



PhD in Epidemiology & Biostatistics Admissions Checklist

- ☐ **Online Application – Apply via [SOPHAS](#)**
 - SOPHAS offers a [Fee Assistance Program](#) to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 617-612-2090 to learn more.
- ☐ **Official Transcripts**
 - Submit official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate institutions directly through SOPHAS.
 - Applicants must possess a minimum of four-year undergraduate degree (or its equivalent) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75, 3.0 preferred.
 - Applicants must possess a master's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
- ☐ **Letters of Recommendation**
 - Enter contact information for your recommenders - a minimum of three (3) contacts are required. Recommenders will be prompted electronically to complete an electronic evaluation as well as to submit a letter of recommendation.
 - We recommend that at least one (1) of the evaluations be from a faculty member who taught or supervised the applicant. In some cases, however, we understand that it is not possible.
- ☐ **Professional Resume/CV**
 - Highlight professional experience, academic accomplishments, publications, and other areas that will showcase your overall competitiveness for the PhD Epi-Bio program.
- ☐ **Personal Statement**
 - Upload personal statement. Your statement should be approximately two pages in length, double-spaced, and cover the following:
 1. Highlight your research goals. Program faculty are actively engaged in research programs aligned with [University research priority areas](#). Applicants are encouraged to identify specific faculty research programs that would support their successful development into a productive independent researcher.
 2. What are your professional and/or educational goals?
 3. How does the PhD in Epidemiology & Biostatistics at the University of Kentucky support your professional and/or academic goals?
- ☐ **Publication, Research Project, or other Scientific project**
 - At least one (1) mandatory; up to one (1) additional allowed, for no more than a total of two (2)
- ☐ **Pre-requisites:** Completion of Calculus I and Calculus II
- ☐ **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>.

Application Deadline

- Application Deadline: **February 1**

Direct inquiries to ukcph@uky.edu.