NEUROSCIENCE (SCIENCE)

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/).

Students are not accepted directly into the Neuroscience program as Master's degree candidates.

Prospective applicants should have a bachelor's degree in a biological, physical, or behavioral science and are expected to have taken undergraduate courses in biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Applicants are expected to have a 3.0 (B) grade point average or better. Neuroscience courses are desirable but not essential and research experience is an advantage.

A complete application includes:

- completed online Graduate School application (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/) with personal statement of purpose for pursuing the degree;
- official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (https://gradschool.psu.edu/index.cfm/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/)
- three letters of recommendation; and
- TOEFL/IELTS scores (if applicable).

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

The application deadline is December 15 for admission in the following fall.

Qualified applicants generally will be offered a visit the UP campus for an interview. Admission is based on evaluation of the undergraduate transcript, personal statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, and performance at the interview. International students will typically be interviewed virtually.