

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Ms. Archita Bhattacharya
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Dear Ms. Bhattacharya,

Congratulations! On the recommendation of the program in Biophysics (and if applicable, contingent upon receipt of your official test scores at a satisfactory level and of your official transcripts showing conferral of your degree), we are pleased to admit you formally into the Graduate School of the University of Notre Dame to pursue work toward the Doctor of Philosophy degree, beginning with the Fall 2023 semester.

For this academic year, full-time tuition and fees are \$62,502, and the cost of living expenses are estimated at \$27,140. The detailed break-down of these costs is available on the [website of the Financial Aid Office](#). These rates and estimates are based on costs for full-time graduate students, and actual costs may vary based on housing accommodations, travel costs, and personal expenses.

To assist you in this endeavor, we are offering you a tuition scholarship (including payment of the technology and health center access fees), worth approximately \$62,430 for the 2023-2024 academic year. We are also pleased to offer you a position as a Research Assistant with a taxable stipend worth \$34,428 for the 12-month period beginning with August 2023. Although a scholarship does not typically require service to the University, service to the department may be an academic requirement in some programs. Support is renewable in subsequent years subject to the availability of funds, provided you maintain satisfactory progress toward your degree.

Another financial benefit to Notre Dame graduate students is a University subsidy of health insurance. For students receiving full funding as defined by their department, the Graduate School will provide a subsidy towards the annual premium cost. The base subsidy for 2023-2024 is \$2,800. For more details, please consult your director of graduate studies.

The Graduate School at the University of Notre Dame believes in holistic education. For this reason, we promote our students' professional development so that when they assume their careers - whether in academia, the private sector, government, or non-governmental organizations - they do so fully prepared and with confidence. Our graduate programs encompass four key components: expertise in research, intellectual breadth, ethics, and career advancement.

Professional development funds are available through multiple units on campus. The Graduate School offers three funds: the Downes Travel Grant to assist students who take short courses elsewhere, the Zahm Research

Grant for dissertation research involving travel and the Notebaert Professional Development Fund that is not restricted. The Graduate Student Union in collaboration with the Graduate School offers some support for conference presentations.

Please note that students cannot ordinarily receive support from more than one source. If you are awarded external funding (whether tuition scholarship or stipend support), the external fellowship should be used before Notre Dame support. If you have been awarded an additional fellowship, please contact Dr. Nyrée McDonald in the Graduate School for implementation details.

In connection with your admission and financial support, we are enclosing an agreement of the [Council of Graduate Schools in the United States](#). If you accept any form of financial aid from a member institution before April 15 and leave it in force after April 15, you must inform that institution before accepting an offer from another member institution. If you have already accepted an award from another member institution, please withdraw that acceptance before accepting awards from Notre Dame. We reserve the right to withdraw your admission and award if we do not receive your decision by April 15.

Please [click here](#) to take a moment to indicate your acceptance or declination of our offer of admission. Congratulations again on your admissions and awards. We will only matriculate ten percent of our applicants. You are among a select number of students. We do hope that you will choose Notre Dame for your graduate work.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. McDonald', with a stylized, flowing script.

Nyrée McDonald, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Graduate Enrollment Management