

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Graduate Programs – Admissions Information for the PhD in **Biological Chemistry**

Admissions Details

The Biological Chemistry PhD Program typically admits 3-5 students per year from a pool of 40-60 applicants. The total number of students in the program ranges from 15-20 students, with an average time to degree of **6.2** years. Students in this program work at the School of Medicine on the East Baltimore campus.

Application Details

The application portal for this program is open from 09/01/2023 to 12/06/2023. Applicants may log in ahead of time and begin their applications however, applications can only be submitted in the period when the application portal is open.

Admissions Requirements

Application must submit the following:

1. Personal Statement (1 page)
Personal statements should indicate the basis of the applicant's interest in graduate studies, their career objectives and a discussion of any research experience they have had.
2. Curriculum Vitae
Applicant CVs should include, if applicable, contact information, academic history, awards and honors, professional & educational associations, professional research experience and outcomes, qualifications and skills, publications and presentations, licenses and certifications.
3. Three letters of recommendation
Applicants must identify and provide contact information for three people who are familiar with the applicant's work and will submit reference letters on the applicant's behalf. The SOM will contact the references and ask them to submit letters of recommendation directly.
4. University Transcripts
Applicants must provide transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (graduate and undergraduate). For applicants that have not yet completed their current degree, a copy of their current transcript, showing in-progress courses can be provided and should include a list of any current courses, and courses that will be taken before beginning graduate study. For accepted students, official transcripts must be provided to the School of Medicine Registrar. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance.

Additional Information

- Applicants are **not** required to take the GRE for this program.
- Applicants with prior research will provide information detailing these experiences, including the institution and mentor, dates of participation, and any resulting publications.
- Parts of the application collect information for mandatory reporting, which may ask applicants to select a pre-set category for gender, race or ethnicity. Other sections of the application allow applicants to define and identify with other categories, if they choose to do so.

International Students

- The University will sponsor visas for accepted students.
- International students whose native language is not English are required to complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

When taking the exam, applicants should request official scores be reported to Institution Code 5316 (the Department Code is not necessary). To report official IELTS test scores, please include the Test Report Form (TRF) verification number on the application. Scores must be received before the application deadline.

- The TOEFL requirement will be waived if the applicant has completed their degree in a U.S. institution, is currently enrolled and will receive a degree from a university within the U.S. prior to matriculation or will receive a degree from an institution in which the language of instruction is English.
- All transcripts, letters of recommendation, and parts of the Admissions application must be in English. The approved transcript service for use by international students is [WES](#).

Admissions Fees

- An admissions fee of \$115 dollars is required and must be submitted using a credit card. This fee covers up to four applications to graduate programs within the School of Medicine.
- Application Fee waivers may be given to applicants based on family income (U.S. citizens only). The university recognizes that the term *family* has multiple definitions and variations.
- For a complete description of the fee waiver process, please see the [Application Fees and Fee Waiver Instructions](#) on the On-Campus Admission website.

Application Status

Once their application is submitted, applicants may follow its progress on the Application Status page, which can be accessed upon completion of the application and has the most current information.

Admissions Timeline

- Review of applications begin immediately after the application deadline. While the program appreciates early submissions because we review applications as they are received, priority is not given to early submissions not does this impact how the application is reviewed.
- The Director of Admissions will contact applicants selected to interview late December, early January. The interview dates for the 2023-2024 application cycle is scheduled for January 25-26, 2024.
- Letters describing acceptance, wait list status, or rejection will be sent by email, typically in late February-mid March. This information will also be available on the Application Status website. Applicants accepted to the program must choose to accept or reject the offer by April 15, 2024.
- Accepted students will undergo a criminal background check.
- The Biological Chemistry program only accepts students for fall matriculation. Orientation will be held in the third week of August, 2024 and students will begin their training at this time.

Student Financial Aid

Students in the Biological Chemistry graduate program are paid a stipend to support their living expenses, as set by the University. The stipend for the 2023-2024 academic year is \$37,500. Tuition costs for School of Medicine are covered by the school for students in this Program, and thus are not paid by the student. Standard medical benefits for the student are also covered. Benefits for the student's immediate family are available at additional cost to the student. Student stipends are subject to taxes. Students from Maryland with student loans may receive State tax benefits. More information

is available here on our [Financial Aid page](#). The University does not provide housing, though the [housing office](#) is a valuable resource to help students find housing.

Some students in this program are covered by Federal training grants, while others have applied for individual scholarships and received funding. Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to apply for funding before beginning, and during their training. Information about funding opportunities can be found on our Departmental website (link below) under Resources or through the University Graduate Program website found [here](#).

Communicating with the Program

- Questions about the Graduate Program in Biological Chemistry can be address to the program's Administrative Coordinator, Ms. Darlene Sutton by email at dsutton5@jhmi.edu
- For general questions, please contact the School of Medicine Graduate Program Office by email at GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu

Additional Information

- For more information about the Biological Chemistry Graduate Program, the Application process and the Department of Biological Chemistry, please visit our website: <https://biolchem.bs.jhmi.edu/graduate-program/>
- For more information about Admissions, please refer to the Graduate Office website: <https://biolchem.bs.jhmi.edu/application-information/>