

# University of Minnesota

## Plant Biological Sciences Graduate Program Application

Deadline: December 15th

**Personal Information:**

Proposed Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ (semester/year)      Degree Sought:  MS       Ph.D.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family)      First      Middle

Present Mailing Address: (Use until: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address:

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  United States     Permanent Resident     International    List birth country: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for identification purposes): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you discover the Plant Biological Sciences Graduate Program?

Website \_\_\_\_\_     Peterson Guide     Faculty/Advisor     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Education/Honors/Test Scores:**

Name of College and/or Graduate School:	Dates Attended:	Graduation Date:	Degree(s) Granted:	Major(s):	Cumulative GPA **

\*\* Describe grading system if other than A= 4.0, B= 3.0, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

List any honors, awards, or scholastic distinctions you received in college: \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Record Exam (GRE):**

Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ %    Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ %    Analytical \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ %    Subject \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOEFL \_\_\_\_\_    IELTS \_\_\_\_\_    Date Taken \_\_\_\_\_ (foreign students only)

**Personal Statement:**

Your application must include a personal statement, which should be no longer than 2 single-spaced pages. The statement should outline your research interests and career goals, work and research experience, personal background that is pertinent to this application, leadership roles, and qualities that would contribute to diversity of the program. List any research publications on which you are an author at the end of your personal statement. This list is excluded from the 2-page limit.

**Recommendations:**

List the names and affiliations of three persons who are well acquainted with your academic work and professional experience, of whom you are asking to write letters on your behalf.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Experience:**

Start/End Dates	Institution/Other	Advisor/Supervisor (Name and Title)	Activities

### Teaching Experience:

Start/End Dates	Institution/Other	Class Name

### Work Experience:

Start/End Dates	Employer	Position/Title	Job Duties

### Application Checklist:

To receive consideration, complete applications should be submitted by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Applications received after the deadline may not be considered for Graduate School Fellowships, and may not receive a timely review.

**Plant Biological Sciences Graduate Program:** Email the information below to [pbiogp@umn.edu](mailto:pbiogp@umn.edu); or send by fax

612-625-1738; or by US Mail

- Send:
- PBS application
  - personal statement
  - copy of transcript(s)
  - three letters of recommendation
  - copy of GRE scores
  - copy of TOEFL score (if applicable)
  - three recommender letters; can email a signed copy to program

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### Graduate School:

- Graduate School application ([http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective\\_students/apply\\_online.html](http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/apply_online.html))
- application fee (non refundable)
- transcripts and scores (send according to Graduate School online application instructions)

*The University of Minnesota subscribes to the following Council of Graduate School resolution: If a student accepts an offer of financial aid (assistantship, scholarship, fellowship, traineeship) before April 15<sup>th</sup> and subsequently desires to withdraw, the student shall have complete freedom to do so through April 15<sup>h</sup> by submitting the resignation in writing. However, an acceptance given or left in force after April 15<sup>th</sup> commits the student not to accept another offer without first obtaining a written release from the institution to which the original commitment was made.*

*Diversity Statement: The PBS program embraces the University of Minnesota's position that promoting and supporting diversity among the student body is central to the academic mission of the University. We define diversity to encompass many characteristics including economic disadvantage, special talents, evidence of leadership qualities, race or ethnicity, a strong work record, and disability. The PBS program is committed to providing equal access to educational opportunities through recruitment, admission, and support programs that promote diversity, foster successful academic experiences, and cultivate the leaders of the next generation. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions contact Gail Kalli at: (612) 625-4222 or [pbiogp@umn.edu](mailto:pbiogp@umn.edu)

<http://www.cbs.umn.edu/plantbio/gradprog>