

Dear Applicants!

We have asked some students who participated in the admission committee as PhD students after completing the master's program in molecular biology to summarize what advice they would give to applicants for successful admission, having experienced the oral interview from both sides. We hope this useful guide will assist you.

Here are their summarized comments:

"The student should be able to articulate why they chose this particular program, which specialization module piqued their interest, and even what they would like to do with their degree.

Furthermore, since the admission process invariably begins with a brief presentation of the thesis, it is advisable to prepare thoroughly for this. Emphasize presenting the theoretical background in a few sentences, and if the thesis includes experimental work, it is worth looking into the methods used. It is possible that the committee will inquire about their mechanisms of action, potentially leading the conversation to the second part of the admission process, which consists of specific topics. Here, we believe that it is not necessary to get lost in the details, but rather to see the connections and be able to comment on each topic, as they may ask questions about topics that are completely different from the thesis subject.

It is no secret that during the admission process, the committee considers whether the student will be able to meet the requirements of the master's program in molecular biology, that is, whether they can see the connections and not just memorize information."

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