

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN ZOOLOGY
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**
(please print or type)

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address at which you can be reached until May:

Email Address: _____@_____

Phone: (_____) _____-_____ **Date Of Birth:** ____/____/____
month day year

Educational Background:

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GRE Raw Scores:

Verbal	Quantitative	Analytical	Subject	Date taken
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GRE Percentile Ranks:

Verbal	Quantitative	Analytical	Subject	Date taken
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If Subject test score is reported above, please indicate subject test discipline: _____

Academic honors, prizes, election to honorary societies, etc: _____

Publications: (attach reprints or preprints, if available) _____

In what area(s) of Zoology are you interested in pursuing graduate work?

(Circle all that apply)

Behavior	Genetics	Cell, Molecular & Developmental Biology	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Invertebrate Zoology	Neuroscience	Physiology	Vertebrate Zoology

When do you wish to begin graduate work at MSU? _____

(semester and year)

What graduate degree do you hope to obtain?

(Circle highest degree sought at MSU)

M.S.

Ph.D.

Applicants are only accepted for admission in the Department of Zoology if they are sponsored by one or more faculty members. Which faculty member(s) do you believe would be the most appropriate sponsor(s) for your graduate work at MSU? (Please refer to the on-line list of faculty and their research interests available on the Zoology department's homepage).

You are urged to contact prospective sponsors during the fall semester prior to your anticipated enrollment date, either by snail mail or email, in order to ascertain whether the faculty members will be accepting any new students at that time, as well as to confirm that the faculty members' research interests match your own.

Research Experience: Please give a brief account below of any research that you may have already done, summarizing objectives, methods, and results.

Statement Of Purpose: Please submit in the space below a moderately detailed explanation of your plans for graduate study and your future professional goals. Elaborate on your specific interests within Zoology. (Although this information is required as part of your application to the Office of Admissions and Scholarships, we request that you also provide it on this form.)

I confirm that all of the information offered above is true.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____
month day year

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN ZOOLOGY AT
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- 1) **Deadlines:** Submission of application materials on time is an important requirement for full consideration. To be considered for teaching and research assistantships in the Department of Zoology, as well as for other financial awards (lucrative fellowships, etc) available through the College of Natural Science or the University, you must have all materials in our hands by December 1st. To determine whether all components of your application have been received or for additional information, please make inquiries either

a) by snail mail to: The Graduate Secretary
 Department of Zoology
 Michigan State University
 East Lansing, MI 48824-1115
 (517) 355-4640

b) or by email to: zoology@msu.edu

- 2) **Requirements of the Department of Zoology:** Listed below are the five essential components required for application to the graduate program in Zoology (a-e, below). Your application will not be reviewed by the department's Graduate Affairs Committee until all of these components have been received.

- a) Letters of recommendation: We require three letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to assess your promise of success in a graduate program (e.g. college or university faculty, individuals at research or other scholarly institutions, teaching assistants, etc.). No special forms need accompany these letters. Simply ask your referees to send their letters directly to:

The Graduate Secretary
Department of Zoology
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1115

Please list below the names of the individuals whom you have asked to write letters on your behalf so that we will know when your file is complete.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

- b) GRE Scores: Since your application for graduate study in Zoology will not be reviewed until your GRE scores have been received by the department, it is important to take the examination early enough so that your application folder will be complete by the December 1st deadline (see section above entitled "Deadlines"). Although the original scores are to be sent to the OAS at MSU, we require that you send clear photocopies of the original scores directly to the Department of Zoology by the relevant deadline.
- c) Transcripts: We require that copies of all academic transcripts be sent directly to the Department of Zoology.
- d) Completed application form from the Department of Zoology (this form)
- e) The completed "Application for Admission to Graduate Study" provided by the University's Office of Admissions and Scholarships.
- f) Application fee

