Biostatistics, Ph.D.

Admission

Applicants to the Ph.D. 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 Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores, grade-point averages, letters of recommendation, intent and motivation for graduate study, and research interests.

All applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree, have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.00, and have taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test. 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.

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

Completion of an M.S. program in statistics or biostatistics generally is required for admission to the Ph.D. program.

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

Ph.D. application deadlines are posted on the Department of Biostatistics website. The priority application deadline is December 1. Visit Requirements and How to Apply to Biostatistics on the department’s website.