Personal Statement Requirements

All applicants are required to submit a personal statement. The statement must be organized into one section for each question below. Each section should be 1000 words or less:

A. **Research Experience and Publications (required)**

- Describe your research experience outside of class work.
- Explain hypotheses that guided your experimental work together with methods, results and conclusions. Do not simply list techniques.
- Provide dates, research advisors, and project titles. Cleary describe your role in each project.
- List citations for abstracts and publications in which you appear as an author.

B. **Scientific Interests and Career Goals (required)**

- Describe your primary scientific interests and the types of questions you would like to pursue during graduate study.
- Explain your motivation to pursue graduate study in microbiology and/or immunology.
- Outline your ultimate academic and career objectives and how the Program in Microbiology and Immunology (PMI) will help you attain those goals.
- Tell us about members of our training faculty whose work interests you.

C. **Relevant Life Experience (optional)**

- Provide a brief synopsis of any other notable features of your life experience that may be useful to the admissions committee in reaching a decision (e.g. exceptional accomplishments, awards, leadership roles, public service, unique obstacles, special challenges).