Admissions

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**Deadline Update: Recommendation letters will be accepted until December 10th. Email requests for recommendations were sometimes blocked by firewalls. The issue has been fixed but we have extended the preferred deadline to ensure everyone has the opportunity to complete their application.**

Links to useful information about the application and admission process

While the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology administers its own graduate program, including the admissions process, the processing of applications (prior to their review for admission into this program) is centrally administered by the College of Pharmacy for the sake of efficiency. The College of Pharmacy staff maintain much useful information about the admissions and application process for all the graduate programs in the College on the college web site. That web page also has a link to answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) as well as information provided by the University Graduate School about the graduate program application and admission process.

Please see the list of basic academic requirements for eligibility for admission into the MCMP programs and a partial list of required components for the application, by degree and nationality status. Students that do not meet the basic eligibility requirements should not apply.

Questions? Need more information? Call 765-494-1362

The Application Components

For orderly processing of your application, the following items must be completed and/or submitted to us (see Submission Address, below):

- Electronic Application
  After clicking on this link, create an account to begin applying to MCMP. Be sure to choose Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology as the primary program of interest.
- Statement of purpose
In this 300-500 word essay, you may wish to discuss your (i) your research experience, abilities and accomplishments; (ii) awards, and scholarly publications; (iii) professional goals; and/or (iv) any special circumstances applicable to your background. Also, please be sure to specify the MCMP faculty mentors and laboratories that interest you.

- **Diversity Essay**
  The essay should only be completed by students graduating from a US high school. To be eligible for the Purdue Doctoral Fellowship, a 500 word or fewer diversity essay is required: “Describe your leadership, work experience, service experience, or other significant involvement with racial, ethnic, socio-economic, or educational communities that have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education, and how these experiences would promote a diversity of views, experiences, and ideas in the pursuit of research, scholarship, and creative excellence.”

- **Three (3) letters of recommendation**
- **Official transcripts**
- **GRE General Test results (optional)**
- Demonstrated English proficiency for non-native speakers of English via TOEFL exam or the academic version of the International Language Testing System (IELTS). The English proficiency requirement will be waived for applicants who have been conferred for a baccalaureate, graduate or professional degree within the last 36 months from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction in a country/location where English is the native language. A list of official English-speaking countries can be found at this web address: [https://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/admissions/how-to-apply/apply-toefl.html](https://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/admissions/how-to-apply/apply-toefl.html). If you are admitted under this waiver and are still finishing your degree, you must satisfactorily complete your degree and submit a final official transcript showing that this degree has been awarded BEFORE the Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) can produce your U.S. immigration documents or before you can enroll in courses at Purdue University.
- A transcript from each college or university that has awarded the applicant credit is required. Unofficial transcripts uploaded to your application are acceptable for the review of applications. The original transcripts are ONLY required if you are officially admitted. You will be contacted by the Graduate Administrative Assistant to submit if you are admitted. The Purdue University Graduate School requires original, official transcripts; photocopies, certified copies, and notarized copies are not acceptable. If the transcript does not show that the degree has been awarded, then you must provide official copies of your diploma, both in the original language and an official English translation.

Additional information:

- Official test scores (GRE, TOEFL, and IELTS) must be sent to institution code 1631; no department code is necessary. Photocopied test scores are NOT accepted. (GRE test results are optional)
- While publications are not a requirement for admission to MCMP, if you have publications, be sure to provide a full citation for each one.

All application materials that are not submitted electronically should be sent to the following address:

Graduate Admissions Committee  
Purdue University College of Pharmacy  
Heine Pharmacy Bldg. Room 104  
575 Stadium Mall Drive  
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2091

Alternatively, materials may be submitted by Fax to 765-494-7880.

To check the status of your application:

- Go to [the application website](https://www.mcmp.purdue.edu)
Basic Academic Requirements

Domestic Applicants

- Undergraduate Cumulative Grade Point Average: 3.0 or equivalent required
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE): Optional -- no minimum score set
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Subject Test: Not required, but recommended subject tests are Biology, Biochemistry, and Chemistry

International Applicants

- Undergraduate Cumulative Grade Point Average: 3.0 or equivalent required
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE): Optional -- no minimum score set
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Subject Test: Not required, but recommended subject tests are Biology, Biochemistry, and Chemistry
- English Language Proficiency: you need one of these (see this page for details):
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for Non-Native English Speakers
    - Minimum Score Required: 77 or equivalent on paper-based test; 100 or greater desired
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
    - An overall band score of 6.5 is required for admission. (7 or greater is preferred)
  - Demonstrated English proficiency for non-native speakers of English via TOEFL exam or the academic version of the International Language Testing System (IELTS). The English proficiency requirement will be waived for applicants who have been conferred a baccalaureate, graduate or professional degree within the last 36 months from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction in a country/location where English is the native language. A list of official English-speaking countries can be found at this web address:
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If you are admitted under this waiver and are still finishing your degree, you must satisfactorily complete your degree and submit a final official transcript showing that this degree has been awarded BEFORE the Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) can produce your U.S. immigration documents or before you can enroll in courses at Purdue University.

If you do not meet the basic requirements described above, please do not submit an electronic application until you have [contacted our graduate program staff](mailto:gradprog@pharmacy.purdue.edu).

Submission Address

Items that can be submitted electronically should be sent to [gradprog@pharmacy.purdue.edu](mailto:gradprog@pharmacy.purdue.edu).

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**Important:** When submitting application materials or communicating about your application with the Graduate Programs Coordinator, please indicate that you are applying for admission into the graduate program in MCMP, since that individual processes applications for several programs.

**Application Deadlines**

Applications to MCMP should be submitted through the Graduate School and will be considered by the MCMP Admissions Committee, which consists of representatives from all MCMP Program areas. When applying, please note that entry into MCMP is for the fall semester only.

**Deadline:** Preferred consideration for fellowships and acceptance will be given to applications received by December 1st. The final deadline for all applications and supporting documentation must be received by February 1st but earlier is preferred.

Applications will be reviewed beginning in November. Selected applicants will be invited to visit the Purdue campus (all expenses paid) during the months of January, February, and March.

**Application Review Process**

We would like to review your application within a few days of its submission, however, it must be complete and the application fee must be paid before it can be evaluated. The evaluation of eligible applications is done by at least one member of the departmental graduate admissions committee which consists of several professors in the department. Review of applications to MCMP is done on a "rolling" basis, meaning that they are reviewed and offers made (when appropriate) as the applications are received. Applications that are denied admission are sent written notice of this immediately. Applications that result in an offer of admission require some additional processing, and there can be a slight delay of a few days in getting such formal offer letters sent. Highly meritorious applications may be nominated for one or more University Fellowships. Individuals awarded such fellowships are contacted separately about that matter subsequent to their admission.

**Questions??**

Some links which may help you answer your questions:

- University Graduate School admissions information
- University Graduate School admissions FAQ

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At any time you may contact us e-mail or telephone to check on the status of your application. In the US, call 765-494-1362

Inquiries about the status of completion of your application are best sent to the College of Pharmacy Graduate Programs Coordinator:

  Email: gradprog@pharmacy.purdue.edu  
  Telephone: 765-494-1362  
  Fax: 765-494-7880

Inquiries about the review of your completed application and the admissions process are best sent to the MCMP Graduate Programs Coordinator:

  Email: mcmp_grad_prog@pharmacy.purdue.edu  
  Telephone: 765-494-1403  
  Fax: 765-494-1414