



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND THE
UW IMMUNOLOGY PROGRAM

- 1. What is the deadline date for applications?**
The deadline for Citizens of the United States of America (USA) is December 7, and the deadline for non-US Citizens is November 1.
- 2. What is the earliest date I can begin my online application?**
For Academic Year 2009, the UW Graduate School's online application system should be available in September 2008.
- 3. Is it possible to enroll during Winter, Spring or Summer Quarter instead of Autumn Quarter?**
No. New students matriculate only in September each year -- which is AUTUMN QUARTER. Thereafter, students register for full-time enrollment for all four (4) quarters every year until they complete the program.
- 4. What is the *INSTITUTION CODE* for the University of Washington for ETS to report GRE and/or TOEFL scores, and do I need to use a Department or Program code as well?**
The Institution Code is 4854. There is no need to use a Department or Program code, but if you wish to, the code for Immunology is 0608.
- 5. How many students does the Immunology program enroll each year?**
On average, 7 new students are enrolled each year.
- 6. What is the average undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of students enrolled in the Immunology Ph.D. program?**
Since 1989, at the inception of the Immunology Ph.D. program at the University of Washington, the average undergraduate GPA of enrolled students is 3.65.
- 7. Am I required to have taken the general GRE (and TOEFL for International applicants) before the date of application?**
Yes. All test scores must be reported on your application, and you must request ETS to report the official scores by the application deadline.
- 8. Am I required to take the general GRE even though I may have taken another exam, such as the MCATs?**
Yes. All applicants to the Immunology Ph.D. program are required to take the general GRE.
- 9. Am I required to take any subject GRE exam?**
No, a specific subject test is **not** required.
- 10. What are the average GRE scores for students admitted to the Immunology Ph.D. program at the University of Washington?**
Of course scores will fluctuate, but on average, students enrolled in the University of Washington Immunology Ph.D. program since its' inception have had scores in the following range:
Verbal – 550-800
Quantitative – 670-800
Writing – 4.5-6.0
- 11. When I register to take the GRE – what is the latest date to ensure my scores are reported in time by ETS?**
U.S. applicants should take the general GRE by late summer or early autumn for applications due by no later than December 7th. **October 1st should be the latest date for U.S. applicants to take the GRE.**
International applicants should take the General GRE by early- to mid-summer for applications due by no later than November 1st. **August 1st should be the latest for International applicants to take the GRE.**
- 12. What is the minimum TOEFL score acceptable to the Immunology Ph.D. program?**
TOEFLib (Internet): 100
TOEFL (Computer): 250
TOEFL (Paper): 600



- 13. The date on my TOEFL Score report is older than 2 years ago. Am I required to re-take the TOEFL exam?**
TOEFL Scores older than 2 years are not accepted. TOEFL Score Reports must be dated less than 2 years before the deadline of November 1.
- 14. What items need to be mailed to the Immunology program?**
The *only* item to mail to the Immunology program is your transcript showing the granting of your Bachelor's degree and/or a Master's degree. If you attended other institutions with courses relevant to your degree or graduate school application, please send those transcripts also.
- 15. How is/are the transcript(s) to be sent to the program?**
There are two options for sending transcripts:
a. You may collect the officially sealed transcript(s) and mail to the Immunology program address, **and/or**
b. Have the official transcript(s) mailed directly from the source to the Immunology program address.
- 16. What about Letters of Recommendation?**
Letters of Recommendation are only accepted via the online application system. During the online application process, the applicant designates 3* people to write letters on their behalf. The online system then contacts the letter writers with instructions. The applicant is notified by the system if there is a problem, and also when the letter writer has submitted the letter online. (* Only 3 letters are accepted. Please do not ask for 4 or 5.)
- 17. What is the program's timeline for reviewing applications?**
The application deadline is December 7th. Within two weeks, all completed applications will be evaluated by the Immunology Admissions Committee, which will create a list of top-ranked applicants to be invited for one 3-day Interview/Recruiting session at the University of Washington Seattle campus in mid-February, 2009. We hope to send invitations before the end of December.

Each applicant who is not selected for an interview will receive an e-mail letter, which states that the Immunology Admissions Committee can take no further action on the application. In general, if you have not heard about a possible interview by mid-January, it is unlikely that you will be invited to the Immunology department at the University of Washington for an interview.
- 18. What happens if I apply to more than one program at the University of Washington?**
Each graduate program at the University of Washington is independent. Please be sure to keep in touch with each program separately, and do not assume that one program's application is applicable to any other program. You may be invited to interview with more than one program, or you may be invited by one and declined by others. Interview sessions cannot be combined or shared with other programs.
- 19. I understand that students in the UW Immunology program are financially supported by the department with a competitive living expenses stipend, health care benefits, and paid tuition for the time they remain in good standing in the program. Are international students supported the same as U.S. citizens?**
Yes. The department supports all students enrolled in the Immunology Ph.D. program, regardless of national origin.
However, international applicants should understand that funding sources differ for international and U.S. students, and it may not be possible to support new international students. Therefore, a moratorium may be placed on accepting new international students due to lack of departmental funding.
- 20. I notice that the Department of Immunology offers a Master's degree, but I don't see how to apply for the Master's program.**
Sorry – the Immunology department enrolls students only into the Ph.D. program. Although some students leave the program with a Master's degree, it is a terminal Master's. The Immunology faculty may award a terminal Master's degree to students who choose not to continue in the program for the Ph.D. degree or to students who fail to pass the qualifying examination or fail to complete their dissertation research. All Master's degrees are conferred on a case-by-case basis.