Application to Graduate Study: the Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) Programme at the World Trade Institute (WTI)

For admission to the MILE Programme starting in September, please submit the following documents:

1. a completed version of this application form,
2. a detailed CV [[optional template](https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/home)],
3. a letter of motivation (see section V of the application form for details)
4. a two-page essay in English (see section V of the application form for details)
5. transcripts and degrees of all completed college/university courses,
6. evidence of English proficiency for non-native speakers
7. two letters of recommendation

If submitting electronic copies of your documents, you are kindly requested to name and number the documents to correspond to the list above. Eg. 01\_Application\_Form ; 02\_CV ; 05\_1\_Transcript; 05\_2\_Transcript etc.

By mail or email to:

* MILE Programme Administration

World Trade Institute, University of Bern

Hallerstrasse 6

CH-3012 Bern, Switzerland

* [inquire@wti.org](mailto:inquire@wti.org)

Subject line: Application Master of International Law and Economics

Section I: Personal data (please use block letters)

1. Select MILE Programme

I wish to apply for admission to graduate studies for the academic year starting in September:

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1. Date of birth/citizenship/gender

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1. How did you learn about the MILE Programme?

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| □ MILE graduate | □ Work colleague | □ Poster/flyer at university |
| □ WTI Lecturer | □ Professor at university | □ Moot court |
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Section II: Education and work experience

1. Academic background

(e.g. law, economics, international relations, political science, business administration)

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1. List of colleges/universities

Please list all colleges and/or universities you have attended, beginning with the most recent and including current studies.

Indicate your class rank (e.g., 2nd out of 100 students, top 10 percentile) if available.

Indicate any honours received in your studies (e.g., ‘Cum Laude’ in the United States or Switzerland, the class of degree in the United Kingdom, or ‘Mention’ in France).

Please do not include information concerning primary or secondary education (grade school or high school level).

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1. List of scholarships/fellowships (if applicable)

Please list scholarships or fellowships held at present or in the past along with source/sponsor, approximate amount in CHF, dates and indicate which part of your studies they were dedicated to.

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Please list any academic honours or prizes you may have received, along with dates.

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1. List of published articles (if applicable)

Please list any books, articles, or theses you have published and include title, date of publication, and name of publisher.

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1. List of professional positions held

Please list any professional positions you have held beginning with your current employer (if applicable).

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1. List of academic courses taught (if applicable)

Please list any academic courses you have taught.

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Section III: Language

1. Native language(s)

What is/are your native/first language(s)?

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1. Foreign language skills (if applicable)

Please indicate what (other) language(s) you speak and the level of proficiency by ticking the appropriate boxes.

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1. Language of instruction

What is/was the language of instruction at your university?

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1. Living abroad (if applicable)

Have you lived, studied and/or worked in a country where English is the native language? (e.g., United Kingdom, USA, Canada, Australia)

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| □ Yes □ No |

If you answered yes, what was the purpose and length of your stay and when did it occur?

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1. Proficiency of English as a foreign language (if applicable)

If you are a non-native English speaker and not otherwise exempt (see below: Appendix I: English Language Requirements), please provide results and also submit evidence of any objective English language testing you have taken in the previous two years (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or Cambridge).

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If you are not exempt from submitting test scores (Appendix I: English Language Requirements) and have not yet taken an objective English language test, please indicate when you plan to do so. You should submit your application and it will be processed pending your test results.

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Section IV: Letters of recommendation/signature

1. Letters of recommendation

Please list the people from whom you have requested letters of recommendation (two required).

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1. Accuracy and completeness of information

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application form and any supplemental materials is accurate and complete and I will notify the WTI if any of this information changes.

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Section V: Additional Elements of the MILE Application

1. Letter of motivation

The letter of motivation is one of the most important elements of your application. It should be brief and to the point. Keep in mind that your target audience is the Selection Committee – its members are accomplished academics with professional experience outside of academia. Introduce yourself, write about your academic and professional accomplishments, and explain why you believe the MILE will benefit you and your career. Without exaggerating, be positive about yourself and your outlook on life. Tell us how and why you wish you to contribute to the MILE spirit and experience.

1. Academic essay in English

In a separate document, please respond to one of the three questions below in a two-page (maximum 1000 words) academic essay in English. Try to structure your essay deductively and correctly reference any sources you cite. The World Trade Institute – like any graduate school – employs plagiarism detection software.

Formal requirements:

* Font: Times New Roman/Arial
* Font size: 12pt
* Line spacing: 1.5 lines

Essay questions:

1. “Describe the benefits and costs of globalisation from your country’s perspective and the role that trade policy can play in integrating your country more strongly into the global economy.”
2. “Please describe what you consider to be some of the key challenges confronting the World Trade Organization as its members strive to conclude the Doha Development Agenda.”
3. “How does, in your opinion, international trade benefit your country?”
4. Letters of Recommendation

In your application to MILE, we require you to submit two letters of recommendation from two different authors.

If you are enrolled at a university or recently graduated, the letters should be written by two (former) professors or by a professor and an employer. If you completed your previous degree more than three years ago, the letters should be written by a current and/or former employer. The letters need to be specific to your application to the MILE. You may submit them along with the other application documents in signed and sealed envelopes. Alternatively, have them directly sent by email to [inquire@wti.org](mailto:inquire@wti.org) or by mail to our contact address (subject line: Application of Mr/Ms 'Your Name' to the Master of International Law and Economics).

MILE Programme Administration

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1. Transcripts and Degrees

Please include transcripts and degrees of all university/college courses you have completed as well as a supplement explaining the grading system.

If the documents are not issued in English, please include officially certified translations.

Incomplete application forms will not be processed.

Appendix I: English language requirements

The MILE Programme is taught exclusively in English and you need to arrive at the WTI with a level of English that allows you to fully benefit from the courses. In particular, your level of English needs to allow you to express yourself effectively in and outside the classroom, deliver on weekly writing assignments and adequately cover a weekly reading load of up to 200 pages.

When evaluating your application, the Selection Committee pays close attention to evidence of your proficiency in English. As is common for graduate programmes, you are required to submit objective test scores of one of the accepted tests listed below:

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| **Test** | **Minimum Score** | **Website** |
| TOEFL ibT | 100 points or above | [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl) |
| TOEFL Paper | 600 points or above | [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl) |
| IELTS | 7.0 or above | [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) |
| Cambridge CAE | A | [www.cambridgeesol.org/exams](http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams) |
| Cambridge CPE | C or higher | [www.cambridgeesol.org/exams](http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams) |

## Exemptions

The following applicants are exempt from submitting test scores:

* Native English speakers
* Students with an undergraduate and/or graduate degree from an institution in the USA, Canada, the UK, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand, where English was the primary language of instruction and the degree was awarded no longer than five years ago.

You may apply for exemption from submitting text scores if you are

* a student with an undergraduate and/or graduate degree from an institution where English was the primary language of instruction and the degree was awarded no longer than five years ago,
* a student who has completed at least one year of study in an English speaking country and at an institution where English was the primary language of instruction immediately prior to joining the MILE Programme.

Please [contact us](mailto:melanie.mettler@wti.org) if you are unsure of your exemption status and we will be glad to help. However, please be advised that exemptions from the language requirement are rarely granted.

Important: Independent of your exemption status, you are required to fill in the section on English language in the MILE Application Form and submit a two-page essay in English as part of your application.

Appendix II: Registration fees

Upon admission to the MILE Programme, we kindly ask you transfer a one-time, non-refundable registration fee of CHF 200. You will receive the WTI’s bank details along with the confirmation of admission.

Please note that you will only receive further details about the MILE once you have transferred the registration fee. We will apply the registration against your tuition fees, unless you receive a WTI Scholarship covering your entire tuition.

Please note that any charges incurred during the transfer of the registration fee must be borne by the applicant.

Appendix III: Tuition, scholarships and financial aid

**The tuition fee for one year of graduate studies on the MILE Programme is CHF 21,000.** All MILE applicants will be considered for scholarships upon request. A limited number of scholarships and a limited amount of financial aid are available. Please consult the information on scholarships and financial aid on our website if you are in need of support.

Tuition covers all courses, the supervision of your master’s thesis, a trip to Geneva with visits to international organisations as well as a range of extracurricular activities.

Tuition does not cover airfares, costs of accommodation/living, health insurance, books or any other expenditure incurred during your stay in Switzerland.