



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS PhD Program

Deadline for Application and Supporting Materials	Regular PhD Applicants	Legacy Fellow Applicants
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 1 for Fall semester</li> <li>• October 1 for Spring semester</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 1 for Fall semester</li> <li>• September 1 for Spring semester</li> </ul>

### To complete the application process, please do the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>1. <b>Arrange for official BSN, MN, and MSN transcripts to be sent to us.</b></p> <p>Official college or university transcripts from <i>each</i> previous graduate and undergraduate educational institution are required.</p> <p>Please mail all required materials to the following address:</p> <p>CWRU School of Nursing 2120 Cornell Road Cleveland, OH 44106-4904 Attn: Yakelin Tepale</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>2. <b>Upload the following information with your online application. (NOTE: If you are unable to upload these documents, please send them directly to the FPB Admissions Coordinator by mail at the address in #1 or by email at <a href="mailto:admissionsfpb@case.edu">admissionsfpb@case.edu</a>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All PhD Applicants – Statement of Proposed Study &amp; Essay (see last page)</b> Describe only your educational and professional objectives and your research focus. In this essay, answer the three questions listed on the Statement of Proposed Study &amp; Essay sheet on that last page of this document. Be specific and consider the faculty expertise and their fit with your educational and research goals. Your essay should not exceed three, double-spaced pages – one page for each question.</li> <li>• <b>Legacy Fellowship Applicants – Additional Essay / Official Letter</b> Submit an additional essay in the form of an official letter requesting consideration for this highly competitive fellowship. The letter should address how you meet the requirements AND eligibility criteria for the legacy funding as outlined on our website. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more details. <i>(Letter requirements continued on next page...)</i></li> </ul>

	<p>Also include in the letter a description of your achievements and personal characteristics that set you apart from others who will also be requesting this funding. Clearly mark the letter as your Legacy Fellow essay/letter and insert at the end of the admissions essay so both can be uploaded as one document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Curriculum Vita</b> Include all previous publications and presentations.</li> <li>• <b>Recommenders</b> Enter three (3) individuals who will provide recommendations on your behalf who know your work and potential for success in a doctoral program. At least two of these references should be from PhD prepared individuals, preferably in nursing.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>3. Interviews</b></p> <p>Two interviews with faculty are required either by phone or at the FPB School of Nursing. Interviews will be arranged after your completed application packet is submitted.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>4. To apply to the PhD Program, <a href="#">click here.</a></b></p> <p>Have a credit card available to submit your \$50.00 application fee, if applicable. The <b>Apply Now</b> link takes you directly to our online application. If you are applying for the PhD Program, please select the following choices when in the application on the <b>Enrollment Information</b> tab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select “Nursing” from the <b>Academic Program</b> dropdown list</li> <li>• Select “PhD” from the <b>Degree</b> dropdown list</li> <li>• Select “Nursing (PhD)” from the <b>Academic Plan 1</b> dropdown list.</li> </ul>

## International Applicants

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>All international applicants must submit a TOEFL score or IELTS (International English Testing System) score or PTE-Academic (Pearson Test of English) score. To be eligible for full admission status, a TOEFL score of 577 or above is required for the paper-based test; a score of 90 or above is required for the Internet-based test. A minimum acceptable score of 7.0 is required for IELTS. A minimum acceptable score of 61 is required for the PTE. However, international applicants may move forward in the application process with a 6-6.5 IELTS or 75-89 TOEFL score. If all other admission requirements are met, they would be granted conditional admission, enroll as a CWRU student and take English courses for either 1 or 2 semesters followed by re-taking the TOEFL. If they achieve a 90 or higher on the TOEFL exam, they would then be granted Full admission status in the PhD in nursing program and be able to begin their PhD nursing courses at that time.</p> <p><b>Learn more:</b> <a href="https://case.edu/nursing/admissions/how-to-apply/international-students-admissions">https://case.edu/nursing/admissions/how-to-apply/international-students-admissions</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Affidavit of Financial Support</b></p> <p>Evidence of sufficient funds to support the student throughout their entire program is required by the student or by obtaining a sponsor who can provide documentation of their ability to cover all educational costs. Financial support needed for the 2018-2019 academic year is estimated at \$56,760. This amount includes living expenses. Letters from foundations or national government agencies will be accepted.</p>

### If you have questions:

Phone: 216-368-2529

Email: [admissionsfpb@case.edu](mailto:admissionsfpb@case.edu)

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## STATEMENT OF PROPOSED STUDY & ESSAY PhD Program

Please respond in essay form to the following questions. Each question should be on a separate page. No more than three (3) pages total.

1. Discuss the research focus you would like to pursue in the PhD Program and describe one research program in that focus area. Please identify which of our areas of research expertise your area of research would fit. Faculty research can be found at: <https://case.edu/nursing/research/research-areas>
2. Discuss your educational and professional goals, both short- and long-term, and how the PhD Program will help you reach those goals.
3. Discuss the rationale for your interest in doctoral studies at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing and Case Western Reserve University. Describe how our faculty's research expertise can facilitate your research and professional goals. Name one or two faculty who you believe might best assist you in meeting your goals and explain how.

**Please upload your three essay answer with your application. Legacy applicants should also include their Additional Essay/Official Letter with their other essays. If you have any problems uploading this document, you may also send it directly to the FPB Admissions Coordinator at [admissionsfpb@case.edu](mailto:admissionsfpb@case.edu)**