



The College at
BROCKPORT
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Admissions Information and Application Instructions

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

The College at Brockport utilizes an online application for graduate admission. Please read the application instructions below and utilize the checklist as a guide for submitting **Part I** and **Part II**.

Degree offered: Master of Science
Specialization/Emphasis: Biological Sciences (Non-thesis Option)
Biological Sciences (Thesis Option)
Professional Science Master's

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 15 for summer or fall admission
November 15 for spring admission

Please note: Applications received after the published deadlines will be reviewed on a space available basis.

PART I

- Complete and submit online at www.brockport.edu/graduate/apps/
This includes: Statement of Objectives.
 Résumé.
- Electronically submit non-refundable application fee.

PART II (Please be sure you have completed Part I, before submitting Part II)

We strongly suggest that you submit all items at once to ensure timely review of your application. Please collect all required documents as requested below and mail to:

The College at Brockport
Office of Graduate Studies
350 New Campus Dr.
Brockport, NY 14420

- One **official** transcript from **each and every** college or university you have ever attended in a **sealed** envelope, even if you did not earn a degree there, regardless of perceived relevance of the course work to your current career goals, or the length of time that has passed since you attended. (Transcripts must also be obtained from each and every college or university ever attended regardless of whether or not credits earned were later transferred elsewhere. Each institution must send the transcript directly **to you**. For your convenience, we have included *Transcript Request Forms* for you to use. Please feel free to duplicate these forms if more are needed. Submit the unopened transcript(s) with Part II of your application materials. (Please note: The College at Brockport graduates are not required to submit transcripts of their work at The College at Brockport. In addition, if you were already admitted to The College at Brockport as a non-degree student, you do not need to resubmit the transcript(s) you already provided as part of that process.)
- Two unopened letters of reference. References must also be returned to you in sealed and signed envelopes. A recommendation will only be accepted if it is in a sealed envelope with the signature of the originator across the seal of the envelope. (Please note: We do not accept placement or credential files.)
- Writing sample of at least three pages illustrating your scientific writing skills.

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test score report required. (*College code 2537*)
- Signature page from Part I.

FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:

- Official or true certified copies of all post-secondary academic records (transcripts, examination scores, mark sheets, etc.) in both English and the original language.
- Official or true certified copies of your diploma, degree, or certification, in both English and the original language.
- International applicants whose native language is not English must submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (*TOEFL; College code 2537*) or the IELTS. A minimum score of 550 on the paper-based version, a minimum score of 213 on the computerized version or a minimum score of 79-80 on the TOEFL iBT version is required. The IELTS minimum score is 6.5.
- An original bank statement in the student's name or that of the student's sponsor showing a current balance of at least the total cost of attendance. If the student has a sponsor, a letter, signed and dated by the sponsor, is required. It must include the amount (in US dollars) that will be put toward the student's educational expenses. Photocopies will not be accepted.

We look forward receiving your application and working with you. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our office by email: gradadmit@brockport.edu or by phone at (585) 395-5465.



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RECOMMENDATION FORM DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

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Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Intended Area of Specialization: _____

Name of Reference (please print) Phone Number Occupation

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Applicant's Signature Date

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Assessment:

1. The Graduate Committee will appreciate your estimate of the applicant on the following: your reaction to personal characteristics, scholastic preparation, aptitude, motivation, initiative, independence, commitment, and comparison with other candidates for graduate study. Your candid comments should include areas of weakness as well (Please attach your statement.)

2. How long have you known the applicant?: _____ In what capacity?: _____

Signature of Recommender Date



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Transcript of _____ Social Security No. _____
your last name, first name, former name

Years attended _____ to _____ Degree received _____
month/year month/year

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Student Signature: _____

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