Information and Instructions for Applicants

- All application materials must be received by **December 31** for consideration the following academic year. Students are accepted in the Fall semester only. A holistic review of each student’s application is completed on a competitive basis. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- A **Graduate Admissions Application** - http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/ (ApplyTexas.org) must be completed online with a non-refundable application fee.

- Students must have completed a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution in chemistry or biology; or a bachelor’s degree form a regionally accredited institution in a forensic or natural science with the equivalent of a minor in either chemistry or biology. **Note: In order to be more competitive, it is strongly recommended that students successfully complete Molecular Biology BEFORE the start of the fall semester they intend to apply.**

- All official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended must be submitted. Credits that have been transferred to another school and appear on the school’s transcript are not acceptable as official admissions credentials. These must be requested from each school attended. If the courses are in progress, an updated transcript must be sent when they are completed.

- Test scores for the Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (GRE) must be submitted. Scores cannot be more than five years old at the time of application.

- Three letters of recommendation, two of which should be from academic sources. Please submit the Admission Recommendation Checklist with these letters.

- A personal statement or essay. This should be less than 1,000 words, typed double-spaced and written in narrative form.

- International students must submit a TOEFL score (Test that measures your ability to use and understand English at the university level) There are two formats: Internet-based Test (IBT) and Paper-based Test (PBT) score of at least 550 on the paper-based test (PBT) or at least 79 on the internet-based test (IBT) and demonstrate a speaking knowledge of English. International students must also submit original evaluation of foreign educational credentials and proof official
support. International student applications should be completed and received no later than 90 days before the beginning of the initial semester of enrollment. Please contact International Graduate Advisor at grad.intl@shsu.edu or 936-294-4607 for more information.

Application materials and transcripts should be sent to the following address.

Sam Houston State University
Graduate Admissions
P.O. Box 2478
Huntsville, Texas 77341-2478

Website: http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/
Phone: 936-294-1971
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Email: graduate@shsu.edu