

## Letter to ES Professional Science Masters Applicant

Dear Prospective ES-PSM Applicant:

The PSM degree program in Environmental Science is designed to blend the skills of the environmental scientist with those of the businessperson at the graduate level. The ES-PSM is not a research degree; the main process of the program is a blended curriculum of environmental science and business classes. The curriculum culminates with an internship. Internships are developed by the student and are a requirement of the program; they may be paid or voluntary positions with an environmental research or management agency, firm, or NGO. ES faculty members are not responsible for developing the student's internship.

The ES-PSM program application is a competitive process that includes application to the UNT Toulouse Graduate School and the ES-PSM Program. To be considered for admission for fall-semester entry into the program, all application materials must be submitted by January 15th; for consideration for spring-semester entry, all material must be submitted by October 1st. Meeting all of the application requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program, which is at the discretion of the ES faculty. All environmental science graduate students must have a major professor who helps the student design her/his degree plan (coursework). *Students will not be accepted to the program if they do not have a major professor, a role that is at the discretion of the ES faculty member.*

ES faculty members, staff, and the program coordinators do not advise applicants during the process of "finding a major professor." Acceptance into an ES faculty member's lab is the sole responsibility of the applicant, requiring research into the program by the applicant. Faculty members choose whether to admit a student into their lab based on a variety of criteria including the intellectual match of the applicant to the professor, the opportunities currently available to work with students, and the qualifications of the applicant in ES. Additionally, PSM students are not funded with Teaching Assistantships through the ES program.

Please direct application and academic questions to the [Graduate Program Coordinator](#).