Admissions Requirements

Admission is open to qualified applicants from many disciplinary backgrounds. Our program seeks students with strong potential for independent scholarship in Behavioral and Social Health Sciences, evidenced by excellence in relevant coursework and recommendations from those in a good position to evaluate the applicant’s capabilities to pursue graduate-level research. The most competitive applicants will have completed a Master’s degree in Public Health or in a behavioral or social science field (e.g., psychology, sociology, anthropology, education, communication), and research experience relevant to public health.

Students will be matched with a faculty research advisor upon admission, and therefore should identify potential specific faculty advisors in their application. Applicants should review the list of faculty accepting students in the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department, and contact those whose research corresponds with their own interests. In order to facilitate a meaningful conversation and/or appropriate referral to other faculty colleagues, please include a description of your research interests/training goals and a CV when contacting potential faculty mentors. Admission will signify acceptance by a faculty advisor.

Brown University School of Public Health will not require the GRE for the 2021-2022 admissions cycle. Applicants who would like to submit their GRE results still are able to include them as part of their application, however applicants who do not submit GRE scores will not be penalized. Other standardized tests (e.g. MCAT, LSAT) may be submitted as well. All submitted standardized test scores are interpreted in the context of the entire application; there are no minimum scores required. TOEFL scores are required for students whose native language is not English, but may be waived for those who hold a Bachelors or Master’s degree from a US institution.

How to apply: The Brown University School of Public Health utilizes the SOPHAS application system for the Fall ’21 admissions cycle. Admissions for Fall ’21 opened in August 2020. SOPHAS is a centralized application service used by many of the accredited schools and programs in public health. Code 7765 has been assigned to the Brown University School of Public Health for reporting GRE scores. Please indicate this code when you take the test so that we are sent your scores automatically. Official TOEFL scores should be sent to both SOPHAS (reporting code 7765) and Brown University Graduate School (reporting code 3094).

The application deadline is December 15 for fall admission. Written notification is made by the Graduate School, usually in February and March.