Biomedical Science Application Information

The University's general graduate admission requirements must be achieved, including:

- A minimum grade point average of **3.0 in the last 60 credits.**
- International Students: must be enrolled in thesis track- must furnish evidence of proficiency in English from: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The minimum university requirement for TOEFL is 500 (Paper-Based Test) and 61 (Internet Based Test). The minimum university requirement for IELTS is a band score of 6.0.

These are minimum requirements that are necessary for consideration for admission to the program. **Higher scores will increase applicant's chances for admission.**

Prerequisites for the master's degree include:

- One year of biology
- One year of chemistry
- One year of organic chemistry
- One semester of physics
- One semester of biochemistry
- At least two upper-division (3000-4000 level) biology classes. For example, *microbiology, genetics, molecular and cell biology, immunology, virology.*

Application to the Graduate College:

- Go to GradCAS application
- Fill out the application online
- $64.00 application fee
- Send official transcripts from schools or universities other than FAU to the Graduate College

Application for Graduate Studies in Biomedical Science:

- Compose a 1-2 page personal statement explaining your career goals, and send it to the address below. Please address the following questions:
  - Why are you considering a graduate degree (thesis or non-thesis)?
  - Identify what you like most about our graduate program.
  - List your academic strengths and areas needing improvement.
  - What are your short- and long-range career objectives?
  - What are your plans to accomplish these objectives?
  - What accomplishment and achievements are you the most proud of?
- Compose a biographical sketch or CV listing any presentations or publications, and email to Program Coordinator bstatler@health.fau.edu (this item is optional and not required).
- Request 3 letters of recommendation. At least two letters from faculty are required with an additional letter from an instructor or physician on letterhead and with an original signature, to be emailed to bstatler@health.fau.edu or uploaded to GradCAS. Letters must *refer to the Biomedical Science Graduate Program*, (e.g., not medical or dental school).
- Thesis applicants must contact potential thesis advisors and request a letter from them stating they will sponsor you in their laboratory.
- **Thesis Applicants and International Students** must have located a thesis advisor willing to offer the student an opportunity to conduct research in their laboratory. For additional information on research conducted in the College of Medicine, please visit https://www.fau.edu/medicine/research/

Fall deadline: April 1st **Spring deadline: October 1st** **Summer deadline: March 1st**