Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation
Minimum Requirements for Admission

Fall admission only

Application deadline is February 1

Acceptance into the program acknowledges the applicant’s fit with the program and likelihood of successfully completing the graduate degree in Clinical Investigation. It does not assure funding. **No funding for graduate study is provided to students by the GPCI or ICTR.** GPCI students tend to be full time health professionals who are earning the MS or PhD part time. Applicants without such employment relationship looking for funds to support graduate studies are directed to the Graduate School’s list of steps to follow: [http://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/steps](http://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/steps)

Applicants should complete an online application to the UW-Madison Graduate School and pay the application fee. Instructions are on the Graduate School website. Only online applications are allowed.

The following **10 minimum requirements** must be met:

1. A commitment to completing the degree in person in Madison. The MS and PhD programs are Madison campus-based degree programs. Some courses and lectures are offered online within the program.

2. A mentoring commitment from a faculty advisor and research project that aligns with the applicant’s interests and career goals

3. A background including a health professional degree: MD, DO, DDS, PharmD, DVM, PhD, BSN, BS in an Engineering field or other post-baccalaureate degree in a clinical or biomedical field.

4. An interest in patient-oriented clinical research

5. The online recommendations should come from three people, including the major (main) advisor, who are familiar with the applicant’s background, academic background, personal statement, career goals, and research interests. The recommenders should be capable of evaluating your potential for graduate study and a career in clinical and translational science.

6. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required for every applicant who does not have a graduate or medical professional degree from a U.S. institution. Extended training through a residency, fellowship, or certification does **not** exempt an applicant from providing GRE scores. See the GRE website for more information. Please arrange for GRE scores to be sent to the Graduate School through ETS institution code 1846.

7. Applicants whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must provide the TOEFL English proficiency test score. Previous scores within two years of the anticipated graduate program start date are accepted. Please arrange for TOEFL scores to be sent to the Graduate School through ETS institution code 1846.

8. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). International applicants must have a strong academic performance comparable to a “B” or above average grades. The Admissions Committee will use your institution’s grading scale. Do not convert your grades to a four point scale.
9. A detailed 1- or 2-page Statement/Reasons for Graduate Study, to include a description of the applicant’s

- Patient-oriented research interests
- Faculty mentor and research project
- Career objectives
- Reasons for wanting to enroll in the GPCI program
- Educational goals as a graduate student

10. An up to date NIH biosketch or resumé should be sent to the program office directly: REC-Education@hslc.wisc.edu

In addition, the Graduate School describes the University’s additional minimum admissions and English language requirements at http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/

Occasionally the Admissions Committee for the GPCI will recommend that a PhD applicant begin as an MS student and, after a period of time, submit a proposal to the committee to move to the PhD program.

The Admissions Committee will consider all aspects of each application.

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