

A. Admission

A.1 Requirements

- Obtained the support of a research supervisor within the Department of Pharmacology
- Met all FGS requirements
 - Including official transcripts in a sealed envelope and English language test scores (TOEFL or IELTS) for non-English speaking international applicants
- Completed the FGS application form
- Paid the FGS application fee
- Provided a research statement (~1 page)
- Provided a personal statement (~1 page)
- Provided two letters of academic reference
 - The proposed supervisor may act as one of two the referees
 - The GSAC may request additional reference letters if deemed necessary
- A cover letter from the proposed supervisor describing their support and funding source for the applicant

A.2 Evaluation Criteria

- An average mark from the past two years of A- (GPA=3.7) is preferable
 - Applicants with lower entry grades may be considered in some circumstances
- Academic background relevant to proposed research
- Research experience and letters of support
- Research environment, infrastructure, and mentorship
- Potential external fundability of the applicant

A.3 Admission Process

- The graduate secretary will verify and collate all components listed in the “Requirements” section and will notify the applicant when necessary paperwork has been received.
- The graduate secretary will distribute the application package to all department faculty including the GSAC.
- All members of the GSAC will review the package and send their evaluations to the graduate coordinator. If necessary, a GSAC meeting may be held to discuss the application.
- All faculty may optionally provide comments or feedback on the applicant to the graduate coordinator.
- A final recommendation from the grad coordinator will then be forwarded to FGS for final decision and reported at the following department meeting.