

# Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Graduate Program at the University of Nevada, Reno

## What is the CMPP Program?

The Cellular & Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology (CMPP) graduate program is an interdisciplinary program with faculty members in the Departments of Pharmacology and Physiology & Cell Biology in the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the Department of Biology. Research areas include cardiovascular and gastrointestinal physiology, cell biology, development, and neuroscience. Research in this program is facilitated by “core” facilities that provide transgenic mice, proteomics, and imaging support. The program offers a Ph.D. degree.

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## When is the deadline for application?

Interested students are urged to prepare and submit their applications to both the CMPP program and to the Graduate School by February 1<sup>st</sup> before fall admission. The Admissions Committee begins evaluations late January.

## Is there a minimum GRE score for admission to the program?

While GRE scores are required there is no minimum score, successful applicants are usually in the upper 25%. GRE scores are one of several criteria used in making a decision on an application. See below and <http://www.gre.org/scoreuse.html>

## What GRE tests should I take?

The General Test is required by the program.

**What factors besides the GRE are used in making admission decisions? How does the Admissions process work?**

Only completed applications are reviewed (CMPP application form, academic transcripts, 3 letters of reference, and GRE scores). The Admissions Committee considers standardized test scores, academic excellence, research experience, and compatibility with the research interests of the program. The strongest candidates are invited to visit the University for interviews. International students are interviewed by telephone.

**Is there a minimum TOEFL score?**

The University requires at least a 500 TOEFL score for the paper version, 173 for the computer version or 61 for the internet version for graduate students whose first language is not English.

**Are scholarships or assistantships available?**

Students accepted into the Ph.D. program are supported by teaching or research assistantships. In addition, students receive tuition waivers and are covered by the university health insurance.

**How long does the program take?**

Ph.D. degree 4-6 years.

**Does the program accept students in the spring?**

No.

**How many students are accepted each year?**

The number of students accepted depends on available support and is typically between 2 - 5.

**Does the program accept international students?**

Outstanding international students are accepted. Important information with regard to obtaining the necessary visa and other issues for international students are available from the University Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) at <http://www.unr.edu/oiss/> .

**What areas are available for study?**

Faculty research interests are summarized in the websites of the participating departments:

Biology - <http://www.unr.edu/biology/>

Pharmacology - <http://www.unr.edu/med/dept/pharmacology/main.htm>

Physiology & Cell Biology - <http://www.physio.unr.edu>