

Plant Sciences/Horticulture

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
International applications are due May 1 for Fall and October 15 for Spring. Domestic applicants should apply at least one month prior to the start of classes.
- **Credential Offered:**
Ph.D. (Plant Sciences only), M.S.
- **Test Requirement:**
The GRE requirement is waived for the current admissions cycle.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 100

The Department of Plant Sciences graduate programs are open to all qualified graduates of universities and colleges of recognized standing. To be admitted with full status to the program, the applicant must meet Graduate School and Department admission requirements.

Students who do not meet specific requirements for admission but show potential for successful graduate study may be admitted under a conditional status. Evidence must be provided showing that the applicant's potential is not adequately reflected by their record.

Financial Assistance

Graduate research assistantships (half-time) are provided on a competitive basis based on scholarship and potential to undertake advanced study and research. The information provided within the application to Graduate School is used to assign available assistantships to applicants. Currently, the annual stipend is \$17,772 for a M.S. candidate and \$19,032 for a Ph.D. candidate but this may vary based on the research project. Graduate tuition is waived for all students with a graduate research assistantship who meet the hours worked requirement each semester.

A limited number of graduate fellowships are available. The Department of Plant Sciences has numerous annual scholarships of \$500 to \$1000 each for outstanding Plant Sciences graduate students.