

Considerations for Evaluating Prospective Doctoral Graduate Students

The Comparative Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics (CHOICE) Institute admissions committee considers the following factors to be important when evaluating the admissions materials of prospective doctoral students. The admissions committee consists of 4-5 CHOICE core faculty members and one current PhD student (year 3 or above).

- 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

The components/materials evaluated by the admissions committee include:

- Academic degrees
- Conference attendance
- Courses completed
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- English Language Proficiency ([Policy 3.2: Graduate School English Language Proficiency Requirements](#))
 - English language proficiency (ELP) is required for graduate study at the University of Washington. Therefore, every applicant whose native language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency.
- Grade point average (GPA)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores - *required for all applicants*
- Interviews
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal History Statement (*optional*)
- Publications
- Research experience
- Statement of Purpose
- Work or other training experience

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