

PhD Program Application Requirements

1. Application Requirements for All PhD Program

Studying at a University of Gondar will be one of the most exciting times of PhD student life. Studying for a PhD is a big decision. This application guide is designed to clarify PhD applicant's options and the application process. **It is extremely important for PhD candidate to demonstrate in his/her statement of purpose that his/her interests converge closely with the current research to which you are applying.**

1.1 Statement of Purpose

The statement should be typed, single-spaced and should be between one to two pages. Describe succinctly your reasons for applying to the proposed program, your preparation for this field of study and why our program is a good fit for applicants, applicant's future career plans, and other aspects of applicant's background as well as interests which may aid the admissions committee in evaluating your motivation for graduate study. Applicants may indicate potential IPH supervisors as part of his/her study and research interests. Be sure to keep a copy for your records.

1.2 Letters of Recommendation

Applicants are required to acquire three letters of recommendation. In the online application, applicants will be asked to identify your recommenders and their email addresses. Please notify your recommenders that they will receive an email prompt to submit their recommendation online. Recommendations should be written by people who have supervised you in an academic, employment, or community service setting. At least one should be from a university professor familiar with your academic work. Your recommendations should directly address your suitability for admission to PhD school at Institute of Public Health.

1.3 Master Degree

Applicants are required to have successfully completed postgraduate degree from a recognized university. Applicants are expected to have a first class or distinction master level degree, or equivalent, in a relevant scientific discipline. Candidates who have only a Bachelor's degree will not normally be considered. Applicants should have completed a Master's degree or have an equivalent educational background and your average grade should be no less than B (B on the master thesis). International students must document their English language skills. In addition, a project description that only covers the applicant's specific PhD project must be enclosed with the application.

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1.4 Curriculum Vitae

The curriculum vitae (CV) should summarize applicant's educational qualifications, and indicate any relevant research experience, or work experience. The CV should also indicate any publications with web links from where they can be accessed. Applicants will be required to submit with their application full degree transcripts showing results for individual subjects for both their Bachelors and Masters (or equivalent) degrees. Your application should also be accompanied by at least two reference letters commenting on the applicant's suitability to undertake research.

1.5 Potential Supervisor

Every applicant must have at least two supervisors in order to be admitted to the PhD programme. All supervisors must have a doctoral degree or equivalent academic competence. IPH PhD School strongly advises students to contact a potential supervisor before making a formal application. Applicants may wish to provide the supervisor with a copy of his/her Curriculum Vitae and indicate the proposed topic of study or which project applicants are interested in. The application will be considered only after PhD students have formally applied and the application has been received by the PhD School.

1.6 Research Concept Note

The PhD candidate application should be accompanied by a 3-5 page research statement. This should incorporate a brief description of the general research areas and topics that interest the PhD student, as this may be used to select suitable academics to whom the PhD candidate application will be circulated. The research statement should also discuss:

1. Motivation for the research (i.e. why the topic is important and potential applications for which your research could be useful),
2. Research issues the PhD candidate intends to address during his/her PhD and
3. PhD candidate initial ideas on the research methodology he/she intends to pursue to address the research issues.

The research statement should refer to existing scientific literature where appropriate and should be his/her own original work. The research statement does not constitute a commitment to carry out the exact research work that he/she has described, as this may change after acceptance and discussions with his/her supervisor.

1.7 Publications

The PhD candidate must have an experience of published works in reputable journals and should attach the evidence of published articles, books, book chapters, or modules.