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The requirement for admission to HBIGS is a university degree from an internationally accredited university that would allow the applicant to be admitted as a PhD student at Heidelberg University according to the rules set by the Faculty of Biosciences.

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