

## Admissions

The UCSF Immunology Graduate Program offers training toward the PhD degree. It is a component of both the [Biomedical Sciences \(BMS\) Program](#) [1] and the [Program in Biological Sciences \(PIBS\)](#) [2]. Currently, students interested in the Immunology Program are admitted into the [BMS program](#) [3] and elect to follow the Immunology Track at the end of the first year. Students will participate in BMS activities and receive administrative support from the BMS administration through graduation.

**The Fall 2017 applicatoin is now CLOSED! The application for Fall 2018 will open in September.**

### Admissions Requirements

The Immunology program is diverse in its faculty, the nature of their scientific interests and the experimental approaches they apply in their research. In light of this diversity, we expect and encourage applications from students with varied undergraduate training and research experiences. Interest in experimental biology and the themes represented in the program are obvious overarching requirements for admission. Successful applicants are also typically distinguished by their strong academic records (grade point averages of 3.2 or higher) and by prior exposure to scientific research. Such research experience might include undergraduate thesis projects, laboratory internships, technician positions or summer research programs in university or corporate laboratories (e.g., the [UCSF Summer Research Training Program](#) [4]). An account of such exposure is one of the key components of a successful application to the program.

The minimum requirement for application is a baccalaureate degree; a master's degree is not a prerequisite for admission. There are no specific course requirements for admission, but courses in biology, molecular biology, chemistry, physics, biochemistry, computation, or related fields represent typical and highly appropriate preparation.

To apply to the program, complete the online application and arrange for at least three letters of recommendation to be submitted on your behalf. Scores from the GRE general test (and TOEFL for foreign applicants) and an official transcript from all institutes of higher learning attended are also required. The GRE subject test is not required, but is highly encouraged.

Learn more about the admissions process on the [BMS website](#) [5].

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[3] <http://bms.ucsf.edu/new-prospective-students/admissions>

[4] <http://graduate.ucsf.edu/content/summer-research-opportunities>

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