

Instructions

Applications for the IQ Biology Program are due December 3, 2017.

There are two online components to your application: 1) IQ Biology Survey and 2) University of Colorado Boulder Graduate School Application(s). Instructions for filling out these two components are below and are available as a printable PDF.

Required for your Application

- 1) [Online IQ Biology Survey](#)
 - Undergraduate/Graduate Education & Transcripts
 - Test Scores (e.g., GRE & TOEFL)
 - Letters of Reference
 - Programs of Study
 - Letter of Intent
- 2) [Online CU Boulder Graduate School Application\(s\) with a degree-granting Program of Study](#)
 - Personal statement
 - \$60 application fee (\$80 for international students)

Read the below instructions? [Apply Now.](#)

Online IQ Biology Survey

After following the link on the [Apply Now](#) page, you will be asked to create a login and password for the IQ Biology Survey portion of your application. A login allows you to save your work until you are ready to formally submit. You will be asked to create an "IQ Biology Survey" --please create just one survey. Please note that in order for your application to be considered by IQ Biology, you must "Finalize" your IQ Biology Survey by selecting "finalize" and then pressing the "Submit" button at the bottom of your survey when you are ready. Please remember that the IQ Biology survey is not complete until all information, including the "Supplemental Information" section, is filled out, "finalized", and formally submitted.

The brief IQ Biology Survey is intended to give the admissions committee a sense of your interests in interdisciplinary education.

Undergraduate/Graduate Education & Transcripts

Please list the names of all the institutions you have attended, beginning each section with the degree-granting institution. If you attended more than one institution for your undergraduate or any graduate education, please enter your degree, major/minors and GPA only from the most recent degree granting institution. Use a 4.0 Scale to report your Cumulative GPA. Consider A as 4 points, B as 3, C as 2, D as 1, and F as 0.

Failure to list and submit unofficial transcripts from all institutions previously attended is considered to be a violation of academic ethics and may result in the cancellation of your admission or dismissal from the university.

ONLY after you are recommended for admission will you need to provide official transcripts. Domestic students should send their official transcripts (if requested by IQ Biology) to: IQ Biology, BioFrontiers Institute, University of Colorado, 596 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309.

Test Scores

GRE

Please enter your GRE scores (both raw and percentile) on the IQ Biology Survey & CU Boulder Graduate School Application. GRE scores include Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing. If you've taken these tests more than once, please enter your highest scores regardless of test date. Results from GRE subject exams are optional.

Official test scores must be reported by the testing service directly to the University of Colorado Boulder. The institution code for the GRE exams is 4841. If you are asked to list a department code for sending your GRE scores, please use the department code from your "Primary Degree Program of Interest" marked in your IQ Biology Survey to keep your entire application in one place.

TOEFL

The graduate school guidelines have set a minimum TOEFL score of 75. Official test scores must be reported by the testing service directly to the University of Colorado Boulder. The institution code for the TOEFL exam is 4841. See above about departmental codes. International students should read these [instructions for international students](#) before starting your application to find out more about TOEFL and other application requirements specific to international applicants.

Letters of Reference

In the "Recommenders" section, please enter the names, email addresses, relationship (e.g. research advisor or course instructor) and telephone number for each person submitting a Letter of Reference. The recommenders you list in your IQ Biology Survey can be the same or different from your recommenders used in your CU Boulder Graduate School Application(s). The CU Boulder Graduate School Application will contact your recommenders directly with instructions for submitting Letters of Reference. Please also ask your IQ Biology Survey recommenders to email Letters of Reference directly to iqbiology@colorado.edu.

Programs of Study

In the "Programs of Study/Departments of Interest" section, please include specifics about your interests in a minimum of two degree-granting programs of study. The programs of study that you choose here will review your application and consider you for pre-approval in that program. **Please note, you must officially apply to at least the "Primary Degree Program of Interest" through the [CU Boulder Graduate School Application System](#).** After your first year in IQ Biology, you will be able to pursue your PhD in any of the degree programs that pre-approved your application. For each degree program of interest, please indicate whether you would like to be considered independently by the department if you are not chosen for IQ Biology. Provide a brief statement as to why you are interested in getting a PhD from that department (feel free to mention specific faculty of interest, skills and knowledge that you feel will be vital to your studies and career pursuits, and how your background prepares you for that program of study).

(Note: The order in which you designate your degree programs of interest does not need to indicate a ranked order of your personal preference. When it comes time to choose a PhD program you are free to choose between any programs that pre-approved your application. This is just a mechanism to ensure each applicant only has to fill out a single application and pay a single fee. IQ Biology will circulate your application to the other degree programs of interest you indicated.)

Letter of Intent

The survey requires you to submit a brief Letter of Intent describing your interdisciplinary interests and your interest in IQ Biology. **This is NOT intended to be a repeat of the Personal Statement you submit with your CU Boulder Graduate School Application.** In your IQ Biology letter of intent, please describe (in a maximum of one-page) why you are interested in pursuing an interdisciplinary graduate education from the IQ Biology Program at CU Boulder. In this statement you can address which disciplines and approaches intrigue you and why. You

could also address your future research interests depending on each of the degree-granting programs of study you are interested in.

Online CU Boulder Graduate School Application

Please go to [CU Boulder's Graduate School Application](#) website to apply to a minimum of one program of study with an IQ Biology partner department. It should be the same program of study that you mark as your "Primary Degree Program of Interest" on your IQ Biology survey.

Personal Statement

A personal statement (in essay form) is required for each CU Boulder Graduate School Application. Please remember that your personal statement will be read by up to three degree-granting departmental admissions committees, based on those you indicated as "Programs of Interest" in your IQ Biology Survey. It is possible for you to include information and perspectives germane to each degree program you are interested in.

Application Fee

A single \$60 application fee (\$80 for international students) is required for each IQ Biology applicant. You will be able to pay by credit card or electronic check online through the Graduate School Application website, or you can mail in a check or money order to the address indicated on the Graduate School Application.