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Bioenergy PSM FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Where to apply?

Applicants should have a baccalaureate degree in a recognized field of biological, physical, agricultural, socio-economic or engineering science.

Applicants should submit transcripts and letters of recommendation (if references prefer to not submit electronically) to:

Center for Advanced BioEnergy Research (CABER)
College of ACES, University of Illinois
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1207 W. Gregory Dr., MC-630
Urbana, IL 61801

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or a comparable degree from a recognized institution abroad
- Grade point average of 3.0 or higher (4.0 scale) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work and for any graduate work
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 590 or higher (paper-based test) or 243 or higher (computer-based test) for applicants whose native language is not English

Tuition/fees:

Tuition has not yet been determined for the Fall 2009 semester.
There are no tuition waivers for the PSM degree program.

Internship:

Advisors will work with students to find an appropriate summer internship experience in the bioenergy industry.

Two international internship opportunities have already been identified for the Bioenergy PSM. These internships would be collaborating with researchers in either University of Sao Paulo in Brazil or Seoul National University, Korea University & Sungkyunkwan University in South Korea. A travel budget and minimal stipend is available for these opportunities.

Duration:

3 semesters + summer internship

Co-hort starts with the fall semester.

After the spring semester, students are expected to participate in a summer internship and then finish with the fall semester.

Example:

Fall 2009 - co-hort begins at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus

Spring 2010 - co-hort continues taking classes on campus

Summer 2010 - each student has a summer internship

Fall 2010 - co-hort continues study on campus and is eligible for PSM degree in December

Four specialities available for the bioenergy PSM:

Plants, Soils and Feedstocks

Production, Processing and Use

Environment, Economics and Policy & Law

Tools and Methods

For more information about the Bioenergy PSM, visit:

<http://www.bioenergy.illinois.edu/education/major.html>

or contact Terri Cummings at: tcummings@illinois.edu

For more information about the Illinois Professional Science Master's Program at the University of Illinois, visit: <http://psm.illinois.edu/>