

## ADMISSIONS

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

A: You can access the free application on our website here ([www.ouhsc.edu/gpibs](http://www.ouhsc.edu/gpibs)). Step-by-step instructions can be found here (<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1056/Steps%20for%20applying.pdf?ver=2018-05-10-153629-597>).

### **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, three letters of recommendation, and upload a personal statement and a curriculum vitae (C.V.). Descriptions of these documents may be found on our application page, here (<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Graduate-Programs/PhD-Programs/Graduate-Program-in-Biomedical-Sciences/Admissions>).

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

A: Letters of recommendation should be submitted 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, here (<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Graduate-Programs/PhD-Programs/Graduate-Program-in-Biomedical-Sciences/Admissions>).

### **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 have 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 University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is **6902** and the departmental information in the application is found under the “Graduate College”, “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 and 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 do have an enthusiastic and motivated attitude towards research.

**Q: I am an international student - can I send you my official international transcripts?**

A: All international transcripts must be submitted to the WES or the ECE. These evaluations must be on a course-by-course basis. Descriptions of these services may be found on our application page, here (<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Graduate-Programs/PhD-Programs/Graduate-Program-in-Biomedical-Sciences/Admissions>).

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

A: Most of your questions concerning international students can be answered if you visit the site for our International Student Services, here: <https://admissions.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/International-Applicants>.

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

**PROGRAMMATIC 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 stipends of \$27,000/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 are a myriad of benefits for our students. In short, the GPiBS program has no application fee, pays each student a \$27,000 yearly stipend, provides health insurance (\$3,500), pays all tuition and fees (\$9,000), provides access to the student health and wellness clinic, and access to the student fitness club.

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

A: A comprehensive list of the courses, with the number of required courses students are expected to take, may be found here: <https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Graduate-Programs/PhD-Programs/Graduate-Program-in-Biomedical-Sciences/Graduate-Program-in-Biomedical-Sciences-Courses>.

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

A: During both semesters, students participate in 6-week long lab rotations with faculty mentors of their choice. Three such 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.