

Purdue University
Biological Sciences Department
International Student Application Checklist

- Deadline December 7
- Purdue University Graduate School Application for Admission - includes
 - Statement of Purpose – This *required* item is part of the Graduate School Application and must be completed prior to submission of that application.
 - Vita/Resume – is not required but recommended
 - Writing Sample – You may submit a research paper from a class or a pdf of a publication. The faculty would like to view your writing skills.
 - Three letters of recommendation from persons of *professional* rank, preferably professors in charge of your upper division science courses or with whom you have done research. The recommenders listed as part of the Graduate School Application will receive notification and instructions on how and where to submit their recommendation electronically.
- All Applicants: BEGINNING with Fall 2016:
 - You must upload to the online application transcript(s) and/or academic document(s) for every institution of higher education you attended. If a transcript is not in English, you must upload an English translation certified by the college or university which issued it.
 - If personal identifying information such as a student identification number or social security number appear on the document, REMOVE THIS INFORMATION from your electronic version of your document or mark out the information in black ink before scanning your document.
Hint: make a copy of the transcript then mark out in black ink before scanning.
 - Provisional Certificates are not accepted
 - All transcripts and/or academic documents uploaded to the online application system will be considered unofficial.
 - You will need to provide official transcripts and/or academic records at the request of the graduate program or if you are admitted and choose to enroll. An official transcript bears the original signature of the registrar and/or the original seal of the issuing institution. Official documents should be submitted to:
 - Transcripts and/or English translations must be mailed directly from a Registrar's office to the Office of Graduate Admissions. (You can choose to send the transcripts yourself, but the transcripts must be in an envelope sealed by the Registrar).

******Applicants from India – we need the MARK SHEETS for all years in college.******

- **Official** GRE Aptitude Test Scores (Verbal, Quantitative, Analytical Writing) Copies are **NOT** acceptable. Scores must be sent directly to Purdue University from ETS. Minimum score of 3.5 is required for Analytical Writing.
- **Official** TOEFL Scores Copies are **NOT** acceptable. Scores must be sent directly to Purdue University from ETS. Minimum scores of Speaking=22, Writing=18, Listening=16, Reading=19, and Total=80 is required.
No exceptions.

Our Admissions Committee requires this information in order to evaluate your application. The Committee will not consider applications until all of the information is received and the application fee has been paid.

You are reminded that **December 7st** is the deadline for all application materials to be **RECEIVED** in this office for an August/Fall entry.