

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Should I apply to the M.S. or Ph.D. program?**

*Our program is targeted primarily toward the Ph. D. degree, and we do not generally admit students who are interested in a terminal M.S. degree. Exceptions are made in special circumstances; however, arrangements with a research advisor are generally made in advance of the application.*

### **Can I contact faculty directly by phone or email to learn more about research opportunities in their particular laboratories?**

*Yes, we encourage you to do so.*

### **Question from international applicants - May I send copies of my GRE and TOEFL scores for the application process?**

*Yes, but if you are offered admission you will need to send the originals.*

### **Do I need to send the Financial Guarantee form for the application process (international applicants only)?**

*No, unless you are offered admission and you accept.*

### **Is the GRE subject test required?**

*No, it is not required; however, it is strongly recommended (especially for international applicants).*

### **Is there an application deadline?**

*Yes, the deadline to submit applications is January 15, and we strongly encourage students to submit their materials by this date. However, supplemental materials received after January 15 will still be reviewed.*

### **Do you accept students for admission in the spring semester?**

*Most students are accepted for the fall semester; however, under special circumstances we can consider spring admission.*

### **Can I begin in the summer?**

*Students who will begin in the fall semester can begin research in the preceding summer if a research group sponsors them.*

### **What is the minimum TOEFL score?**

*For international applicants whose first language is **not** English, the minimum internet-based (iBT) TOEFL score for general admission to the Graduate School is 90. The breakdown of the minimum required TOEFL score is as follows: 22 for Speaking, 22 for Writing, 23 for Reading, and 23 for Listening.*

**If I am an international student graduating from a United States institution, am I required to submit a TOEFL score?**

*No.*

**If admitted to the program, can I visit the Chemistry Department?**

*Yes, we offer a visitation event (generally in the middle of March) and cover all reasonable travel expenses. Upon admission to the program, you will receive information about this event. In addition, although less favorable, we can arrange one-day individual visits to the department if you are unable to attend the visitation event.*