

# BIOINFORMATICS AND GENOMICS

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## 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/>).

- Fully completed, official online Penn State Graduate Application (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>).
- Paid, nonrefundable application fee (see Requirements for Graduate Admission (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/application-fees/>) for current fee).
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>).
- Completed BG-specific questions on the Graduate Application.
- Application for a U.S. visa (international applicants only).
- Names and contact information, including business email addresses, for three references.
- Successful applicants generally will have a minimum 3.5 on a 4.0 scale junior/senior undergraduate grade point average, and will have completed course work in both quantitative and life science subjects.

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.

Applicants to the BG program must have a minimum TOEFL total score of 90 with a 19 on the speaking section for the Internet-based test (iBT). Successful applicants generally have a minimum score of 100 (including 23 on the speaking component) on the Internet-based test.