M.S. MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM: FAQs

How do you apply?
Application is made online at uri.edu/gsadmis.

What is the deadline for completed applications:
The deadline for the Fall semester is July 15. The deadline for the Spring semester is November 15. *International applicants:* Admission is only offered for the Fall semester; the deadline is February 1. *Cytopathology Option Applicants:* Admission is only offered for the Fall semester; the deadline is July 15 for domestic applicants and February 1 for international applicants. It is recommended to submit the application by February 1 for all applicants.

Is an official transcript required with the application?
No, to apply upload an unofficial copy of your transcript(s). Official copies are required after admission. Instructions for submitting the official transcript are in the admission letter.

Are GRE reports required?
GREs are not required. However, if you have taken them, it is recommended that you submit the report. Use the school code for URI to submit: 3919.

Will more than the required two reference letters be considered with an application?
Yes, all letters will be considered, although only two are required.

Is there a minimum grade point average (GPA) required for admission to the program?
Admission is quite competitive and applicants with GPAs below 3.0 are not usually admitted. Applicants with a GPA between 2.0 and 3.0 may be considered if there is other evidence of exceptional promise included with the application. Possible sources of evidence include relevant professional experience as evidenced by publications or letters of recommendation, and/or high GRE test scores.

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What is the percentage of applicants admitted to the program?
The percentage and number of admitted applicants varies over time. However, over the last several years between 50-75% of applicants are admitted to the graduate program.

How long will it take a student to complete the M.S. and Ph.D. programs?
The program is usually done a part-time, evening basis and typically, it will take 2.5 to 3 years to complete the degree requirements for the M.S. degree. This includes all coursework and research. Courses are offered in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. The time necessary to complete the Cytopathology Option, which includes a 24-credit, 11-month, full-time clinical internship, is usually 1.5 to 2 years.