

Biostatistics, PhD

Admission

Applicants to the PhD program in biostatistics must apply through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS). After the SOPHAS application is verified, the applicant pays a supplemental Graduate College admission fee to the University of Iowa Office of Admissions. For detailed application information, visit [Requirements and How to Apply to Biostatistics](#) on the Department of Biostatistics website.

The biostatistics faculty considers several factors when evaluating applications for admission, including grade-point averages, letters of recommendation, intent, and motivation for graduate study, and research interests.

All applicants must hold a bachelor's degree and have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00.

Applicants whose first language is not English must submit official test scores to verify English proficiency. Applicants can verify English proficiency by submitting official test scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). They must score at least 100 (internet-based) on the TOEFL. Applicants with lower scores are not considered for admission. In place of TOEFL scores, the department accepts IELTS scores of 7.0 or higher, with no subscore below 6.0, and the Duolingo English Test (DET) with a score of at least 105. For waiver eligibility of this requirement, visit [English Proficiency Requirements](#) on the Graduate Admissions website.

All biostatistics applicants are required to have strong written and oral communication skills.

Completion of an MS program in statistics or biostatistics generally is required for admission to the PhD program. However, full consideration is given to baccalaureate degree recipients.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the [Manual of Rules and Regulations](#) on the Graduate College website.

PhD application deadlines are posted on the Department of Biostatistics website. Application deadline is Dec. 1. Visit [Requirements and How to Apply to Biostatistics](#) on the department's website.