

# Biological Sciences

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## Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**  
Applications must be submitted by January 15 for full consideration for GTA or GRA positions.\*
- **Credential Offered:**  
Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL ibt 79; IELTS 6.5; Duolingo 105

The graduate programs in the Department of Biological Sciences 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 all Graduate School admission requirements.

Applications should be submitted directly to the Graduate School. For full consideration for GTA or GRA positions, applications must be submitted by January 15. Applicants will not be considered without a department faculty member who has agreed to serve as the major adviser. Correspondence with one or more departmental faculty members before and during the application process is essential. For email addresses for faculty members and for additional information about our programs, please visit our website at [www.ndsu.edu/biology/](http://www.ndsu.edu/biology/) (<https://www.ndsu.edu/biology/>).

## Financial Assistance

A student must first be accepted by the Graduate College before consideration for financial assistance. Graduate research assistantships (GRA) and graduate teaching assistantships (GTA) are available. Applicants are considered based on scholarship, potential to undertake advanced study and research, as well as financial need.

In addition to the stipend, graduate assistants receive a graduate tuition waiver. Tuition waivers cover base tuition for NDSU graduate credits only. Students are responsible for differential tuition, student fees, and tuition for non-graduate level credits taken or Cooperative Education credits.

In addition to research and teaching assistantships, there are other types of financial support. A limited number of fellowships are available through the Graduate College. Outstanding scholarship and financial need are primary considerations for these fellowships. Scholarships in specific areas are also available through the Department of Biological Sciences. These are generally supplemental and do not include tuition waivers. Students are considered for these awards after enrollment, with primary considerations being scholastic performance and research at NDSU.