PhD in Epidemiology & Biostatistics Admissions Checklist

- **Online Application** – Apply via [SOPHAS](https://sophas.uky.edu)
  - SOPHAS offers a [Fee Assistance Program](https://sophas.uky.edu/fee-assistance) 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](https://www.uky.edu/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](https://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.
    - Learn more at [https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores](https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores).

**Application Deadline**

- Application Deadline: **March 22**

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