

MS in Cellular and Molecular Biomedical Science Program FAQ

1. Q: What is the application deadline for the Cellular and Molecular Biomedical Science M.S. Program?

A: The application deadline for international applicants is January 15. There is a rolling admissions process for domestic students. We suggest April 15th for best consideration.

2. Q: Do you accept applications for Spring admission?

A: No, students are only accepted for Fall semester admission.

3. Q: How do I apply online?

A: You may apply online at <http://www.graduate.umaryland.edu/admissions/instructions.html>

4. Q: I am experiencing problems with the online application. Who should I contact?

A: You may contact the Graduate School directly via email at gradinfo@umaryland.edu or via phone at 410-706-7131.

5. Q: Is there an application fee and how many programs can I apply to with one fee?

A: Yes, there is a \$50.00 (U.S.) application fee paid to the Graduate School. You may apply to one GPILS program per \$50 application fee. You may only apply for 2 programs total.

6. Q: How many students do you accept each year?

A: The M.S. program does not offer a stipend and therefore does not limit the number of students accepted. Offers are based on the number of qualified applications received.

7. Q: What is the average GRE score for students accepted into the Cellular and Molecular Biomedical Science M.S. program?

A: The average GRE score for the 2009 incoming class was 1230 (old GRE format). The average GRE score for the 2012 incoming class was 314 (new GRE format).

8. Q: What if my GRE scores are lower than the average?

A: All aspects of the application will be taken into consideration (i.e. GPA, personal statement, transcript(s) of all college coursework, and letters of recommendation). Prior research experience is encouraged. Applicants must show evidence of coursework in life sciences with a grade of B or above, based on a U.S. standard grading scale.

9. Q: Will the program accept my MCAT scores in lieu of the GRE?

A: Yes. We will accept MCAT scores.

10. Q: Are applicants required to take the GRE Subject Test?

A: No, GRE Subject Test scores are not required, and will neither hinder nor aid in an applicant's chances for admission.

11. Q: Do you offer financial aid?

A: Funding is not provided for students admitted into the M.S. program. Financial Aid may be available through the Student Financial Aid office. Please visit their website <http://www.umaryland.edu/fin/>. Also, after the first semester, some of the M.S. students seek employment opportunities in faculty laboratories on campus, which in some cases may provide tuition assistance. Job search assistance will not be provided.

12. Q: Do you accept international students?

A: Yes, we accept international students. Assistance for international students can be found at <http://www.umaryland.edu/ois/>

13. Q: Is there financial aid available for international students?

A: Funding is not provided for students admitted into the M.S. program and a student must be a citizen or eligible noncitizen to receive federal, state and/or institutional aid at UMB. Please visit the Student Financial Aid website: http://www.umaryland.edu/fin/current_students/international.html for possible sources of assistance.

14. Q: If I am an international student with a B.S. or M.S. degree from a U.S. university do I need to take the TOEFL?

A: The TOEFL requirement is waived for applicants who have received a B.A./B.S or M.S. degree from an American accredited university/college.

15. Q: What is the average TOEFL score for students accepted into the Cellular and Molecular Biomedical M.S. program?

A: The average TOEFL score for the 2012 accepted students was 112.

16. Q: Do you accept the IELTS exam in place of the TOEFL exam for International applicants?

A: Yes, but we will only accept an IELTS score of 7 or higher.

17. Q: What is the institution code for reporting GRE & TOEFL scores?

A: GRE scores: Institution code 5848; program code 0206 TOEFL scores: University code 5944; department code 45

18. Q: Where do I send my letters of recommendation?

A: Please direct your references to use the online recommendation form located here:
http://cf.umaryland.edu/graduate/letter_of_recommendation/.
Be sure to select "Cellular and Molecular Biomedical Science (MASTERS)" as the desired program.

19. Q: Where can I find housing information?

A: Go to the Residence Life website:
<http://www.housing.umaryland.edu/>

20. Q: What accommodation services do you offer students with disabilities?

A: Please contact our Office of Educational Support and Disability Services: <http://umaryland.edu/disabilityservices>.

21. Q: How can I search for potential faculty for laboratory rotations and/or thesis mentoring?

A: You can begin by using this search tool to look for faculty by research topic of interest: <http://www.experts.scival.com/maryland/>.