

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
regarding application to the Food Science Graduate Program at Oregon State University:**

What are the minimum acceptable TOEFL scores?

- 213 - computer version
- 550 - paper version
- 80 - IBT version with no less than 18 points in each section (reading, listening, speaking, writing).

What is the minimum GRE score required?

- 1000 - combined verbal and quantitative sections

What is the Institution Code?

- 4586

What is the department Code?

- 0107

May I submit a photocopy of my original transcript with my application?

- Photocopies of original transcripts are acceptable for the review of your application. Official copies will be needed, if you are accepted.

May I apply to the PhD program with only a BS degree?

- DO NOT apply to the PhD program if you have only earned a BS degree. An MS degree is required for applying to the PhD program. There are NO EXCEPTIONS!

Is financial aid available?

- The only financial aid offered for new students is a graduate research assistantship. These positions are offered by a mentoring professor at the time you are recruited.

Can you tell me the number of students who apply and are accepted?

- We do not provide statistics on the number of students who apply and are accepted. The rates are different every year based on the research funding available.

What is the minimum GPA for admission?

- 3.0 GPA

How many graduate students are currently in the FST Graduate Program?

- There are 32 graduate students in our program: 19 MS, 13 PhD

Does the Dept. of Food Science & Technology accept students on a “conditional” basis?

- No, the Department does not accept students on a conditional basis (whose GRE, TOEFL, and GPA scores reflect less than the minimal requirement).

What courses do I need to apply to the FST Graduate Program?

- To apply and be competitive to the OSU Food Science Graduate program, you must have a science background with basis in Chemistry, Biology, Math, Microbiology, Physics.

What are the deadlines for applications?

Outside the U.S.

Fall 2008	April 1
Winter 2009	July 1
Spring 2009	October 1
Summer 2009	January 1

Within the U.S.

Fall 2008	June 1
Winter 2009	September 1
Spring 2009	December 1
Summer 2009	March 1