

**Information on petitioning to transition to or remain in the Ph.D. program in entomology  
upon completing your Master's**

All students who have not completed a Master's prior to enrolling at UIUC and intend to transition into the Ph.D. program are expected to petition the Graduate Administration Committee the **semester before** you defend your Master's thesis. This petition will consist of:

- 1) A complete Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
- 2) A summary of their potential Ph.D. project (up to 2 pages, single-spaced 11-12pt font)**
- 3) A timeline of completion**
- 4) A letter of recommendation from their potential advisor sent directly to GSAC co-chairs**
- 5) An interview with GSAC**

Please submit the student portions of the petition (CV, Project Summary, and timeline) as a single PDF along with time options for a brief interview.

To be fair to all students applying to the Masters and Ph.D. program in Entomology, acceptance into the Ph.D. program will be based in part on the total time to completion of the Master's degree, awards, grants, publications, presentations as well as availability of support (RAs from the advisor or others, available TA lines).

If the petition cannot be scheduled the semester before intended completion, please complete it as soon as possible **before** the thesis defense to prevent gaps in student status.