

PhD in Gerontology Admissions Checklist

- Online Application**
 - Visit the [UK Graduate School](#) to create an account and apply.
- Graduate Entrance Exams** - Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status.
 - **GRE:** Submit results directly to SOPHAS by using **ETS code 4221**.
 - **Other acceptable exams:** GMAT, MCAT
 - **Waivers:** Test requirements are waived for applicants who have earned any of the following degrees: PhD, MD, DMD, DDS, PharmD, DVM, DO, DNP, or DSc from an accredited U.S. institution.
- Official Transcripts**
 - Submit official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate institutions directly through Apply Yourself.
 - Applicants must possess a minimum of four-year undergraduate degree (or its equivalent) with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75, 3.0 preferred.
- Letters of Recommendation**
 - A minimum of three (3) letters are uploaded directly to Apply Yourself by recommenders. At least one (1) of the letters must be from a faculty member who taught or supervised the applicant.
- Professional Resume/CV**
 - Highlight professional experience, academic accomplishments, publications, and other areas that will showcase your overall competitiveness for the Gerontology PhD program.
- Personal Statement**
 - Upload a personal statement on the topic of “Why you want to pursue the Gerontology PhD degree at the University of Kentucky, which faculty you would be interested in conducting research with, and how the degree will influence your career goals.”
- Pre-requisites**
 - Students come from a variety of academic and professional backgrounds including but not limited to: laboratory sciences, social sciences, government, and non-profit work.
- International Applicants**
 - All **foreign transcripts** must be evaluated by the World Education Services ([WES.org](#)) and submitted directly to SOPHAS.
 - All applicants whose native language is not English will be asked to self-report one of these scores on the application: **TOELF/IELTS English Proficiency Tests**. Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status.
 - Minimum [TOEFL](#) score: 79. Minimum [IELTS](#) score: 6.5.
 - Learn more at <https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores>.

Fee Waivers

- SOPHAS offers a [Fee Assistance Program](#) to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 617-612-2090 to learn more.

Application Deadlines

- Final application deadline for all applicants: February 1st

Direct all questions or inquiries to ukcph@uky.edu.

