

Cellular & Molecular Biomedical Science MS Program FAQs for Fall 2019 Application

Q: What is the application fee and how many programs can I apply to with one fee?

A: The application fee is \$75 (U.S.) paid to the Graduate School. You may apply to one GPILS program per \$75 application fee. You may only apply for two (2) programs total.

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.

Q: How many students do you accept each year?

A: The MS 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.

Q: What is the average GRE score for students accepted into the Cellular and Molecular Biomedical Science MS program?

A: The average GRE General Test scores for the 2017 incoming class were:
Verbal Reasoning = 155
Quantitative Reasoning = 159
Analytical Writing = 4.0

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.

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

A: Yes. We will accept MCAT scores.

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.

Q: Do you offer financial aid?

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

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

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

Q: Is there financial aid available for international students?

A: Funding is not provided for students admitted into the MS 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/prospective-students/international-students/> for possible sources of assistance.

Q: If I am an international student with a BS 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 BA/BS degree from an American accredited university/college.

Q: What is the average TOEFL score for students accepted into the Cellular and Molecular Biomedical MS program?

A: The average TOEFL score for the 2017 accepted students was 106.

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.

Q: Where can I find housing information?

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

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>