RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY SYSTEMS

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

Educational Background

Academic performance and/or professional experience must be equivalent to that expected for admission to a typical resident-program master's degree. Applications must include a statement of professional goals, a curriculum vita or resume, and three letters of recommendation.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

Core Application Packet

- Statement of Purpose: A statement of professional experience and goals (up to 500 words)
- Vita or resume
- Three letters of recommendation. The individuals writing letters should be familiar with you and comfortable discussing your professional and/or academic strengths and accomplishments. Preferably, all letters will be written within the last six months and reference the applicant's current career goals and/or ability to perform graduate level study.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score, if applicable
- Nonrefundable application fee

Admissions Process

Applications will be evaluated by the MPS-RESS Admissions Committee based on the applicants' technical qualifications for the program relative to their area of interest, their previous educational experience, and English Language proficiency. In general, successful applicants are expected to have earned a junior/senior grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with a marginal record are encouraged to first complete a related Graduate Certificate before applying for admission to the MPS-RESS program. Exemplary performance in the graduate certificate will be taken into consideration for possible admission into the MPS-RESS program, but completion of a certificate does not imply or guarantee admission into a degree program.