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## Frequently Asked Questions

### ADMISSIONS

#### **Q: How do I apply to GPiBS?**

A: You can access the free application on our [GPiBS website](#). Step-by-Step instructions for completing are available [here](#).

#### **Q: How much is the application fee?**

A: There is **NO** application fee associated with the application

#### **Q: Do I need to take a subject GRE test?**

A: No, the GRE is not required, though you may submit your score if you prefer.

#### **Q: What supporting documentation is required with the application?**

A: In addition to the application itself, you will provide official undergraduate transcripts for all colleges or universities you have attended, three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a curriculum vitae (C.V.). You may find descriptions of these documents on our [application page](#).

#### **Q: Is there a preferred format for the personal statement, curriculum vitae, or recommendation letters?**

A: Submitted letters of recommendation should be on letterhead from the recommender's institution/organization. There is no preferred format for the personal statement or curriculum vitae. Descriptions of these documents may be found on our [application page](#).

#### **Q: Where do I send my supporting documentation?**

A: Transcripts are submitted to the Office of Admission and Records at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center using the institutional code **6902**. All other documents are submitted directly to the application itself.

**Q: How can I find out if you have received my supporting documents?**

A: Applicants can monitor the progress of their application using the application portal. The portal will state whether your transcripts and letters of recommendation have been received. Though, you may contact the GPiBS office to ensure that your application is complete.

**Q: Who do I contact if I am having technical difficulties with the online application?**

A: If you experience technical difficulties with the application, you may contact the Office of Admission and Records at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center at [admissions@ouhsc.edu](mailto:admissions@ouhsc.edu).

**Q: What is the institutional and department code for GPiBS?**

A: The institutional code for the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is **6902**, and the departmental information in the application is found under the “Graduate College” under “Graduate Medicine - Graduate Program in Biomedical Science (**1200U**).”

**Q: What are the academic requirements/prerequisites?**

A: Applicants must have a Last 60 credit hours GPA of 3.0 or greater and an undergraduate degree in a relevant major.

**Q: Do I need research experience?**

A: A strong applicant will have multiple research experiences in the biomedical sciences, a strong understanding of the rationale, experimentation, and findings of their research projects. While not all applicants will have a great deal of research experience, they should have an enthusiastic and motivated attitude towards research.

**Q: I am an international student – How do I send you my official international transcripts?**

A: All international transcripts must be submitted to World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for evaluation. These evaluations must be on a course-by-course basis. Descriptions of these services are on our [application page](#).

**Q: As an international student who should I contact if I have questions?**

A: Many of your questions concerning international students can be answered on the [International Student Services](#) site. We also have a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for international students on our webpage. If you do not find the information you need, please do not hesitate to reach out to the GPiBS office.

If you have additional unanswered questions, you may contact the GPiBS office at [GPiBS@ouhsc.edu](mailto:GPiBS@ouhsc.edu).

## **PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

### **Q: What departments/programs are involved with GPIBS?**

A: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Microbiology & Immunology, Neuroscience, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pathology, and Physiology

### **Q: Is there a fellowship or stipend for GPIBS students?**

A: All students in good academic standing receive an annual stipend of \$28,000/year.

### **Q: Do GPIBS students have to be a Teaching Assistant (TA) to receive the stipend?**

A: No, there is no teaching assistantship associated with our program.

### **Q: Are there any other benefits for GPIBS students?**

A: There is a myriad of benefits for our students. In short, the GPIBS program has no application fee, pays each student a \$28,000 yearly stipend (Increases to \$30,000 on July 1, 2022), provides health insurance (\$3,500), pays all tuition and fees (\$9,000), provides access to the student health and wellness clinic, and the student fitness club.

### **Q: What are the courses that you must complete in the first year?**

A: A comprehensive list of all the courses, including the required courses students are expected to take, may be found under the [GPIBS curriculum](#).

### **Q: How many lab rotations are you allowed to take?**

A: During the Fall and Spring semesters, students participate in 6-week long lab rotations with faculty mentors of their choice. Three unique lab rotations are required, though six rotation sessions are available. GPIBS students will spend their mornings in class and their afternoons in the lab, getting hands-on experience.