To apply to our graduate program and to obtain additional information on a variety of topics, please visit www.colostate.edu. In addition to application to Colorado State University, you will need to apply directly to our department at https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/fshngradapp. For information and frequently asked questions on our graduate program requirements, visit our web site at www.fshn.chhs.colostate.edu. You may also access the general University catalog at www.catalog.colostate.edu.

We normally receive over 100 applications for our graduate program and admit about 40% of applicants. A M.S. degree is required to start our Ph.D. program in all areas of specialization except Nutritional Sciences, which will consider exceptional applicants holding only a B.S. degree. Only complete applications will be reviewed for consideration for admission into our graduate program. Our limited number of departmental assistantships are highly competitive and are based on the research and teaching needs of our faculty. To be considered for an assistantship, please make note on the department online application.

When requesting consideration for teaching or research assistantships, fellowships, or traineeships, it is not necessary to supply information on financial need, since financial need is not a factor in making these awards. Other types of financial aid may be applied for at Colorado State’s Student Financial Services 491-6321, www.sfs.colostate.edu. This website also gives information on tuition costs, residency requirements, etc.

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) aptitude test is required for all applicants. Test scores should be sent directly to Colorado State University (University Code R4075) from the Educational Testing Service www.ets.org/gre. Remember, it takes approximately six weeks for us to get scores after you take the test. GRE scores above the 50th percentile in each category is recommended.

International applicants must submit official TOEFL or IELTS scores. The minimum TOEFL score is 80 (internet-based), and the minimum IELTS score is 6.5. Test results should be sent directly to Colorado State University (University Code 4075) from the Educational Testing Service www.ets.org/gre. Please note that we do not offer conditional admission.

Our Department deadline for applying to our graduate program is February 1 for fall admission.

Due to the competitive nature of our program, you should complete and submit your on-line graduate application to Colorado State University and online application to our department as soon as possible. All required documents must be submitted to the department by the deadline.

The following information should be submitted directly to our Department:

1. Area of Interest (indicate on application)
2. Resume
3. Statement of Purpose (1-2 pages, standard 12 font, single-spaced)
4. Three letters of recommendation (provide recommender emails on application)
5. Two official copies of transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
6. GRE test score results (indicate results on application and send official scores to CSU)
7. Graduate Assistantship Request (indicate on application)