

## Applying to the Food Safety MS Program

Admission to the program is governed by the rules of the Graduate School and further information can be found on the [Graduate School website](#) and the [Graduate Catalog of Studies](#).

The deadline to apply for admission is June 1 for fall enrollment and November 1 for spring enrollment. Applications will not be reviewed until after the deadline.

### Prerequisites

Admission into the program requires a strong background in science (biology, chemistry, and biochemistry) and purposeful intention in line with the program's objectives.

### Application Process

1. [Apply online](#) for Graduate School Admission.
2. Pay the \$60.00 non-refundable application fee.
3. Submit official transcripts with degree confirmation.
4. Submit resume through application portal.
5. Submit a statement of purpose through application portal.

### Transcripts

For evaluation purposes, applicants may submit an unofficial copy of transcript(s). Upon admission, students will be required to submit official transcripts with degree confirmation before eligible to enrollment. Official transcripts must be emailed to [gradapp@uark.edu](mailto:gradapp@uark.edu) or mailed to:

Graduate and International Admissions  
340 N. Campus Drive  
Gearhart Hall 213  
1 University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

### Resume and Statement of Purpose

1. Submit a current resume.
2. The statement of purpose should explain your interest in a graduate degree in food safety, why you think you would be successful in the program and how you plan to use this degree in the future.

### Other information

1. This program does NOT require a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score.
2. Letters of recommendation are not required to apply for admission. However, if you would like to submit them, they will be included when your application is reviewed. In some cases, letters of recommendation may be requested by the admissions committee to assist in admission decision.
3. This program does not currently accept international students residing outside of the United States.

## **Application Review**

Once the application is complete, it will be reviewed by the Graduate School. Admittance to the Graduate School must meet the requirements stated in the [Graduate Catalog](#) including an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on the last 60 hours of course work taken prior to the receipt of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

Upon approval by the Graduate School, the application will be forwarded to the program for review. Applications will not be reviewed by the program until after the deadline. The statement of purpose, resume and academic history will be reviewed to determine if the student is a qualified fit for the program.

If a student does not meet the minimum requirements set forth by the Graduate School, a consideration for admission can be determined by individual petition to the Graduate Dean and, where pertinent, a recommendation from the appropriate program chair. Students admitted conditionally through petition must achieve a GPA of at least 3.0 for the first 12 hours of graduate coursework to achieve regular student status.