Purdue University  
Biological Science Department  
International Student Application Checklist

_____ Deadline December 7

_____ Purdue University Graduate School Application for Admission – must be completed on-line. Paper applications are no longer available.

_____ Biological Sciences Supplemental Form – This required form is part of the Graduate School Application and must be completed prior to submission of the application.

_____ Statement of Purpose – This required item is part of the Graduate School Application and must be completed prior to submission of the application.

_____ 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. If you are an international student currently attending another U.S. institution, at least two of the letters must be from faculty at that U.S. institution. One of the letters must be from your current major professor/research director.

_____ One official copy of all college transcripts and diplomas received with original authentication. A certified English translation must accompany transcripts not in the English language.

****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. All documents are to be sent to:

Graduate and Advanced Studies Office  
Purdue University  
Lilly 1-120  
915 West State Street  
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2054

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

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