

HOMELAND SECURITY

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/>).

Core Application Packet

- Completed online Graduate School application (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) and payment of nonrefundable application fee
- Statement of purpose
- Vita or résumé
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>)

Statement of Purpose and Curriculum Vitae

A statement of professional experience and goals (up to 500 words) and the applicant's vita or résumé must accompany the application.

Letters of Recommendation

- The individuals writing letters should be familiar with you and comfortable discussing your professional and/or academic strengths and accomplishments.
- The Admissions Committee prefers that all letters be written within the last six months and reference the applicant's current career goals and/or ability to perform graduate level study.
- A person choosing to submit a letter of reference will do this through the online application system.
- A person choosing to submit a letter of reference may either select our pre-formatted template or upload their own letter.
- The program may waive letters of recommendation upon request from the applicant.

GPA Requirements

The applicant's grade-point average is interpreted by the Admissions Committee in the context of a completed application.

Other Considerations

Special backgrounds, abilities, and interests related to homeland security are desirable.