

Entry Requirements

Masters, PG Diploma and PG Certificate Courses

What Qualifications are Required?

Candidates will usually be expected to have an honours degree in an agricultural, biological or other relevant science from a university recognised by The University of Nottingham. Applicants may be admitted on the basis of significant relevant work experience in lieu of an appropriate academic qualification.

What Level of English Language is Required?

International and European students whose first language is not English are required to have an appropriate grade/score in an approved examination in English language before they can register on an academic programme. As a general guide the School of Biosciences accepts the British Council English Language Test (IELTS) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Test results should be no more than 2 years old.

Acceptable grades in English are:

GCE 'O' Level English Language: Pass (at least 'C' for those examined after 1975)

TOEFL iBT 79 (minimum 17 in listening and writing, 18 in reading and 20 in speaking)

IELTS*: Test band score of 6.0 or above with no less than 5.5 in any element

* This varies for the following courses:

- **MSc Crop Biotechnology and Entrepreneurship**
- **MSc Applied Biopharmaceutical Biotechnology and Entrepreneurship**
- **MSc Applied Biomolecular Technology**
- **MSc/PGDip Food Production Management**
- **MSc Nutritional Sciences**

TOEFL iBT 87 (minimum 20 in speaking and 19 in all other elements)

IELTS: Test band score of 6.5 or above with no less than 6.0 in any element

English Language courses for international students are offered by the [Centre for English Language Education](#) at The University of Nottingham. According to their IELTS score, students may be eligible to enrol on a pre-session course, either for three months from July, or six months from January. Students who satisfactorily complete this course can then join an MSc in the School of Biosciences starting at the end of September.