

Admission Requirements

Application Packet

The application packet should include the following information:

- One set of official transcripts for all collegiate course work (required)
- CV or resume (required)
- TOEFL scores (if degree is from a non-English curriculum, see LSU Graduate website for more information)
- Three letters of recommendation (required; official letterhead strongly preferred)
- Statement of Purpose (required)
- Writing sample (for example, scientific or extension publication, class report, research paper) (required)
- A remote interview with a potential Advisor is strongly recommended
- Official verbal and quantitative GRE scores are recommended but not required

Minimum Requirements for Acceptance

The Department requires students to have the following minimum requirements:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale)
- A minimum TOEFL score of 79 (if degree is from a non-English curriculum)

Students with a degrees from a non-English curriculum not meeting the minimum TOEFL score should consider retaking the exam before submitting their application. Exceptional students with GPAs below 3.0 may be considered for a provisional status.

Application process

After the completed application is received and processed by the Graduate School, it is forwarded to the Entomology Department for review by the Admissions Committee. While the Admissions Committee provides recommendations on acceptance, final approval will be determined by the Graduate School. We strongly encourage interested applicants to identify a [potential advisor](#) prior to the application process.

Assistantships and Fellowships

Admission to the LSU Graduate School and Department of Entomology does not constitute an offer of financial support. Incoming graduate students are encouraged to apply for University and Departmental assistantships. LSU offers highly competitive research fellowships and assistantships for outstanding M.S. and Ph.D. students. These are administered through the Department, Graduate School and the College of Agriculture, and most require applications that should be submitted by mid-February for the following Fall semester.

In addition, graduate research and teaching assistantships are awarded by the Department to qualified students on a competitive basis and are half-time (i.e., 20 hours/week) research or

teaching appointments. Students must maintain satisfactory performance to remain on an assistantship. This requires maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), and satisfactory progress on a research project. The expected periods of time for students to complete the M.S. and Ph. D. degrees are 2 ½ and 4-5 years, respectively, and departmental assistantships are generally not extended beyond these time periods. Stipends for graduate students vary depending on the source of funds and possible supplements (i.e., from the Graduate School or grants). Tuition (but not other fees) is waived for students receiving graduate assistantships.