

These application procedures are specific to the Plant Pathology MS (PLNTPH-MS) and PhD (PLNTPH-PH) Graduate Program. Other programs may have different application requirements and deadlines.

Applying to Ohio State and the Plant Pathology Graduate Program (MS, PhD)

Application - Apply online at gradapply.osu.edu

There is a non-refundable application fee (\$60 US applicants; \$70 USD international applicants).

Select the link for **All Other Graduate Programs**. When submitting your online application, you can upload your statement of intent and curriculum vitae/resume as a Word or pdf file (see more information on statement of intent and curriculum vitae/resume below). If you upload your statement of intent and curriculum vitae/resume with your online application, you do not need to mail or send another copy to the Department of Plant Pathology.

For the Plant Pathology Graduate Program, indicate *Columbus campus* on the application (even if interested in faculty programs located in Wooster).

Transcripts

Transcripts or record of marks must be provided for each university-level school attended. This includes transcripts for transfer and/or summer courses taken at other universities, even if the transfer credits/grades are posted on transcripts of institutions from which you have earned a degree. Include English translations of any foreign documents. The files should be actual transcripts, not advising reports or web printouts. If you have coursework or degree(s) from Ohio State, you do not need to submit Ohio State transcripts.> [FAQs about transcripts](#)

Applicants should upload electronic copies of transcripts in the online application process. Applicants can upload one transcript per institution attended.

► Please note that official, paper copies will be required if admitted. Admission will be provisional until official transcripts are received and compared to the electronic transcripts for verification.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test

Official scores for the GRE General Test should be sent to Ohio State (institutional code 1592). Plant Pathology does not have a department code and does not require a subject test. (As a guideline, the Plant Pathology Graduate Program desires Quantitative and Verbal scores in the 60-61st percentile, and a score of 4.0 or greater on the Analytical Writing portion. However, this is a guideline and not an absolute minimum score requirement for admission)

English Proficiency

Applicants whose native language is not English must submit a recent, official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score, Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) or IELTS score. View specific requirements: gradadmissions.osu.edu/TOEFL_requirement.html

TOEFL scores should be sent to Ohio State (institutional code 1592).

Statement of Intent

1-2 page statement describing your academic goals, professional interests, as well as relevant work, research and academic experience. It may be helpful to include autobiographical or other information as it relates to your motivations and interests in pursuing graduate study in plant pathology at Ohio State.

The statement of intent and curriculum vitae/resume can be uploaded with your online application as a Word or pdf file (gradapply.osu.edu). (2-page maximum limit for each document for fellowship funding consideration)

Ohio State's Graduate School offers *Graduate Enrichment Fellowships* to recruit individuals who will bring diversity to the Graduate School. The Graduate School considers diversity to be a broadly defined concept. Examples of features of an applicant's file that contribute to student diversity include, but are not limited to, ethnic background, social or economic disadvantage, nominee status as a McNair Scholar, disability, or other characteristics or attributes. Information on your background may be included in the Statement of Intent. Applicants do not apply to the Graduate Enrichment Fellowship; applicants are nominated by the Graduate Program ([Graduate School Fellowships, First Year Award](#)).

Three Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation from professional references familiar with your qualifications and potential for graduate study. The Plant Pathology Graduate Program accepts online submission of letters OR paper letters/reference forms by mail:

a. Online submission

Applicants can submit the names of e-mail addresses of 3 references in the online application. The references will receive e-mail instructions for completing the online recommendation process. Letters of recommendation on letterhead can be uploaded as pdf or Word file in the online process.

For more information on submitting references' names/e-mail addresses for online submission, or re-sending requests and reminders, visit [Graduate Admissions Frequently Asked Questions](#)

OR

b. Paper copies

If the recommender would rather submit a letter by mail, paper copies written on recommenders' original letterhead stationery may be mailed to the Plant Pathology Graduate Program. Paper copies must be accompanied by a completed Ohio State Reference Form: admissions.osu.edu/apps/pdfs/refer.pdf

For the paper forms, applicants should fill out page 1 of the reference form, and request that the recommender complete page 2. The recommender should mail the reference form with the letter to:

Plant Pathology Graduate Program
The Ohio State University
201 Kottman Hall, 2021 Coffey Rd
Columbus OH 43210 USA

Curriculum Vita or Resume

A 1-2 page document detailing your previous work and educational experience, academic and professional activities and honors, publications and other relevant information. This can be uploaded with your online application.

No additional items are required for the Plant Pathology Graduate Program.