

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, PH.D.

Admission Standards

An applicant must have a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university. Undergraduate courses should include two semesters each of biology, physics, inorganic chemistry, and organic chemistry as well as some math (preferably through calculus).

Admission to the Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. program is determined by the Dean of The Graduate School after recommendation by the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Director and the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Advisory Committee. Criteria examined include an appraisal of courses taken, grades achieved, letters of recommendation, research experience, and the student's statement of purpose for graduate study. A MS degree in a biomedical subject or biotechnology, although not required, makes an application more competitive. Applicants may designate a preferred academic specialization, but, because of the interdisciplinary nature of biomedical research, this is not necessary. Highly ranked domestic applicants are invited to interview and visit the university. Selected overseas applicants receive a telephone interview.

A GPA average of 3.00 or better is required in both the major and overall. A minimum TOEFL score of 80 (out of 120) is also required for students whose native language is not English; however, a score of 100 or above is preferred.

Application Information

Inquiries concerning admission and requests for printed program information should be directed to:

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