

How to Apply

Applications for graduate study within the LSU's Department of Entomology are submitted through the [LSU graduate school](#). NOTE: Admission to graduate school does not guarantee financial support by the Department. We strongly recommend reaching out to potential faculty advisors prior to submission (e.g., email communications, remote interview), although this is not required. If you have questions regarding the admissions process, you may contact our administrative assistant for academic matters, [Dawn Norman](#). You can also read through our list of frequently asked questions below. The deadlines for admissions can be found below, but students seeking departmental support should apply earlier. These dates may change, and potential students are advised to consult the graduate school website.

Graduate School inquiries:

If you would like to request more information regarding our graduate program, please contact our current department head, [Michael Stout](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Does admission to graduate school guarantee financial support?

No. Offers of financial support (research or teaching assistantships) are separate from the offer of admission. Potential students should communicate with their intended faculty advisor or with the department head to determine whether financial support is available.

What are the degree requirements?

Detailed information regarding degree requirements can be found in our [handbook](#). Requirements differ depending on type of degree (MS or PhD). In general, we require 30 credit hours for a Master's, and 54 credit hours for a PhD.

How long does it take to get a graduate degree?

On average, it takes Master's students about 2 – 2 ½ years to finish, and 4 - 5 years for PhD students. This is all dependent on course load, research, and other responsibilities.

What are the application deadlines?

Applications from domestic students for summer admissions should be completed by May 1, applications for the fall should be completed by June 30th, and applications for the spring should be completed by November 15. Applications from international students have earlier deadlines, April 15 for fall and October 1 for spring. If you would like to be considered for a departmental assistantship, earlier applications are recommended.

Can I apply if I have not identified a potential advisor?

Yes. However, we strongly recommend first reaching out to potential advisors for your graduate degree before applying. Those students not indicating a potential advisor in their application will be reviewed by the admissions committee. Those being accepted into the program will be designated an advisor if funding is available.

What are the requirements for admission?

We adhere to the graduate school requirements (see "Admission Requirements"). This includes a 3.0 GPA and, for international students, an acceptable TOEFL (79) or IELTS scores. Students not meeting these requirements may be considered for provisional acceptance, if approved by the department head.

Where can I find more information on the entomology department's graduate degree programs?

You can learn more about course requirements, areas of study, and other departmental information by reading our [graduate handbook](#).

How can I find out more about funding for my graduate degree?

There are numerous assistantships and fellowship programs available. Find out more about [funding opportunities for students at LSU](#).