



Geisinger
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Holistic Review Statement

The Committee on Graduate Admissions (CGA) reviews applications holistically. Evaluation criteria include, but are not limited to, the potential for academic success, alignment with the Mission and Values of GCSOM, and community engagement. Such a review allows the CGA to ensure that the students who are accepted to the Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS) program demonstrate a multi-faceted congruence with GCSOM.

Holistic review ensures that no one factor causes the acceptance or denial of a candidate. One of its key values is the opportunity to recognize that an applicant's strength in one area might offset a weakness in another. By carefully weighing strengths, achievements, and the ways in which an applicant might contribute to GCSOM community, CGA members increase the likelihood that they offer admission to those most likely to succeed and fulfill our mission.