

# NEUROSCIENCE, PHD

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

The Graduate School sets minimum requirements for admissions (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>). Academic program admission requirements are often more rigorous than those set by the Graduate School.

Requirements to apply:

- **Course Prerequisites.** It is recommended that applicants have taken college-level courses in mathematics, chemistry, physics, and biology. A competitive applicant usually will have prior research experience.
- **Degree.** A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited US institution or comparable degree from an international institution is required.
- **Transcripts.** Transcripts must be uploaded in the online application from each institution that you have attended (undergraduate and graduate), even if no degree was received. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for the application process but upon recommendation for admission to the program, official transcripts are required.
- **Three Letters of Recommendation.** Letters should be from persons familiar with an applicant's academic and research abilities. *Late letters are not accepted.*
- **Grade Point Average.** A minimum undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 on the equivalent of the last 60 semester

hours (approximately two years of work) or a master's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required.

- **Statement of Purpose.** Please describe your research experience in 2 pages or less. Strong applicants are able to demonstrate an understanding not only of research techniques and methods but also the underlying hypotheses, significance, and larger purpose of the research in which they have been engaged.
- **Personal Statement.** Please describe your future research interests and goals for graduate school and beyond in 2 pages or less. Strong applicants are able to provide a clear motivation for seeking graduate training in neuroscience, and in particular the UW NTP, and how their research interests align with the strengths of this program.
- **GRE.** The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is not required. Students may submit GRE scores as part of their application which will be taken under consideration by the Neuroscience Admissions Committee.
- **English Proficiency.** The TOEFL is required for applicants who have not completed two semesters of colleges instruction in English or whose university's official language of instruction was not English. On the TOEFL registration form, use code number 1846 for "institution." *If TOEFL scores are not received by December 1st, the application will not be reviewed.*
- **Resume or CV.** A resume or CV is required and must be uploaded in the online application.
- **Application Fee.** UW-Madison charges a non-refundable \$75 application fee that must be paid by credit card (MasterCard or Visa) or debit/ATM card in the online application system. In addition to the \$75 application fee, non U.S. citizens will be charged a \$6.00 international document processing fee. Both fees will be processed during the submission process. There are limited application fee grants available. Check out the UW-Madison Graduate School's resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/fee-grant/>).