

This form must be completed by graduate students who request an *Academic Fresh Start* that allows former TSU graduate students with poor academic performance to petition to enter/reenter graduate study to the same or different academic program and avoid having their previous low grade adversely affect the GPA calculation for the new degree program. This form must be completed by the student and their prospective advisor and signed by the department chair or graduate coordinator and academic dean. Once the form is completed and signed, it needs to be submitted through graduate school's application portal while applying for re-admission at the Tennessee State University.

The following eligibility criteria must be satisfied prior to seeking an *Academic Fresh Start*. The graduate student:

1. must be a graduate student at TSU, but has not been enrolled for at least 2 academic years
2. is seeking for admission into a new graduate program or for readmission into the prior program with same or difference concentration
3. was not dismissed from previous program for academic misconduct,

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____
Student T-Number: _____ E-mail: _____
Seeking to Re-admit into a Degree Program: Master's ☐ Ed.S. ☐ Doctoral ☐ Degree Program: _____
Department: _____
Semester requested to begin: Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Year: _____

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Fill up the following information. Do not submit this form if you do not meet all these criteria.

- ☐ **Absence of 2 Academic Years from TSU:** I was a graduate student seeking (previous degree) _____
_____ graduate degree at the department of _____.
My last semester of enrollment at TSU was: Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Year: _____
My GPA was: _____
- ☐ I have attached a personal statement (a separate page) addressing professional and/or personal growth during the time absent from TSU as well as a plan for academic success into a new or existing graduate program that I requested to re-admit.
- ☐ You may retain up to (9) previous graduate credits for a degree program to your new program of study. List any courses you earned that have a "B" or better grade. These courses will be treated as transfer courses and will be excluded from GPA calculation. [Note that these transferred courses will affect matriculation limits and that these courses cannot be considered for revalidation if they exceed matriculation time limits. Thus, a student may need to retake a course if the degree is not completed within the course's matriculation limits (i.e., 6 years for Master's and Ed.S. degrees; 10 years for doctoral degrees)].
- List all courses (not more than 9 credit hours) and grades received.
1. _____ Grade: _____
2. _____ Grade: _____
3. _____ Grade: _____

MENTORING PLAN (PROSPECTIVE ACADEMIC ADVISOR): Please provide a brief mentoring plan for the above mentioned student under the Academic Fresh Start program.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Student: _____	Date: _____			
Advisor/Coordinator: _____	Date: _____	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Department Chair: _____	Date: _____	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Academic Dean: _____	Date: _____	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Graduate Dean: _____	Date: _____	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	

COMMENTS (if any):

Upload a scanned copy of completed form into TSU's application portal while re-applying for admission and forward the original copy of completed form to the School of Graduate Studies, Suite 400, 330 10th Ave N, Nashville TN 37203