

INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTES

PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW

Application for Admission to the Graduate Program of the
Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program (INP) at the University of Missouri-Columbia

DEGREE PROGRAM

We offer separate graduate programs leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. If you are interested in the Ph.D. degree you should apply to enter that program initially. We do not require completion of a M.A. to enter the Ph.D. program.

AREA(S) OF RESEARCH INTEREST

We have asked you to indicate on the application form those research areas in which you are most interested. You may wish to refer to our faculty research interests as you make your selection(s). These are broad research areas and do not commit you to a specific research specialty, project or professor. You would normally make your final decision on your field of specialization around the middle of your first year of graduate study. The primary review of your application, however, will be by members of the faculty who are in the research area(s) you specify and therefore you should give careful consideration to your selection.

GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION

We require the Aptitude Examination (Verbal, Quantitative, Analytical), and prefer to have scores on the Advanced Exam as well. Please arrange to have the Educational Testing Service mail your test results directly to the INP **at the address listed below**. You may wish to send us a photocopy of your scores as soon as you receive them, since you will receive your scores several weeks before the ETS sends the official results to us. If you have not yet taken the GREs you should register immediately for the next available tests. Whether your GRE scores are available now or not, go ahead and submit the rest of your application materials as soon as possible. **All requested material is due on or before January 15.**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Admission decisions are made separate from and are not affected by any request for financial support. Although students admitted without financial assistance can always be considered at a later time, all requests for financial support for next year should be made at this time.

PERSONAL STATEMENT (CAREER GOALS)

This is an extremely important part of your application and should be very carefully written. Be sure you address all the points requested. Pay special attention to any research experience you may have had. Describe the project including questions studied, techniques used, duration of the project and the extent of your involvement if it was a cooperative effort.

RECOMMENDATIONS

You must select three people to write letters of recommendation for you. Whenever possible select regular faculty members who can assess your creative abilities, research ability and potential for graduate study. It is often useful to provide your referees with a copy of your transcript, GRE scores, and the personal statement you have written. **Have recommendations letters sent to the address listed below on or before January 15th.**

ACADEMIC RECORD

Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work should be **sent directly to the address listed below.**

***Send all requested materials to:* Graduate Admissions, 218 Tucker Hall, Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211 USA.**

16. Previous research experience (if applicable): List on an attached sheet, titles and complete references of any publications arising from your own research. List title of Masters Thesis if applicable. Briefly describe any research experience (other than a Master's Thesis) and provide the name of the sponsoring professor.
17. Career goals: Attach a statement (≤ 1 page) describing your reason for undertaking or continuing graduate study in neuroscience, your reasons for wanting to study at MU, and your longer term professional plans, career goals, and research interests.
18. References: Provide the names, titles and addresses of **three** persons from whom letters of recommendation have been requested. Briefly note your professional relationship (e.g. instructor, advisor, mentor, employer) to each individual. *Special note:* We may wish to contact one of these individuals directly at a later date. Please provide the office phone number of the *one* or *two* individuals whom you feel know you the best and who would be best able to judge your academic aptitude and motivation.

Name, title and relationship	Name, title and relationship	Name, title and relationship
Address	Address	Address
Telephone	Telephone	Telephone
E-mail	E-mail	E-mail

19. If you are an International Student whose native language is not English, you must take the TOEFL test. If you have already taken the test, when did you take it and what was your score? _____. If you haven't yet, when will you take the exam? _____? (Have the official results of the TOEFL sent to the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program.) If you are now residing in the U.S. , what is your official visa status? _____.

Citizenship: _____.

20. Graduate Record Exam (**Please have ETS send official scores to the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program**):

	Test Scores				Date Taken
	Verbal	Quant.	Anal.	Advanced	
Score	
Percentile	
Score	
Percentile	

21. Other graduate programs (department and school) to which you have applied:
22. Ethnic Group: (This information is required by the *Office of Civil Rights*. Your response will in *no way affect* your application.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Black, non-Hispanic
 White, non-Hispanic
 Asian, Pacific Islander
 Hispanic
 Other _____

23. How did you hear about us: Poster Faculty reference Other _____

24. Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please return the completed application and ALL requested material to: the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program, 218 Tucker Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211-7400. If you have any questions please call 800-553-5698.