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Dear International Applicants to the Graduate Program in Biology:

The UCSD Division of Biological Sciences is very pleased that you are considering our graduate program. The Division, in association with the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, offers a program of graduate studies leading to the Ph.D. degree in Biology. Please note that we do not offer a master's degree program. Faculty research interests include:

Biochemistry and Biophysics	Genetics and Molecular Biology
Bioinformatics	Immunology, Virology, and Cancer Biology
Cell and Developmental Biology	Neurobiology
Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution	Plant Molecular Biology
Signal Transduction	Plant Systems Biology

**Enclosed is the pre-application for the Graduate Program in Biology. International applicants (not including U.S. Permanent Residents) are required to submit this pre-application. Please complete all three pages of this form and return it to the address, email, or fax number listed above. Supporting documents are **NOT** needed at this time.** The pre-application is designed to provide you with a format by which you can communicate your abilities and interests to the Admissions Committee. The Committee will determine whether your candidacy is competitive for admission to our graduate program, and you will be notified of their decision a few weeks after receipt and processing. If your pre-application is judged to be competitive, we will send you an invitation to complete the online application. *It is very important that you provide accurate and complete contact information, especially your e-mail address,* as much of our communication with you will take place via this medium. The deadline for the complete application and all supporting documents is December 14, 2007. Required supporting documents include an official GRE score report, three letters of reference, a statement of purpose, and official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. International applicants whose native language is not English, or who have never studied in the United States or another English speaking nation, must also provide an official TOEFL or IELTS score report.

Applicants are rated according to their academic performance. Two important factors in the evaluation of academic achievement are the nature of the applicant's undergraduate program and undergraduate research performance. It is also important to achieve high scores on the Graduate Record Exam. For Fall 2008 admission, the GRE must be taken by November 2007. The general GRE test is *required*; the subject test is *recommended*. To report your GRE test scores to us, please use institution code 4836 and department code 0203. TOEFL test scores can be sent using institution code 4836 and department code 35.

Many applicants to the Biology program may also be interested in other graduate programs on the UCSD campus. Information about these graduate programs may be found at the following web site: <http://ogs.ucsd.edu/admissions/programs/index.asp>

If you have further questions, please contact the Graduate Admissions Coordinator, at (858) 534-3835 during business hours. He will be glad to assist you in the admissions process.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tomp  
Director of Student Services  
Division of Biological Sciences

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## PRE-APPLICATION FOR PH.D. PROGRAM IN BIOLOGY INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ONLY

(not including U.S. Permanent Residents)

### FALL 2008

- PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY
- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME
- REFER TO THE COVER LETTER FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION

#### 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

MALE

U.S. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

FEMALE

Birthdate (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
LAST or FAMILY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST or INDIVIDUAL NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
MIDDLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE COUNTRY POSTAL CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
AREA CODE / PHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS (VERY IMPORTANT!!!)

#### 2. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR FIRST (1) AND SECOND (2) AREAS OF INTEREST:

\_\_\_ Molecular Biology

\_\_\_ Cancer Biology

\_\_\_ Plant Systems Biology

\_\_\_ Genetics

\_\_\_ Immunology

\_\_\_ Ecology, Behavior &

\_\_\_ Biochemistry

\_\_\_ Virology

Evolution

\_\_\_ Biophysics

\_\_\_ Conservation

\_\_\_ Microbiology

\_\_\_ Cell Biology

\_\_\_ Bioinformatics

\_\_\_ Signal Transduction

\_\_\_ Developmental Biology

\_\_\_ Plant Molecular Biology

\_\_\_ UNDECIDED

\_\_\_ Neurobiology

#### 3. PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF 1-3 FACULTY MEMBERS WHOSE RESEARCH INTERESTS YOU.

See <http://www.biology.ucsd.edu/bioresearch/index.html> for faculty research interests.

**4. UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE SCHOOLS ATTENDED:**

Name of School	City, State	Major	Dates Attended	Degree	Cumulative GPA	Science & Math GPA

**5. GRE SCORES** (do not submit pre-application without GRE scores)

If you have taken the exam more than once, please indicate your best score in each section.

	Raw Score	Percentile	Date(s) Taken
<b>Verbal (Required)</b>			
<b>Quantitative (Required)</b>			
<b>Analytical (Required)</b>			
<b>Subject (Recommended)</b> _____			

**6. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if you are a U.S. Permanent Resident you do not need to submit the pre-application)**7. NATIVE LANGUAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_**8. TOEFL/IELTS SCORES:**

Date of TOEFL: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of IELTS: \_\_\_\_\_

 Paper-based exam Computer-based exam Internet-based exam

IELTS Score: \_\_\_\_\_

TOEFL Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Please tell us how you heard about our Graduate Program in the Biological Sciences:** UCSD, Biology Division Web page Program listing in the Peterson's Guide Program listing in Gradschools.com Faculty Recommendation Personal Referral. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact in other UCSD office Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

