APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION CHECKLIST FOR:
SJD Applicants

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

☐ Application for Admission
The application for admission should be completed in its entirety to the best of your ability.

☐ Statement of Intent
In place of a traditional personal statement, you should provide a statement describing how the SJD degree will advance your career objectives.

☐ Dissertation Proposal
You must submit a dissertation proposal that describes your research goals.

According to the Rules and Regulations of Northwestern Law, your dissertation should involve "original research and must be completed in such a manner, as to both subject matter and literary form, as to be, in the opinion of the Faculty, a significant and scholarly contribution to a legal science."

☐ Curriculum Vitae/Résumé
You are required to submit a one to two-page curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé written in English.

☐ TOEFL/IELTS or LSAT Score Report
You must submit a TOEFL or IELTS score. Alternatively, SJD applicants can submit an LSAT score in lieu of a TOEFL or IELTS.

☐ Letters of Recommendation
Two letters recommendation from a previous or current employer or from a member of your law faculty are required.

☐ Transcripts
Official evaluated transcripts along with their English translation.

☐ Evaluative Interview
Interviews provide the Admissions Committee with additional information about your English language communication skills, maturity, and motivation.

☐ Application Fee
A nonrefundable $100 application fee paid by check made out to “Northwestern University School of Law” is required to submit your application.