

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Prospective candidates must submit an application for admission into the graduate program online and must pay the \$30.00 application fee. Applicants must also arrange to have official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended and test scores (GRE, TOEFL if a foreign student, and ibtTOFEL if a foreign student applying for financial support) sent to the Admissions Office. Transcripts in a language other than English must be translated and certified. Florida International University has a rolling admissions policy. When the Admissions Office receives the student's application, application fee, transcripts and GRE, TOEFL, TSE scores, and letters of reference they forward the completed file to the Biological Sciences Department for evaluation. In addition to the information sent to Admissions, the student must have a letter from their faculty sponsor submitted for the application to be considered complete.

*The Department of Biological Sciences has one application deadline per year, and that is for Fall admissions. Applications for assistantships for the Fall term must be completed by January 5th. Decisions on assistantships for the Fall term will normally be made within eight weeks of this deadline.*

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

To be admitted into the Master's degree program in Biology, a student must:

1. Hold a Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from an accredited college or university.
2. Have a 3.0 average or higher during the last two years of the undergraduate program and submission of Graduate Record Exam scores.
3. Two letters of recommendation of the student's academic potential.
- 4. Be accepted by a faculty sponsor.**
5. Receive approval from the Departmental Graduate Committee.
6. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOLOGY

To be admitted into the Ph.D. program in Biology, a student must:

1. Hold a Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from an accredited college or university
2. Have a 3.0 grade point average during the last two years of the undergraduate program or a Master's degree in a relevant discipline;
3. Submission of official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.
- 4. Be sponsored by a Biology faculty member with Dissertation Advisor Status (see list of graduate faculty with DAS).**
5. Arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to the Biology Graduate Program Director evaluating the applicant's potential for graduate work.
6. Receive approval from the Department Graduate Committee.
7. International graduate students applicants whose native language in not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.