Details for the San Diego State University Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Graduate Program Application

The great place to start the application progress is go to the graduate admissions page at: https://admissions.sdsu.edu/graduate

The Graduate Admission Steps to Apply are shown with four links in the middle of the page, “I Want to Apply.”

Applications for Fall 2020 open October 1, 2019, deadline to have paid and submitted the Cal State Apply is March 2, 2020. All other steps, such as receipt of official transcripts, including Interfolio program application, must be all completed by April 1, 2020.

Basic requirements for application to the MS and MA Chemistry program are you must have earned an acceptable baccalaureate degree form an accredited institution or will have completed one prior to enrollment at SDSU. In addition, you must have attained a grade point average of at least 2.85 and have a minimum total value of the verbal and quantitative scores on the general GRE exam of 290. The more competitive applicants will have higher GPA and GRE scores.

International students completing an international degree need to review and follow the International Graduate Steps to Apply, https://admissions.sdsu.edu/international/graduate/apply/steps_to_apply. If language of instruction was in a language other than English, the minimum satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam is: 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 213 on the computer-based TOEFL, and 80 on the Internet-based TOEFL.

Apply to start Fall 2020. Then click “Steps to Apply.”

You will need to your Social Security Number, citizenship status, credit card and annual income on hand before you begin.

**Step 1: Complete Cal Sate Apply Application**
The $70 fee must first be paid before your application to SDSU can be submitted. There are Quick Links help and guides for the application process. These are found in window on the right. When you are ready to begin the application, click on the “Apply to SDSU” button in the Quick Link window.

**Step 2: Create an SDSU WebPortal Account.**
After submitting your Cal State application, sometime between 1-14 days, SDSU will send you an email prompting you to create an SDSU WebPortal account. In this email is your SDSU student identification, RedID number. The WebPortal is used for most all SDSU transactions for both the application process as well as a SDSU student.

Click on the “Create SDSU Webportal Account” to begin this step.

**Step 3: Submit Official Documents**
Do this after submitting the Cal State Apply Application. The official documents must be sent in sealed envelopes or may be sent as electronic transcripts. You will also be uploading a copy of these to the Interfolio web site. Details to the Interfolio are given in Step 5.

**Step 4: Submit Official Test Scores.**
The Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry require the GRE general for all applicants and the GRE Subject exam for the Joint Doctoral Program direct admit students. The GRE institution code for SDSU is 4682.

If your language of instruction was not English for your prior graduate or baccalaureate degree, you will need to include proof of English proficiency.

**Step 5: Submit Chemistry Specific Documents**
It is **essential** that you complete this final step, because we use the information before and after all your official documents have arrived. After you have your RedID number, **Step 2**, you can begin adding your information at the Interfolio site. First create your account at: [https://account.interfolio.com/login?apply=66984](https://account.interfolio.com/login?apply=66984)

Additional information on the Interfolio process can be found at: [https://grad.sdsu.edu/SDSU_Interfolio_Applicant_Guide.pdf](https://grad.sdsu.edu/SDSU_Interfolio_Applicant_Guide.pdf)

The Interfolio account is used to upload the following:

1. Statement of purpose 1-2 pages in length. (required),
2. Transcripts (unofficial or official) for all colleges and universities attended. (required),
3. GRE general exam score (required). Subject score for JDP direct admit. (required)
4. Submit the names and email address for your three letters of recommendation writers. This is the only method to submit your letters of recommendation. (required)
5. You may submit any publications reprints or presentation abstracts. (optional)
6. English language proficiency test score results (if applicable).

Some of the information supplied at the Interfolio site duplicates information supplied at the Cal State Apply. Frequently there is a delay in the university reviewing your documents and Chemistry begin able to view them. This duplicated information allows us to more quickly review your application. You will be uploading duplicate transcripts and GRE scores.