

Plant Science Ph.D. Oklahoma State University

Admission Requirements

In this multidisciplinary program, there are several components to the application process: submission of paperwork, identification of advisor and funding, and approval by the Graduate College and Plant Science Steering Committee.

Paperwork to be Submitted to the Graduate College:

- All parts of your application required by the Graduate College must be received by the Graduate College before it can be given further consideration. You may contact the Graduate College to check on your application's status at any time.
- An official Graduate College application for admission and the non-refundable application fee. The current fee is indicated in the application materials.
- Original transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework.

Paperwork to be Submitted Directly to Dr. L. Watson the Plant Science Degree Program Coordinator:

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. In addition, to the general test, the Advanced Biology GRE is encouraged. **The GRE Department code** for the Plant Science Degree Program is **0112** and should be used on your GRE application.
- A statement of purpose and goals that should include relevant information about the applicant's background, research interests, and vocational objectives.
- A resume summarizing the applicant's academic and professional accomplishments.
- Three letters of recommendation must be directly uploaded to the application software. You must provide referees' contact information and the system will email them directly.
- An abstract of the Master of Science degree thesis, if applicable.

Additional Paperwork to be Provided by International Students and Sent to the Graduate College:

- A minimum TOEFL score of 570 (Paper-based) or 230 (Computer-based) or 88 (Internet-based)
- A financial affidavit in accordance to OSU requirements

Once the application is complete, it will be forwarded to the Coordinator of the Plant Science Program for review. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all application materials arrive at OSU in a timely manner.

The Plant Science Program Steering Committee meets and evaluates the applicant's credentials when the application materials are complete. Upon making a decision, the Committee forwards their recommendation to the Graduate College. The Graduate College notifies the applicant of these results by letter, a copy of which is sent to the Program Coordinator.

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