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.
- Completion of the GRE (with competitive scores) sent to FAU code 5229, “Graduate Institution”.
- **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 physics
- One semester of organic chemistry
- 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 http://wise.fau.edu/graduate/
- Fill out the application online
- $30.00 application fee
- Send GRE scores to the Graduate College
- Send official transcripts from schools or universities other than FAU to the Graduate College

Application for Graduate Studies in Biomedical Science:

- Complete the online application: http://bioserv.biomed.fau.edu/grad_app/
- 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 2 from former instructors, on letterhead and with an original signature, to be emailed to the Program Coordinator bstatler@health.fau.edu. 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 http://med.fau.edu/research/focus.php

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