

Graduate Admissions Criteria:

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1. Academic Excellence

- The candidate's record of academic study
- The candidate's record of past research
- The impact of the above activities

Evaluation Elements

- Grade Point Average
- Letters of Reference
- Transcripts
- Research Statement
- Publication List/Research Contributions or Curriculum Vitae

2. Research Potential

- Quality of the proposed research, in terms of its feasibility, merit, significance, and potential for the advancement of knowledge
- Evidence for critical thinking, application of knowledge, judgment, originality, initiative, autonomy, and enthusiasm for research
- Interest in and aptitude for discovery

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Additional Considerations

Our admission committee will include equity and inclusion considerations in their review of all submitted applications. In particular, the admission committee will strive to:

- adopt a broad and inclusive view on what constitutes meaningful contributions to research and training (e.g., teamwork, unusual career trajectories, etc...)
- factor in cultural standards and various levels of opportunities offered to candidates in building their academic profiles
- account for biases known to affect academic trajectories and academic profiles

The committee will only use the application material submitted in its evaluation (external information/material will be excluded from review).