HOMELAND SECURITY

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

Core Application Packet
• Completed online Graduate School application (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/) and payment of nonrefundable application fee
• Statement of purpose
• Vita or résumé
• Three letters of recommendation
• Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/)

Statement of Purpose and Curriculum Vitae
A statement of professional experience and goals (up to 500 words) and the applicant’s vita or résumé must accompany the application.

Letters of Recommendation
• The individuals writing letters should be familiar with you and comfortable discussing your professional and/or academic strengths and accomplishments.
• The Admissions Committee prefers that all letters be written within the last six months and reference the applicant’s current career goals and/or ability to perform graduate level study.
• A person choosing to submit a letter of reference will do this through the online application system.
• A person choosing to submit a letter of reference may either select our pre-formatted template or upload their own letter.
• The program may waive letters of recommendation upon request from the applicant.

GPA Requirements
The applicant’s grade-point average is interpreted by the Admissions Committee in the context of a completed application.

Other Considerations
Special backgrounds, abilities, and interests related to homeland security are desirable.