

OSU Microbiology Graduate Program Application Instructions

The preferred departmental application deadline for students wishing to start their PhD program in Autumn Semester 2020 is **December 1** for domestic and international applicants. The department admissions committee will begin review with regards to applications, on **December 2**.

You should submit your application online via the OSU Admissions web site (<http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/apply/grad.html>). To complete the application process you must:

1. Complete and submit the online application and pay the application fee.
2. Upload an official copy of any and all transcripts to the online application. If you are unable to upload a copy, you should arrange for one original copy of transcripts of all your college-level coursework to be sent to the [OSU Graduate Admissions Office](#). If a transcript is not in English, please provide a certified translation. Please only send one set of transcripts.
3. Upload a statement of your academic interests and goals (1 to 2 pages in length). To be considered for a Graduate School Fellowship, we will also need a copy of your curriculum vitae or resume (limited to 2 pages). Please upload these items electronically to the application. Please **do not** mail copies to the department.
4. Arrange for 3 letters of recommendation to be sent to the microbiology department electronically. You will have the option of sending an email with the electronic recommendation letter link to your recommenders when you fill out your online application form. Please **do not** have your recommenders mail us paper letters.
5. International students must arrange for TOEFL scores to be sent directly from ETS (using the same OSU code as above; the major code may differ from the GRE) to the OSU Admissions Office. Preference will be given to applicants with TOEFL iBT scores of 100 and above. The Spoken English Test will be taken upon arrival in the USA. Please note that we **do not** accept the IELTS. If you did not receive a Bachelor's degree in the US, but have completed a Master's please continue to send your TOEFL score.
6. **OPTIONAL:** Arrange for an original copy of your GRE Test scores to be sent directly from ETS to the OSU Admissions office (OSU ID = 1592; Microbiology ID = 0212).

Please do [contact us](#) if you have any questions or concerns that we can address related to the application process and requirements. As competitive information, we can tell you that the average undergraduate GPA of all the students that were admitted to our graduate program for the 2019-2020 school year was 3.6 (on a 4.0 scale), with an average GRE-Verbal score in the 69th percentile, GRE-Quantitative score in the 80th percentile, GRE-Analytical Writing score of 4.2, and a TOEFL of 105 (for international students only).

For questions regarding the application form, please contact Graduate Admissions (gradadmissions@osu.edu); for more information about the department, visit <http://microbiology.osu.edu>