

# GENETICS, PHD

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

| Requirements                       | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Fall Deadline                      | December 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Spring Deadline                    | The program does not admit in the spring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Summer Deadline                    | The program does not admit in the summer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) | Not required but may be considered if available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| English Proficiency Test           | Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ). |
| Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)   | The GRE Biology or related subject test is not required, but applicants may provide scores if available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Letters of Recommendation Required | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Applicants in genetics choose to attend UW-Madison because of their commitment to the discipline of genetics and because of Wisconsin's strength in that area. For admission to graduate study in genetics, the applicant should have earned a grade point average of 3.0 or better and completed a BS or BA degree from an accredited college or university. There are no specific requirements in supporting fields, but applicants are encouraged to acquire adequate background in mathematics, physics, and biology. There is no formal language requirement for the PhD in genetics. Undergraduate research experience is also strongly recommended in order to be competitive.

Admission to the genetics PhD program is highly competitive. A committee of the Laboratory of Genetics reviews applications each fall, invites meritorious applicants for personal interviews each January and February, and accepts approximately 15 percent of the total applications received. An application for admission consists of:

1. resume,
2. personal statement that discusses the reasons for pursuing a genetics PhD,
3. transcript of undergraduate college or university coursework,
4. three or more letters of recommendation,
5. report, if appropriate, of scores received on English proficiency exams, and
6. any other information or documentation that would help the admissions committee evaluate an applicant's potential for success in graduate study.