PhD in Biological Sciences

Admission Contact Information

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The Division of Biological Sciences actively recruits outstanding graduate students from both national and international pools. Selected candidates are interviewed. The best are admitted to the division for graduate study. Even more important than the quantitative Grade Point Average and GRE scores, we are interested in evidence of critical qualitative characteristics including: undergraduate research experiences and presentation of research results; ability to face and overcome obstacles; exceptional motivation, work ethic, intellectual vitality, initiative, creativity, critical thinking ability and leadership ability.

Eligibility

All entering graduate students should have a broad background in biology and should have completed courses in mathematics through integral calculus, chemistry through organic chemistry and a year of physics. Exceptions may be made for individual students. Outstanding students with undergraduate degrees in areas other than biology (such as biochemistry, chemistry, physics, engineering, mathematics or psychology) are encouraged to apply with the understanding that subject matter in biology will be addressed in the first year of graduate study.

Admission Criteria

• Fall deadline: December 15
• Minimum TOEFL scores:

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• Minimum IELTS score: 7
• Minimum GRE scores:

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Required Application Materials

To the Office of Graduate Studies:
• All required Graduate Admissions documents

To the Biological Sciences Program:
• Division of Biological Sciences application form
• GRE test scores
• Official Transcripts
• 3 Reference letters
• Personal Statement
• Statement of previous research or scholarly experience
• Résumé