Admissions Requirement and Deadlines-Thesis Program

The application deadline date for regular admission to the Department is **1 February**, for students to begin the following Fall. Late applications may be considered on a case by case basis. Normally, the Department does not consider applications for the Spring term. However, admission for the Spring term may be possible under certain conditions. Contact the Graduate Coordinator for more details. Applications received after the deadline will be considered for admittance in the department, however, it is unlikely that support (assistantships) will be available.

Each applicant is required to contact a departmental faculty member in the applicant’s field of interest before applying and to name this faculty member in the application letter. The chosen faculty must agree to serve as the applicants mentor if accepted in the program.

Regular Admission Requirements-Thesis program

1) Graduation with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

2) A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (4.0 scale) for all undergraduate work attempted.

3) At least 30 semester hours of undergraduate biology courses.

4) A minimum score of 1,000 on the GRE general exam (verbal + quantitative).

5) Completion of the university and departmental aspects of the graduate application.

Candidates for admission are chosen by the M.S. Biology Admissions Committee and will receive written notice of their decision by early March.