

FAQs

How do I know if I am competitive?

Aptitude and evaluations of future success in the PhD program are judged using multiple criteria. A degree in a biological or chemical-related sciences is important as is your previous academic performance. A GPA of at least 3.0 or the equivalent is normally required for acceptance unless there are exceptional circumstances. GRE scores are no longer required but can be submitted. Previous laboratory experience is a very important factor for admission and success in the graduate program. The applicant's personal statement must describe their motivation for admission to the graduate program in Pharmacology and Toxicology.

What is the application deadline?

January 15th for full consideration but applications submitted later may be considered if spots are available.

When will I know if I've been accepted?

Interviews for selected candidates begin in February. Offer letters for successful candidates will be sent by the middle of April.

What is the application fee?

The application fee is currently \$65, although this can be waived for active military personnel/national guard/reserve. This is non-refundable.

How is the position funded?

The first two years of the PhD program are usually funded by a scholarship, with subsequent years in PhD candidates usually funded by individual predoctoral fellowships such as those awarded by NIH, the research mentor, or an NIH training grant housed in the Department. The current stipend starts at \$28,000 and includes payment of tuition and health insurance. The stipend increases to \$30,000 upon reaching PhD candidacy.

How is the program structured?

The first year involves a series of required and elective courses related to Pharmacology and Toxicology, combined with three laboratory rotations. After this, the student picks a laboratory. Courses continue in year 2, during which the student writes and defends their MS thesis and PhD proposal. Subsequent years focus primarily on completing the PhD dissertation research which should be completed within two to four years.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rpJXe8ExVs>

Are there extra requirements for applications from students outside the USA?

All applicants for whom English is a second language need to show evidence of sufficient proficiency in the English language. (TOEFL) scores of 213 or higher on the computer-based test, 550 or higher on the paper-based test, 79 or higher on the web-based test, an overall band score of 6.5 from the academic module exam. OR an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) overall band score of 6.5 from the academic module exam (www.ielts.org).

Applicants from institutions outside the USA must submit their transcript scores to a credential evaluation service, such as WES.

How many international students are accepted?

Recent successful applicants have been from a range of countries, including Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Spain and Greece.

What is the weblink for applications?

<https://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/application-directions/application-directions>

What is the address for Graduate Admissions?

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