Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

Entering students should have taken courses in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, genetics, and/or microbiology. Admission to the program is based on prior research experience, answers to program specific questions, course records and grades, letters of recommendation, and interviews.

All students are admitted with the intent of obtaining a Ph.D. degree, although a master’s degree is obtained in some cases. The program does not admit for the terminal master's degree.