

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 February 1.**

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, 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

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 Division of Biological Sciences.) If you are now residing in the U.S. , what is your official visa status? _____.

20. Graduate Record Exam (**Please have ETS send official scores to the Division of Biological Sciences**):

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

21. Other graduate programs (department and school) to which have you 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. Date: _____ 24. Signature: _____

Please return the completed application and ALL requested material to: Graduate Admissions, 218 Tucker Hall, Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211. If you have any questions please call (573) 882-1847

**INTERDISCIPLINARY NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM
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COLUMBIA, MISSOURI 65211**

DUE JANUARY 15th

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

To the Applicant:
Should you be admitted to the University of Missouri, you would have the right as a student to review your permanent records on file with the University. Some professors prefer not to complete recommendation forms, however, unless they can be assured of the confidentiality of their comments. It is our opinion that comments provided on a confidential basis are likely to be of more help to us in judging important characteristics such as creativity, originality, independence and research capability. Therefore, the University of Missouri is affording you the opportunity to waive your right of subsequent access to this reference statement. In any event, your application for admission and/or financial support will be given full consideration based on all the information accumulated in your application file, including this form, regardless of your decision on waiving your right of future review.

_____ I do _____ I do not waive my right of subsequent access to this recommendation form.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

LETTER OF REFERENCE

The Graduate Admissions Committee would appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant's promise as a graduate student. Please discuss the candidate's academic and research accomplishments, creativity, intellectual independence, capacity for analytical thinking, drive and motivation. Please cite examples rather than general statements. A careful discrimination between strong and weak characteristics will be more helpful to the candidate than routine praise. It will also be helpful to us to know how long, and in what capacity, you have known the candidate. (Attach a separate page if needed). See over.

Name (print): _____ Date: _____
Position: _____ Address: _____
Institution: _____
Signature: _____

Please return completed form to: Graduate Admissions, 218 Tucker Hall, Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211. If you have questions please call 573-882-1847.

Please rate the applicant in the section below. Indicate your basis for comparison.

Graduating Seniors: _____
 All Students I have Known: _____

First Year Graduate Students: _____
 Other: _____

	Upper 1-2%	Upper 10% but not upper 1-2%	Upper 25% but not upper 10%	Upper 50% but not upper 25%	Lower Half	No basis for Judgment
Native Intellectual Ability						
Breadth of General Knowledge						
Imagination, Originality, Creativity						
Initiative, Resourcefulness						
Industry, Perseverance						
Oral Expression						
Written Expression						
Emotional Maturity						
Promise as a Teacher						
Promise as a Research Scholar						

Recommendation Summary:	Masters Program	Doctoral Program
Strongly recommend		
Recommend		
Recommend with reservations		
Do not recommend		