The minimal requirement for admission into the Graduate School is a university degree from an internationally accredited university that would allow the applicant to enter a PhD program in biosciences in the country where the degree was awarded.
Heidelberg University, founded in the year 1386, can look back on more than 600 years of undergraduate and graduate training.

Heidelberg University, with its strong research environment traditionally focusing on molecular and cellular biology, is in a prime position to provide a comprehensive and state-of-the-art interdisciplinary training of both PhD an MD/PhD students.

The Hartmut Hoffmann-Berling International Graduate School of Molecular and Cellular Biology (HBIGS), which is part of Heidelberg University, offers formal training, intensive tutoring, a vibrant and stimulating scientific environment and excellent research opportunities in more than 100 research laboratories.

The Graduate School focuses in the following research areas:

- Developmental Biology
- Infectious Diseases
- Molecular & Cellular Biology
- Molecular Biotechnology & Biophysics
- Molecular Plant Sciences
- Neurosciences
- Biochemistry & Structural Biology
- Systems Biology, Bioinformatics & Mathematical Biology
- Molecular Medicine

HBIGS offers...

- a structured PhD program that helps PhD students reach their scientific objectives easier and quicker.
- outstanding PhD students will receive competitive fellowships of up to 1468,- EUR/month.
- practical training courses on cutting-edge technologies.
- courses in transferable skills.
- international retreats & summer schools.
- professional career advice throughout the scientific career (post-graduation program) to prepare the PhD students for jobs in and beyond academia.
- family support including securing kindergarten places and technical assistance in the lab during pregnancy and nursing.

The HBIGS Career service includes:

- Information about job-entry-positions in and beyond academia
- Assessment center and case study preparation
- Mock interviews
- CV and resume review
- Personal competencies profile
- Hints for soft skill enhancement
- Support for students who leave the program without a PhD
- Contacts and cooperation with industrial partners