

Potential May 2026 Graduates Eligibility

The Graduate School receives many questions about participating in the May 2026 Commencement Ceremony, we are providing the following information to help clarify the details.

You are eligible to participate in the May 2026 Commencement ceremony if you meet the following criteria:

NON-THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS:

- Approved Program of Study on File with the Graduate School by **February 13, 2026**
- Graduated August 2025, December 2025 **OR** have an approved Spring 2026 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **February 13, 2026**

THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS:

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- Graduated August 2025, December 2025 **OR** have an approved Spring 2026 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **February 13, 2026**
- 'Request to Schedule an Oral Defense' form approved by the Graduate School by **March 27, 2026**
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

DOCTORAL STUDENTS:

- Successfully completed **both** Written and Oral Comprehensive Exams
- Approved Program of Study on File with the Graduate School by **January 23, 2026**
- Graduated August 2025, December 2025 **OR** have an approved Spring 2026 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **January 23, 2026**
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STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS WITH SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Must meet the applicable program deadlines above PLUS:

- Summer enrollment by March 27, 2026
- Dissertation Final Copy (if applicable) Complete by April 24, 2026
- Passed Comprehensive Exam(s) (if applicable) by April 29, 2026
- Any "Incomplete" grades listed on your transcript are resolved with acceptable grades by April 29, 2026
- Must complete their internships within the Summer 2026 term (Students should consult with their Department or the Graduate School regarding their eligibility)

All degree requirements must be met for degree conferral. Attending May 2026 commencement based on the above requirements does not guarantee degree completion.

This [web site](#) will also provide details about the date and time of the ceremony as well as information on how to order your regalia.

Contact the Graduate Enrollment Team with questions at gradforms@etal.uri.edu or by phone at (401) 874-3553