

University of Pittsburgh – Interdisciplinary Biomedical Graduate Program

PITT Scores, Prequel Assists

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Overview

Organization Overview

The University of Pittsburgh has a long tradition of research excellence and training. The Interdisciplinary Biomedical Science Graduate Program looks for qualified students to continue this tradition. The Program provides opportunity for advanced training by a world-class faculty committed to mentoring the next generation of creative scientists. Investigators in Pitt’s Interdisciplinary Biomedical Science Graduate Program develop new experimental systems to address questions about fundamental biological processes as well as the mechanisms that underlie wellness and disease.

The Challenge

Interdisciplinary Biomedical Graduate Program students are selected from a large pool of highly qualified national and international applicants. Each year, approximately 35 students are admitted to the program out of nearly 600 applicants. This resonates the program’s need for a solution that supports an effective and efficient means of handling applicants’ supporting information (e.g., transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.).

The Solution

Working with Mullen Interactive of Pittsburgh, Prequel developed a standalone scan application that enables the Biomedical administrative staff to digitally scan and index documentation (e.g. student transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.), that is not submitted electronically, into the appropriate applicant records in the data center. The scan function works hand-in-hand with the Mullen-developed online process and review repository.

Profile

Pitt’s Biomedical Graduate Studies staff administers the process by which graduate level students apply for this elite educational opportunity.

Business Need

During the application process the program’s administrative staff receives a high volume of paper documents in support of student applicants. These documents are reviewed and filed for consideration in the program.

Benefits

The scan application feeds digital copies of the paper documents into the process and review repository, reducing storage requirements and simplifying the applicant review process.

Technology Services Provided

Application development services

Benefits

The scan process enables the Biomedical staff to effectively store and quickly retrieve students' and applicants' records as needed. The repository also interacts with the program's existing Rbase system that houses electronically received information allowing the staff to realize some system integration benefits. Furthermore, the process of retrieving records during the applicant review process is made that much simpler.

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