

Frequently Asked Questions

What application materials do students need to submit?

Please refer to [the application process](#).

How many students will be accepted this year?

The number of students that are accepted depends on the number of available teaching and research assistantships available in a given year.

Are students accepted to start in January?

We have accepted between 0–3 students to start their graduate studies in January. However, most new graduate students start in August.

When are decisions made about acceptance into the program?

We generally make our first round of offers for fall admission around mid-to-late February. We then typically make a second round of offers in April if there are still positions available. We continue to make offers at that point until the class is filled.

Decisions for spring admission are usually made in mid-to-late November.

Can I visit the Department?

Domestic students who have submitted all of their application items are certainly welcome to visit the department. We will typically cover travel costs. Please contact Graduate Director to arrange your visit.

What is the deadline for applying to the program?

The fall admission deadline is January 1 for primary consideration. For the spring admission it is September 15.

Can the application fee be waived?

The \$60 application fee can be waived upon request. The contact information is listed in the application portal.

Do you offer assistantships?

All admitted students are guaranteed a stipend and tuition/fee waiver. This includes international students. To be considered, just check the appropriate box in the application. There are a limited number of assistantships available, so admission is competitive.

How much is the stipend for graduate students?

The current regular stipend for teaching and research assistants in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry is \$26,000 per year. Exceptional applicants can be considered for an additional stipend award.

Do graduate students have to pay tuition?

Graduate Students supported by assistantships receive full tuition waivers.

Do graduate students have to purchase health insurance?

Domestic graduate students have the option of electing a Student Health Insurance (SHI) plan. International students are required to carry the SHI plan. Most graduate students who are receiving financial aid may be eligible for a Health Insurance Award (HIA), covering 75 percent of the cost of the SHI plan. Please see [the Health Insurance page from the Graduate Studies](#).

Is the GRE required?

No, we do not require applicants to take the GRE. If students have taken the exam, they are welcome to submit copies of their scores.

What is the GRE Institution Code for Texas Christian University?

The institution code for Texas Christian University is 6820.

What are the minimum TOEFL/IELTS scores?

TOEFL or IELTS is required for all international students. For English proficiency, TCU's minimum TOEFL score is 80 (internet based) or 550 (paper based), or an IELTS score of 6.5. Applicant may request a telephone interview with the department for possible waiver of the TOEFL or IELTS.