

Commonly Asked Questions Regarding Admissions

1. How many students are admitted each year?

Admission to the OHSU Program in Molecular and Cellular Biosciences is very competitive. Each year 12-25 of the very best applicants are admitted to the program.

2. Are there minimum GRE or GPA scores?

The GPA and GRE scores are just part of the criteria used by the Admissions Committee in making admissions decisions. A weakness in one area does not automatically disqualify an applicant since strong criteria in other areas of the application may outweigh any low scores. Recently, the GRE revised their scoring scale. At this time we are unable to provide minimum scores we will assess. However, prior to 2011 Applications, we encouraged scores equal to or greater than the following:

Verbal	500
Quantitative	600
Analytical	4.5
GPA	3.0

3. What are the average scores of your current students?

2010 Matriculated data includes:

22 students	Average GPA: 3.6	GRE Quantitative: 731
6 Foreign/International	GRE Verbal: 560	GRE Analytical: 4.2

4. Do you accept international students?

Yes. We encourage international students to apply.

5. If I am an international student who received my undergraduate or advanced degree from a US University, do I need to provide a TOEFL Score?

No. The program will waive TOEFL requirements based on a US degree.

6. What are my chances of being accepted?

Admissions Committees look for the following in applications:

- research experience
- good undergraduate transcripts with cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better,
- effective statements of purpose with specific experience, goals and interests
- compelling letters of recommendation - Choose your letter writers carefully: ask faculty who know you best, and who can comment positively on the quality of your work
- desirable GRE scores
- lab experience

7. May I contact Faculty?

You are free to contact faculty. However, this does not guarantee your admission.