

TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM

Graduate Admission Criteria and Application Instructions

Requirements and Admission Criteria

Applicants must have earned a Bachelor's degree and/or a Master's degree by the time they apply for admission to the Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP). Applicants who already possess a Ph.D. degree will generally not be considered for a second Ph.D. degree. Transcripts, GRE score, TOEFL, IELTS or Taiwan's GEPT score, letters of recommendation, the applicant's statement of purpose and professional experiences (if any) are carefully weighed during the evaluation process. The Admissions Committee may also evaluate research papers, publications and other original work.

Applicants who have only completed the B. S. degree are normally admitted into the Master's Program and then advanced to the Ph.D. program upon completion of a Master's degree. Please note that Molecular and Cell Biology, Nano Science and Technology, and Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing programs accept only students with a master degree. However, applicants holding only a B.S. degree, but with substantial research experience and an equivalent M.S. course work may also apply.

Completing the Application

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all application materials are received by TIGP on or prior to the application deadline. All documents should bear the applicant's full name. Once submitted, no materials will be returned to the applicant.

If you have any question about your application, please contact Ms. Nancy Yang at 886-2-2789-8050 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Taiwan time, Monday through Friday), fax to 886-2-2789-8045, or send an e-mail message to tigp@gate.sinica.edu.tw.

Deadline

Applications must reach TIGP by **March 31, 2007** (please refer to individual program brochures for the option of early decision date). Applications received after the deadline will not be processed. TIGP offers admissions for the fall semester only.

Selecting an Academic Option

The term "option" refers to the following eight Ph.D. programs offered by TIGP:

1. Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics
2. Molecular Science and Technology
3. Molecular and Biological Agricultural Sciences
4. Molecular and Cell Biology
5. Bioinformatics
6. Nano Science and Technology
7. Molecular Medicine
8. Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing

Our Partner Institutions

In cooperation with some of the key national research universities, TIGP offers in 2007 the following eight options. Here is a list of our partners together with the departments involved:

Option No.	Options	Our partner institutions	Department(s) involved
1.	Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics	National Taiwan University http://www.ntu.edu.tw	Institute of Biochemical Sciences
		National Tsing Hua University http://www.nthu.edu.tw	1. Department of Life Sciences 2. Department of Chemistry
2.	Molecular Science and Technology	National Tsing Hua University http://www.nthu.edu.tw	Department of Chemistry
		National Central University http://www.ncu.edu.tw/index.php	Department of Physics
3.	Molecular and Biological Agricultural Sciences	National Chung Hsing University http://www.nchu.edu.tw	1. Graduate Institute of Biotechnology 2. Department of Life Sciences
4.	Molecular and Cell Biology	National Defense Medical Center http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw	Graduate Institute of Life Sciences
5.	Bioinformatics	National Yang-Ming University http://www.ym.edu.tw	Institute of Bioinformatics
6.	Nano Science and Technology	National Taiwan University http://www.ntu.edu.tw	1. Department of Chemistry 2. Department of Physics
		National Tsing Hua University http://www.nthu.edu.tw	Department of Engineering and System Science
7.	Molecular Medicine	National Yang-Ming University http://www.ym.edu.tw	Institute of Biochemistry

8.	Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing	National Tsing Hua University http://www.nthu.edu.tw	Institute of Information Systems and Applications
		National Taiwan University http://www.ntu.edu.tw	Graduate Institute of Linguistics

The graduate options also have their own web sites, which can be accessed by going to <http://www.tigp.sinica.edu.tw> and clicking on “Programs Offered in 2007.”

Student Status and Degree Conferral Policy

For administrative reasons, students will officially register at our partner Institutions. Upon completion of the program, each student will receive a diploma of Ph.D. degree from the partner Institution and a certificate jointly signed by the President of Academia Sinica and the President of the partner Institution.

English Proficiency

All courses and seminars are conducted in English. Students from non-English-speaking countries are expected to read, write, comprehend, and speak English in order to be admitted for graduate study. Applicants whose first or native language is not English are required to take a test of English proficiency as part of the application procedure. However, the test of English proficiency is not required for applicants graduated from universities where English is the primary language of instruction, if students can arrange an official certification of enrollment sent by Office of Registrar to TIGP. One of the following language test scores must be provided for application. Applicants should ensure that the test score(s) be sent to the TIGP Admissions Office prior to the application deadline.

TOEFL A minimum score of **550** on the paper-based TOEFL, or a minimum score of **213** on the computer-based TOEFL, or a minimum score of 79-80 on the New Internet based TOEFL (TOEFL-iBT) taken within the past 2 years, is required for admission by all Ph.D. programs (please refer to individual program brochures for details). Under special circumstances, applicants who do not meet this requirement may be admitted conditionally to the graduate degree program upon recommendation by the Admission Committee. Such a deficiency will be noted on the student’s notification of admission letter. Please note that our institution code and name are: 7142 Academia Sinica.

IELTS In general, IELTS test score is accepted by all Ph.D. programs as an indication of English proficiency, except for Molecular Medicine Program. A minimum score of 5.5 overall Band Score for **Academic Test**, taken within the past 2 years, is required for admission by programs that accept IELTS score (please refer to the individual program brochure for the precise admission standard). Please have the original IELTS Test Report Form forwarded directly to: Admissions Office,

Taiwan International Graduate Program, Academia Sinica, 128 Academia Road, Sec. 2, Nankang, Taipei 115, Taiwan. Photocopies will not be accepted.

GEPT Instead of TOEFL, applicants in Taiwan may take the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) administered by the Language Training and Testing Center. Applicants are required to submit their High-intermediate level certificate when applying for admission.

The Graduate Record Examination

Conditional Substitution of GRE

An applicant as a graduate-seeking student must normally submit GRE test scores to be evaluated for admission. However, an applicant who fails to meet this requirement may be evaluated by additionally submitting criteria determined by the committee on graduate studies for the proposed program. Please refer to individual program brochures for details.

Transcripts

Formal transcripts from all enrolled colleges or universities should be sent to the TIGP Admissions Office. Transcripts may be sent directly by the Registrar of each institution or submitted with the application in sealed envelopes.

Please provide an explanation for any non-standard grading system. Transcripts or records of all courses, seminars and examinations, including grades, scores, grading scales, and conferrals of degrees, must be in English. All translations must be complete versions of the original records. Irreplaceable records will be returned only upon request and accompanied by a self-addressed envelope.

Statement of Purpose

Provide on a separate sheet of paper a brief statement of your scientific and professional interests and objectives, as well as your career goals. Include a description of your past accomplishments that are not evident from the examination of other documents submitted. Report your results, if applicable, on any research in progress. List memberships in scientific, professional, or honorary societies. This statement must be written in English by the applicant. It must not be written in another language and translated for the applicant by another person.

Letters of Recommendation

The enclosed assessment forms should be given to three of your instructors or individuals

familiar with your academic or professional work. They should be completely filled out, one set for each program applied, and returned to the TIGP Admissions Office in a sealed envelope prior to the application deadline.

Additional Information

In assessing your academic background, the Admissions Committee will find it useful to have additional information about your professional experience, publications and other original work. On a separate sheet of paper, briefly describe the professional experiences most relevant to your field of study. Also, please submit copies of any paper, publications, or other materials that may serve to support your application. Make sure that your name and the program to which you are applying are listed on any such documents. As noted previously, we cannot return these documents to you.

Mailing Application Materials

When submitting your application, please arrange materials in the order listed below and secure with a paper clip. For ease of processing, do not staple, bind, or laminate application materials. All materials and attachments should be on sheets of A4 size paper.

Required Application Materials

- Application Form
- Academic Records (Transcripts) and Degree Certificates (Diplomas)
- Statement of Purpose and Research Plan (one for each program applied)
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- English Proficiency Certificates (TOEFL, IELTS, GEPT, etc.)
- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (if required by the program applied)
- Additional Information (research and/or working experiences, published papers, etc.)

All materials should be mailed to:

Admissions Office
Taiwan International Graduate Program
Academia Sinica
128 Academia Road, Sec. 2, Nankang, Taipei 115,
Taiwan