

FAQ Page for PhD Program

Does MUSC require the GRE?

MUSC College of Graduate Studies does not require the GRE for the PhD program in Biomedical Sciences. There are some exceptions and programs that encourage submission of the GRE or sharing your GRE scores. For example, the Biostatistics and Epidemiology programs strongly encourage submission of the GRE. For the Biomedical Data Science and Informatics program the application is first filled out through Clemson University and the GRE score is required.

Does MUSC have an application fee waiver?

The PhD application is free for US citizens and permanent residents always. If you are an international student you may request a fee waiver by emailing Ms. Shelly Drake (drakm@musc.edu) and providing your CV, copies of your unofficial transcripts, and a statement of why you are applying to MUSC. This request must be made in advance of the regular deadline for applications. Our MS in Biomedical Sciences application fee is only \$25. GPAs of at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale are desirable for all programs.

Do I need to find an advisor before coming to the program?

Our program is interdisciplinary. It is not necessary to have an advisor before you enter the program. First year PhD students do rotations to meet and find advisors. MS in Biomedical Sciences students will also have an opportunity to do short rotations.

What are the application deadlines for the PhD program?

Applications for the PhD program open on September 1, 2021. Regular deadline is December 15, 2021 and extended is February 1, 2022. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply earlier than the posted December 15th deadline for best consideration.