January.

2. **Q: Where can I find the instructions and details for Cal State Apply?**

   A: You should find everything you need at the graduate education website (https://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/graduate/process.html)

3. **Q: What documents are required to apply for the CRP Masters Degree Program?**

   A: A completed Cal State Apply Application, 3 Letters of Recommendation, Writing Sample, Statement of Purpose and CV/Resume. See specific information below regarding these required documents.

4. **Q: Where do I submit my letters of recommendation?**

   A: All (3) letters of recommendation MUST be uploaded to Cal State Apply directly by the person writing the recommendation, by the deadline for your application. Letters of recommendation should not be sent by you on behalf of your recommenders or directly by your recommenders to the department. Letters of recommendation are uploaded in Quadrant 4 under the "Evaluators" tab.

5. **Q: Can applicants add additional contacts for letters of recommendations? I would like to submit two academic and two professional references if possible.**

   A: Yes

6. **Q: How long should the writing sample be?**

   A: Self-authored writing samples are to be 5-10 pages of writing. Graphics are acceptable but the majority of the sample must demonstrate your writing abilities. Upload your sample in Quadrant 4 "Program Materials".

7. **Q: Would a professional document, such as a report or grant application, be an appropriate writing sample or is an academic paper preferred?**

   A: Yes, as long as you are the sole author and it demonstrates your writing abilities.

8. **Q: I am applying to Cal Poly's MCRP Program and want to know where the writing sample should be uploaded to in the online application?**

   A: On the Cal State Apply Application under quadrant #4, Program Materials, is where you will upload your writing sample.

9. **Q: The online application's statement of purpose character limit is 3,700. Is this in-line with the program's expectations for length?**

   A: No, this is just the limit set within the application. You are more than welcome to upload your Statement of Purpose under quadrant #4, Program Materials.

10. **Q: Are GRE scores required when applying for the MCRP program?**

    A: No

11. **Q: I am getting ready to graduate from or have already graduated from Cal Poly SLO. Will I still need to submit my unofficial and official transcripts to the Registrar?**

    A: Unofficial transcripts MUST be uploaded by all applicants, including Cal Poly SLO undergraduates, thru Cal State Apply. As a Cal Poly SLO graduate, you will NOT need to send your official transcripts to the Admission office. If you graduated from any OTHER institution, other than Cal Poly SLO, you will NEED to send your Official transcripts to the Cal Poly SLO Admissions Office.

12. **Q: Do you accept winter applications?**

    A: Yes, we do accept winter quarter applications.

13. **Q: I am looking for the deadline for the Master of CRP applications.**

    A: Please visit the Graduate education website at https://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/graduate/deadlines.html for deadline to apply.

   Please visit the following websites for more information.

   CSU Apply Help: https://www2.calstate.edu/Pages/contact.aspx

   Cal Poly Admission: https://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/graduate

   Cal Poly Graduate Education: http://www.grad.calpoly.edu/

   Cal Poly City and Regional Planning: https://planning.calpoly.edu/content/programs/mcrp