

- Field of study:** **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**
- Credentials offered:** Master of Science (M.S.)  
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- Location:** Main campus (Foggy Bottom)
- Admission deadlines:** **Fall** -- January 5  
**Spring** – October 1  
**Summer** – March 1
- Standardized test scores:** GRE general test (institutional code 5246)
- Recommendations required:** One (1) recommendation for M.S.; three (3) recommendations for Ph.D.
- Prior academic records:** Transcripts required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes.
- If academic records are in a language other than English, a certified English language translation must be provided; translations alone will not be accepted.
- Statement of purpose:** In an essay of 250 – 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application. If you are applying for an assistantship or fellowship, you should also describe any teaching experience you have had. It is important that you communicate with a potential research advisor in the Biological Sciences Department prior to submitting your application. Please mention this individual in your statement of purpose.
- International applicants only:** Please review [International Applicant Information](#) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.
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**Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:**

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences – Graduate Admissions Office  
The George Washington University  
801 22<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Phillips Hall 107  
Washington DC 20052

**Contact for questions:**

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8:30 am – 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday