

# PLANT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PHD

## ADMISSIONS

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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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Fall Deadline                      | December 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Spring Deadline                    | September 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Summer Deadline                    | December 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 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          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A complete application should include the following items:

1. Graduate School application and application fee.
2. Supplementary Application: The supplementary application will appear as a part of the Graduate School's electronic application once the applicant selects Plant Science and Technology PhD.
3. Statement of Purpose: Your essay should be a concise description of your reasons for choosing to study plant science and technology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Please include your research interests and career goals as well as a description of your preparation for graduate study including relevant coursework, related employment, research experience, publications, presentations, awards, and honors.
4. Transcripts: We require all applicants to submit an unofficial transcript in PDF format to their online application. If an applicant is recommended for admission, then they will be required to submit their official transcript to the Graduate School. International academic records must be submitted in the original language and accompanied by an official English translation. Documents must be issued by the institution with an official seal/stamp and an official signature.
5. Three Letters of Recommendation

6. Proof of English Proficiency: Applicants, whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must follow the Graduate School's guidelines for proof of English proficiency.

### BACKGROUND EDUCATION

Preparatory coursework in plant science or a related discipline is required, while maintaining an academic average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

### PREPARATORY COURSEWORK

The minimum requirements are shown below, and any deficiencies will need to be addressed in consultation with the student's graduate committee, the graduate program manager, and the faculty director of graduate studies.

- Biological Sciences – 4 semesters
- Chemistry – 2 semesters
- Statistics – 1 semester
- Math – 1 semester

### FACULTY ADVISORS

The Plant Science and Technology PhD does not support lab rotations. All students are admitted directly into a faculty member's lab. Thus, we strongly encourage applicants to contact faculty members who work in their areas of interest before and during the application and admissions process.