

Background and Interest Form

To facilitate rapid consideration of your application for Graduate Study in Microbiology at the University of Georgia, please complete this form and send unofficial copies of your transcripts and your GRE, TOEFL, and TSE scores to:

Graduate Coordinator

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Athens, GA 30602-2605

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Undergraduate Institution:

GPA (undergraduate):

If applicable:

Graduate Institution:

Graduate Degree:

Graduate GPA:

Other University GPA(s):

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TSE:

1. Degree Objective: PhD MS Non-degree

2. Immediately after entering our program students do research rotations lasting 5-9 weeks with 2-4 different faculty members before choosing one as a major professor/mentor. Please go to the list of microbiology faculty (including those with courtesy appointments). Use their research interests, lab descriptions and publications (links from the faculty home pages) to assess your preferences carefully.

Please provide a prioritized list of 4 faculty members with whom you might like to do research rotations. Your responses are not binding, and if you attend our program you will later be able to change these selections.

Faculty Member 1:

Faculty Member 2:

Faculty Member 3:

Faculty Member 4:

3. Please select each educational/research area that strongly interests you. You may check as many or as few as you like:

Ecology

Evolution

Biotechnology

Infectious disease

Physiology

Prokaryotic Development

Genomics/bioinformatics

Gene Regulation

Host-microbe interactions

Cell/molecular biology

Genetics

Structural biology

Other

(If you chose Other, please describe below)

4. For the next section, please provide carefully considered responses to the two topics (several paragraphs in length each). You should use an external word processor to prepare well-written but brief answers and paste them into the text boxes provided.

Topic 1: Please describe your prior biological research or work experience. If you are currently completing a graduate degree, also give your thesis title, major professor, and institution. List any publications, publications, or awards/honors.

Topic 2: Please describe your rationale for attending a graduate Microbiology program. We would like to know more about you. Your essay should reflect your motivation. You may address some of the following questions, but you are not restricted in any way concerning your response. **What initially sparked your interest in Microbiology? Why do you want to attend graduate school? What are your interests and hobbies?**

