

Considerations for Evaluating Prospective Doctoral Graduate Students

The Comparative Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics (CHOICE) Institute faculty considers the following factors to be important when evaluating the admissions materials of prospective doctoral students.

- A strong record of academic achievement
 - Emphasis on quantitative skills and critical thinking
- Prior experience working in fields related and/or applicable to health economics and outcomes research (HEOR)
- Leadership
- Demonstrated interest in HEOR
- Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing
- Ability to contribute to the CHOICE program's learning environment

Materials evaluated include:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Academic degrees
- Grade point average (GPA)
- Courses completed
- Research experience
- Letters of recommendation
- Publications
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Conference attendance
- Statement of purpose
- Personal History Statement (optional)
- Interviews
- English Proficiency ([Policy 3.2: Graduate School English Language Proficiency Requirements](#))
 - Required for international students for whom English is not their primary language

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