MCRP FAQs

1. Q: Where can I find the instructions and details for Interfolio?
   A: You should find everything you need at the graduate education website
   (http://www.catalog.calpoly.edu/graduateeducation/)

2. Q: Where do I email my letters of recommendation?
   A: Submit your recommendations to Interfolio eportfolio.

3. Q: How long should the writing sample be?
   A: 5-10 pages. You must be the sole author.

4. Q: Do applicants need to specify a concentration from this list: Urban Design,
   Environment/Sustainability, Transportation, Housing Development?
   A: You can specify your intended area or emphasis in your Statement of Purpose. You
   only actually choose one after you are enrolled and are asked to prepare a formal study
   plan.

5. Q: I graduated from Cal Poly SLO in June 2015. Will I still need to send my transcripts
   to the registrar, as I am assuming they already have this info internally?
   A: You do not need to submit your transcripts to the registrar if you have graduated
   from Cal Poly. However, you will need to upload a copy of your unofficial transcripts to
   Interfolio along with all of the other supplemental materials.

6. Q: I am interested in applying to the Cal Poly MCRP program, and was interested in
   submitting my GRE scores because my GPA over the past two years was below 3.5. I
   couldn’t find any documentation about what GRE scores the department would find
   favorable for applicants. Would it be possible to provide any information on this?

   A: There is no specific GRE score requirement. We consider your full academic record.
   See Question 15 for more information.

7. 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
8. 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 they demonstrate your writing abilities.

9. Q: I am applying for a MCRP winter quarter and am confused whether I need to upload the three letters of recommendation and the other support materials through Interfolio, or if I should send them to the CRP address.

A: Please upload all documentation to Interfolio. No items should be mailed to the CRP office unless otherwise stated.

10. Q: Regarding the Letter of Recommendations, should I have each of my recommenders send their letters directly to the CRP department or should I ask them to give me the letter so I can compile a package containing all the supplemental materials and send it to the department all at once?

A: All letters of recommendation must be uploaded to Interfolio directly by the person writing the recommendation. Letters of recommendation should not be sent by you on behalf of your recommenders.

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

A: Deadlines for Fall are May 1st for applications and June 1st for supplemental materials submission. Winter deadlines are November 1st and December 1st for applications and file submissions, respectively.

12. Q: I wish to know if you accept winter quarter application for international students.

A: We do not accept winter quarter applications for international students. International students may apply for Fall term only.

13. Q: Do I need to have all the prerequisite classes before I apply for the dual degree MCRP/MS program?

A: You do not need to have the prerequisites BEFORE applying. You only need to satisfy them during the course of your studies. You can choose to take those courses in a Community College or at Cal Poly, whichever is most convenient for you.

14. Q: Can I change to the dual degree program (MCRP and MS Transportation Planning) after I’m accepted in to the MCRP Program?

A: Yes. You can change your degree objective to the dual degree program after you are enrolled. This is actually the recommended path most participants take to the joint degree.
15. **Q: Are GRE scores required when applying for the MCRP program?**

   **A:** Starting with the W18 admission cycle (CSU Apply opens 6/1/17), all applicants to master’s degree programs will be required to complete the general GRE exam. Applicants who earned a Cal Poly bachelor’s degree within the last seven years will be granted an exemption from this requirement; however, specific programs may waive this exemption and require the GRE for all applicants. Please keep in mind that any applicant (external or Cal Poly undergraduate) with an undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or lower will be required to take the GRE and demonstrate results that are at the 50-percentile or higher (Quant, Verbal & Writing) to be considered for admission.

16. **Q: Do applicants who have a previous master's degree need to take the GRE?**

   **A:** Yes, unless the master’s degree is from Cal Poly.

17. **Q: If I have a bachelors from Cal Poly but it is from a program that is different from my master’s degree objective (e.g. BS materials engineering & MS biomedical engineering), do I need to take the GRE?**

   **A:** No

18. **Q: If I have a bachelor’s degree from another university but am enrolled in a credential program at Cal Poly, do I need to take the GRE?**

   **A:** Yes