

# Biochemistry

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## Department Information

- **Department Chair:**  
Gregory Cook, Ph.D.
- **Graduate Admissions Director:**  
Svetlana Kilina, Ph.D.
- **Department Location:**  
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- **Department Phone:**  
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- **Department Web Site:**  
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- **Application Deadline:**  
April 15 for fall, October 31 for spring. Spring admissions depend on the availability of fellowships and faculty interests. If there are no spring openings, spring applications are automatically considered for the subsequent fall semester.
- **Credential Offered:**  
Ph.D., M.S.
- **Test Requirement:**  
GRE required for applicants who have not earned a degree in the U.S. GRE (general and subject recommended for domestic applicants, but not required)
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
RA - TOEFL 71, IELTS 6, Duolingo 100; TA Grader - TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.5, Duolingo 110; TA Instructor - TOEFL 81, IELTS 7, Duolingo 115

The graduate programs in biochemistry are open to all qualified graduates of universities and colleges of recognized standing. To be admitted with full standing to the program, the applicant must meet the Graduate School's admission requirements, have adequate preparation for the study of chemistry and biochemistry at the graduate level, and show potential to undertake advanced study and research as evidenced by academic performance and experience.

## Financial Assistance

The student must first apply to the Graduate School and be accepted in full or conditional status before he/she is eligible for an assistantship in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Graduate students in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry are supported by either teaching assistantships (TA) or research assistantships (RA). The standard stipend is \$22,000 per year for both Research Assistants (RA) and Teaching Assistants (TA). In addition to the stipend, graduate assistants in good standing receive a graduate tuition waiver. Tuition waivers cover base tuition for NDSU graduate credits. Students are responsible for differential tuition, student fees, and tuition for non-graduate level credits taken or Cooperative Education credits.