

Admission Requirements

Regular Admission may be granted to applicants with a baccalaureate and a Master's degree, strong background in the food sciences, including completion of a Master of Science degree (or equivalent) thesis option in either food science or related sciences (nutrition, microbiology, chemistry, biology, environmental science, animal and poultry science, plant and soil science, veterinary medicine, etc.). A high GPA (3.5/4.00 or higher) and GRE scores (General Test) may also be considered.

Applicants may be considered for admission into the Ph.D. program with a minimum of 30 credit hours beyond the B.S. degree, or only the B.S. degree, and may be admitted 1) on a provisional basis with final acceptance to the Ph.D. program contingent upon successful completion of a probationary period, usually the second semester after matriculation, and on the recommendation of the student's Graduate Committee; or 2) admitted to Regular Status based on a high GPA (3.5/4.0), strong background in the food sciences and demonstrated in GRE scores (General Test), and strong support of recommenders that the applicant has the ability to complete the doctoral degree.

Provisional Admission may be granted to applicants with the baccalaureate and the Master's degree, or the baccalaureate degree, who need prerequisite coursework or are pending award of the Master's degree (See Graduate School subsection on Provisional Admission status). International students must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and score a minimum of 550. International applicants must also submit documentation that they will be financially able to support their studies.

Additionally, to be admitted to the FDST program, each applicant must submit a brief description of his or her intended dissertation research proposal with the completed application package. If admitted, the student in consultation with his or her academic adviser and Graduate (dissertation advisory) Committee, will decide on the research proposal. The FDST Executive Committee will subsequently review the dissertation proposal to determine the appropriateness of the intended research for the FDST program.