



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Department of Cell Biology and
Biochemistry Graduate Programs

Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics Graduate Programs Admissions Information

The graduate program in Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics offers a Ph.D and M.S.

Prerequisites for Admission

- A bachelor's degree or the equivalent from an accredited college or university.
- Adequate preparation for the proposed field of graduate study. There is no minimum GPA requirement, although the average undergraduate GPA of admitted students is above 3.5.
- Students must take the Graduate Record Examination (General Test) and have scores forwarded directly to our department for evaluation. There is no minimum GRE score requirement. However, the average cumulative GRE score for admitted students is above 1240. Although there is no minimum verbal GRE score, we have learned that students with scores below 470 frequently struggle with the core curriculum. The average verbal GRE score of admitted students is 520.
- Occasionally the program will accept MCAT scores in lieu of the GRE. This decision is made on a case-by-case basis. There is no minimum MCAT score requirement, although the average score for admitted PhD students is 30.
- International applicants must provide Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam results. While there is no minimum TOEFL requirement, the average TOEFL exam scores of admitted students is 100.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or administrators who are familiar with the scholastic abilities of the applicant.
- A personal interview by the Graduate Committee of the department may be requested.

Admission to the Ph.D. program requires prior course work in mathematics, general physics, organic chemistry, analytical chemistry, and biological science. Students with deficiencies in any of these areas may be conditionally admitted pending successful completion of leveling courses prescribed by the Graduate Program Committee. Courses taken for leveling purposes cannot be utilized to satisfy the course work requirements for graduate degree programs.

All completed applications receive full consideration by the admissions committee, but applications with a combined GRE score below 1000 and/or cumulative GPA below 3.0 are seldom competitive. However the admissions committee does consider other factors such as:

- prior research experience,
- evidence of a candidate's commitment to science (for example, the application Statement of Purpose and research experience statement),
- letters of recommendation,
- personal interviews, if applicable.