

Admissions Process

Prospective students may apply to the Interdisciplinary Degree Program in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology through [TAMU GPS](#). The overall graduate admission criteria is based on the entire record of the applicant and availability of institutional resources. Admission to the Interdisciplinary Degree Program in EEB will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Hold a four-year baccalaureate degree from a college or university of recognized standing (i.e., a U.S. or foreign degree recognized as equivalent to a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution in the U.S.).
2. Show promise of intellectual and academic ability, as evidenced by a minimum of three letters of recommendation from persons capable of judging the applicant's capabilities, a Statement of Purpose essay, an overall evaluation of the student's transcript, and the grade point average in the last 60 hours of coursework.
3. Demonstrate research aptitude in the form of prior research experience, presentations at professional meetings, and/or publications in scientific literature.
4. An applicant from another country seeking admission to graduate studies must demonstrate the ability to read, write, speak, and understand the English language. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores are required from applicants whose native language is not English unless those applicants completed all four years of a baccalaureate degree in the United States.
 - 4.1. For the list of recognized English-speaking countries, please see the [Proof of English Proficiency](#) page on the Office of Admissions website.
 - 4.2. EEB requires a minimum score of 23 on the TOEFL speaking section and a minimum score of 7.0 on the IELTS speaking section. A preferred score is an 8.0 on the IELTS speaking section or 26 on the TOEFL speaking section.

- 4.2.1. For more information, please visit [English Language Proficiency for Admission](#) (pay close attention to the ELP Certification for Teaching scores as many EEB students are employed in a GAT position. EEB requires admits be a Level 1 but will consider Level 2 on a case-by-case basis.)

Eligibility Levels for International Students to Service in Teaching Positions	Global Standardized Tests			Locally Administered Exam (on Texas A&M Campus)
	TOEFL Essentials Speaking Section	TOEFL-iBT Speaking Section	IELTS Speaking Section	ELPE Oral Examination
1. Eligible	≥ 11	26-30	≥ 8.0	≥ 80
2. Conditionally Eligible	9-10	23-25	7.0-7.5	≥ 75
3. Ineligible	≤ 8	< 23	< 7.0	< 75

5. **EEB is a direct admission program. Most importantly, each EEB applicant must contact a prospective [faculty](#) sponsor before the application deadline. A student will only be admitted if an EEB core faculty member agrees to serve as advisory committee chair for the student.**

Applicants to the EEB Ph.D. Program will undergo a holistic evaluation by our Graduate, Recruiting, and Admissions Committee ([GRAC](#)). Funding will be allocated to invite the top candidates each year for in-person interviews on campus. GRAC will also evaluate transfer students from other TAMU graduate programs according to the criteria outlined above as well as awards, teaching experience, leadership, and mentoring experience.