

UC Davis Graduate Studies – Admissions

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Overview of the Admissions Process and Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/admissions-process-overview>

A non-refundable application fee (\$135 for domestic applicants, \$155 for international applicants, or possible fee waiver for participants in [approved Graduate Preparatory Programs](#)).

The UC Davis Graduate Group in Integrative Pathobiology (GGIP) is committed to diversity and inclusion in our student body, workforce, faculty and programs. We recognize the financial burden that the graduate application fee may represent for students, particularly those from underrepresented communities, and its consequences to inclusion within our graduate group.

We have created a the GGIP Equity Program, to provide 10 application fee fellowships, on a competitive basis, to applicants who are not part of the [approved Graduate Preparatory Programs](#), and who have the potential for leadership towards achieving the group's goal of improving diversity in biomedical sciences.

Examples of this potential include, but are not limited to:

- overcoming disadvantages (economic, social or educational)
- a record of service to advance underserved populations (including tutoring or mentoring)
- or a research topic that will ultimately assist historically underserved populations

Successful applicants will provide clear examples of how their previous experiences and future graduate studies have contributed to and promoted diversity in biological or biomedical sciences.

Statement of Purpose (250 words or fewer)

Please explain why you are applying for Ph.D. study at UC Davis. Highlight how you came to determine your career goals. Describe why you feel earning a Ph.D. is essential to pursuing your goal. If applicable, how will your research topic ultimately assist historically underserved populations.

Personal History (250 words or fewer)

Please describe how your personal background has informed your decision to pursue a graduate degree and informed your understanding of diversity in the biological or biomedical sciences. Your background may include any educational, familial, cultural, economic, or social experiences, challenges, community service, outreach activities, residency and citizenship, first-generation college status, or opportunities relevant to your academic journey; how your life experiences contribute to the social, intellectual, or cultural diversity within a campus community and your chosen field; and/or how you might serve educationally underrepresented and underserved segments of society with your graduate education.

Guidelines prepared for planning and illustrative purposes only.

[Apply here](#)

GGIP Equity Program eligibility

Application fee fellowships provided through this program are available for Domestic Ph.D. applicants only. We regret that waivers for M.S. applicants will not be provided. Waivers for international applicants are not available.

Domestic Ph.D. applicants selected for participation in the GGIP Equity Program are eligible for a single application fee fellowship (valued at \$135) for **Fall 2024** admission. The School of Veterinary Medicine, Office of Research and Graduate Education fully funds this program. **Fee fellowship applications must be submitted by November 15th, 2023 at 11:59 pm PST application deadline for consideration. Prospective students will be notified as to whether they received the award by November 25, 2023.**

For any questions, please contact GGIP Co-Chair and DEI Committee Member, Dr. Sara Thomasy smthomasy@ucdavis.edu.

Integrative Pathobiology Graduate Group Deadlines:

- General – December 1, 2023 at 11:59 PST
- Space Available – March 1, 2024 at 11:59 PST

We accept applications for the M.S. and Ph.D. programs; you can only apply for one-degree objective (M.S. **OR** Ph.D.). Admitted students will matriculate Fall Quarter 2024. There is no option to start earlier.

GGIP is the core graduate program at UC Davis for students interested in studying disease processes and biomedical research. We are administratively housed in the School of Vet Med Dean's Office.

- 109 faculty (School of Vet Med, School of Med, College of Ag. And Environmental Sciences, College of Engineering, and College of Biological Sciences)
- 61 students (51 Ph.D., 10 M.S.)
 - 17 DVM/MD
 - 5 VSTP (DVM-PhD)
 - 1 PSTP (MD-PhD)

General Admissions Process/Timeline

- December 1, 2023 Admissions Deadline. Applicants that meet this deadline will be considered for internal fellowships.
- December – January (Admissions Committee Reviews Applications Holistically)
- Panel Interviews:
 - January and February
 - GGIP Research Symposium/Recruitment – Friday, February 23rd, 2024 (final interview)
 - Admission decisions will be made by early March. Students who are waitlisted will be contacted as additional spots become available.

All application materials should be received by December 1st. We are unable to recommend applicants for admission or internal fellowships who have incomplete applications.

2023 Admissions statistics:

- Applications received: 60
- Prospective students interviewed: 29
- Prospective students invited to recruitment: 23
- # of students recommended for admission: 20
- 15 students accepted offer (11 Ph.D. and 4 M.S.)
- Target class size 11-15

Admissions Committee Reviews applications holistically and takes into consideration several factors:

- Academic Preparation (grades, TOEFL/IELTS scores)

For Admission Requirements and Eligibility, we ***strongly encourage*** all applicants to review the [Graduate Studies website](#) **before** emailing us with specific questions.

- A minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) from the institution you have earned or will earn your bachelor's degree.
- B.A./B.S. in a biological science, which should include prerequisite coursework in statistics, physics, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and cellular biology. Note: If you are admitted and are deficient in one (or more) of these courses, we will ask that you fulfill the requirement(s) before matriculating and no later than your first quarter at UC Davis.
- [Minimum English Language test scores](#) to be considered:
 - TOEFL iBT (80)
 - IELTS (7.0 on a 9.0 scale)
 - Duolingo (115)

Do I qualify for an English Test Score Waiver? <https://whed.net/home.php> (English MUST be listed as the sole language of instruction if you attended a foreign university).

Students admitted often have higher test scores, and meet the TA/AI Language Proficiency Requirements. 26 on speak subset of TOEFL iBT and a minimum of 8 on the speaking subset of IELTS.

- Program/Applicant Synergy (Interests align with GGIP faculty)
- Scholarly Experience and Potential (Research and research potential)
- Contributions to Community or Society, including Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Distance traveled, contribution to teaching, service, or research. Successful leadership experience, demonstrated community services, perseverance, etc.
- Non-Cognitive Attributes
 - Professional maturity, explanation of long-range goals, and delineates strengths and areas of self-improvement.

Application Materials:

- Complete an online UC Davis application
 - Statement of Purpose
 - Personal History and Diversity Statement
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/statement-purpose-personal-history-and-diversity-statement>

- Academic records for every college-level institution you have attended or are currently attending. (Academic History Section)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Application Fee (\$135 US applicants, \$155 international applicants)
 - Fee waivers available to students who have participated or are affiliated with one or more graduate prep programs. <https://grad.ucdavis.edu/graduate-preparation-programs-eligible-fee-waivers>. There are a limited number of GGIP Equity Program application fee fellowships. See details above.
- Resume or CV

Applicants DO NOT need to reach out to faculty prior to submitting an application. If you are considered for admission we will put you in touch with faculty in your area of research interest. If we do not have any faculty in your area of interest accepting students for fall 2024, we will reach out to you directly to see if you would consider broadening your research scope.

Financial support:

- Ph.D. students are provided a competitive living allowance, full tuition and fees, NRST (if applicable), and health insurance.
- M.S. are self-supporting, meaning no funding is provided.
 - Current tuition/fees can be found: <https://financeandbusiness.ucdavis.edu/student-resources/tuition-fees>
 - \$20,745.50 (tuition/fee/health)
 - \$15,102 (NRST)

Application

- Basic Information
(Name, DOB, contact info, citizenship)
- Biographical Data

(Gender Identity/Sexual Orientation, Race & Ethnicity, Family Background, Military Service, Languages, and California Residency for Tuition Purposes)

- Plans for Graduate Study > Select a Program > Degree Objective (M.S. or Ph.D.)
 - Areas of Research or Professional Interest (1-4) (text box; enter your research interests)
 - Preferred Faculty Mentors (list faculty, up to 6)
 - Text box to tell us if you have corresponded with them/or additional details.
- Academic History
 - ALL transcripts (unofficial)
 - Can list any courses you are currently enrolled in or planning to take in the future
- Statement of Purpose (4000 characters), text box. Copy and paste into box.
- Personal History and Diversity Statement (4000 characters)

- Test Score Requirements
 - English Language Scores (if appropriate)
 - Test score ID information
- Other Information
 - Grad Prep Programs (see if you qualify for a waiver)
- Prior Coursework (can include courses you are currently taking)
 - List all prerequisite coursework found:
<https://integrativepath.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/prospective-students/admissions>
- Supporting Materials
 - CV or resume

Applicant Fellowship Information – Graduate Studies offers [30 prestigious fellowships](#).

- Would you like to be considered – Y/N
- If you have already been awarded other funding for 2024-2025, please list it here. If you are a Ph.D. student, you can list supported by future major professor and rotation funding.
- Recommendations – 3 LORs; we are unable to upload letters sent to us by your recommender. If they are having trouble uploading a letter, please have them review Graduate Studies website section - "[Letter of Recommendation](#)." If they are still having trouble, they should email gradadmit@ucdavis.edu.
- Applicant Fee Agreement – **You must acknowledge that once you have paid and submitted your application, you will not be able to change any data or materials that were uploaded.**