

## FAQ – Admissions to King Abdullah Fellowship Program at Rollins School of Public Health Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

### 1. What is the deadline for the application to be complete and sent to SOPHAS?

King Abdullah Fellowship candidates must complete their applications to Rollins School of Public Health via the SOPHAS online registration (including receipt of evaluation of transcripts, recommendation forms, and GRE and TOEFL scores) no later than March 1.

### 2. How can I learn all about Rollins School of Public Health?

Go to the website <http://www.sph.emory.edu/cms/index.html>

### 3. How can I learn more about each department at Rollins?

This is a link to all the departments at Rollins with descriptions and lists of courses: [http://www.sph.emory.edu/cms/departments\\_centers/index](http://www.sph.emory.edu/cms/departments_centers/index)

### 4. What are the minimum acceptable GRE scores for acceptance?

The minimum GRE scores depend on the department to which you apply (GH, HPM, Biostatistics). Below is the information for each department:

#### GLOBAL HEALTH (GH) and HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (HPM)

These departments do not have specific cutoff scores. However, applicants should aim for the percentile range in which points are given. These scores are:

GRE Verbal: 64% (153 and above)

GRE Quant: 65% (154 and above)

GRE AW: 72% (4.5 and above)

The ranges of accepted applicants for fall 2012 are below. The new GRE scoring system goes from 130 to 170 and applicants who were accepted with GRE scores under the 60% are exceptions made based on other qualifications in their files (like outstanding experience, leadership) or other considerations.

#### GRE Verbal

Final Decision	N	Percentile (≤62%) %(n)	Percentile (64-69%) %(n)	Percentile (72- 79%) %(n)	Percentile (84-89%) %(n)
Accepted (scores)	199	25 (49) 130-152	6.5 (13) 153-155	26 (51) 156-158	14 (28) 159-164

#### GRE Quantitative

Final Decision	N	Percentile (≤61%) %(n)	Percentile (65-69%) %(n)	Percentile (74-79%) %(n)	Percentile (82-91%) %(n)
Accepted (scores)	199	43(85) 135-153	20(40) 154-155	20(40) 156-158	11 (22) 159-161

#### GRE Analytical Writing

Final Decision	N	Percentile (<72%) %(n)	Percentile (=72%) %(n)	Percentile (=87%) %(n)	Percentile (≥99%) %(n)
Accepted (scores)	199	39 (77) 1.5- 4.5	31 (62) =4.5	18 (36) =5.0	12 (24) =6.0

**Explanation:** In the chart above, 199 students total (100%) were accepted in the GH department for 2012 . The first column indicates that 25% or 49 students (from the 199) were accepted with GRE Verbal scores UNDER or AT the 62 percentile. The 130-152 numbers are the ranges of scores obtained by the students in this percentile. In this case, the minimum was 130 and the maximum was 152.

#### BIOSTATISTICS

Applicants must have GRE scores above the 50th percentile. The average GRE scores for admitted MPH/MSPH students:

GRE Verbal: 155  
GRE Quant: 168  
GRE AW: 4.0

#### 5. What are the minimum acceptable TOEFL scores?

The minimum accepted computer-based TOEFL test score that is accepted is 213, paper- based is 550, and Internet-based is 80. Scores under these cutoff points are forwarded by departments as exceptions so departments can consider them for admission.

#### 6. If an applicant has an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate, are they exempt from taking the GRE?

Yes, the applicant is exempt from GRE , but NOT from the TOEFL

#### 7. If an applicant has taken the (International English Language Testing System) IELTS, are they exempt from taking the TOEFL?

Yes. The minimum IELTS accepted score is 6.0.

#### 8. What academic documents do I need to send to SOPHAS?

- Transcripts from previous institutions of higher learning (above high school level only) must be sent to and evaluated by third party evaluation services called World Education Services (WES) <http://wes.org> for an official course-by-course credential evaluation (document-by-document evaluations will not suffice).
- Applicants submitting WES Credential Evaluations are urged to first create the SOPHAS application. Once applicants have their 11 digit SOPHAS ID they will be able to use the special WES online application form available here to order their evaluation from WES.
- Once evaluated, the transcript evaluation will be **automatically** sent directly to SOPHAS.

## 9. Which tests do I need to take and where do I send my scores?

Request each testing agency to send these scores directly to SOPHAS:

- TOEFL - Code 5688 SOPHAS - [www.toefl.com](http://www.toefl.com)
- IELTS - Code "SOPHAS"- [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

Request that these scores be sent directly to the Rollins School of Public Health:

- GRE – Code 4223 - [www.gre.com](http://www.gre.com)

## 10. If I received a degree from a college or university in an English speaking country (e.g., the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland) is it possible to waive the TOEFL test?

No. The TOEFL requirement is waived only if an applicant has graduated from a US institution.

## 11. When can I receive the 1-20?

I-20 processing usually begins in late March. Students are not allowed to enter the U.S. until 30 days before Rollins International Orientation begins. Yeyme Reyes and Barbara Manning manage the I-20 process and can be contacted at [yeyme.reyes@emory.edu](mailto:yeyme.reyes@emory.edu) and [bmannin@emory.edu](mailto:bmannin@emory.edu).