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:
  Integrated Bioprocessing Research Laboratory (IBRL)
  College of ACES, University of Illinois
  34 Animal Sciences Laboratory
  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:
Information on tuition and fees is available here: http://psm.illinois.edu/prospective-students/costs-and-financial-aid. 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. For a complete list of industry partners, contact the IBRL office.

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 2014 - co-hort begins at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus
Spring 2015 - co-hort continues taking classes on campus
Summer 2015 - each student has a summer internship
Fall 2015 - 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 Ann Jones at: acjones3@illinois.edu. For more information about the Illinois Professional Science Master’s Program at the University of Illinois, visit: http://psm.illinois.edu/.