The Translational Biomedicine Program welcomes applicants who have diverse educational and scientific backgrounds and varied research interests. Applicants must have a strong interest and background in a health science profession and knowledge of basic sciences and medicine.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Translational biomedicine applicants must:
- have a doctoral-level degree in a biomedical discipline (e.g., M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.N.P., Ph.D., Pharm.D., D.V.M., or the equivalent);
- be employed by the University of Iowa as an associate professor, assistant professor, instructor/associate, a fellow physician, or a postdoctoral scholar/fellow;
- be engaged in scientific research with a University of Iowa mentor who has funding from a peer-reviewed source (e.g., National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and so forth);
- hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited American college or university or an equivalent degree from an international institution, as determined by the University of Iowa Office of Admissions; and
- have a g.p.a. of at least 3.00 or the international equivalent, as determined by the University of Iowa Office of Admissions.

Applicants whose first language is not English must score at least 100 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a score of at least 7.0 with no subscore lower than 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or a score of at least 105 on the Duolingo English Test (DET).

Applicants must submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research interest and career goals, and three letters of recommendation. One letter must be from the applicant’s UI research mentor; the program recommends that the second be a letter of support from the applicant’s department chair.

Students and their mentors must guarantee sufficient time for coursework and research. The program does not require a specific percent effort, but successful candidates would likely devote 50-75 percent of their time to a combination of coursework and research.