ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-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

The student cohort should reflect today's international engineering environment, with selective admittance. The admission requirements include:

- Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree in engineering, science, or relevant discipline. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum undergraduate GPA (or equivalent). Exceptions to the minimum 3.0 grade-point average may be made for students with special backgrounds, abilities, and interests at the discretion of the program. Applicants will be accepted up to the number of places available for new students.
- 1 year of professional experience in an engineering position (or equivalent). Students wishing to enter the program directly from an undergraduate degree can fulfill the 1 year requirement for engineering experience through summer internships, summer employment, or co-op experiences plus additional experience within professional societies. Justification for this experience should be included in the Personal Statement during the application process.

Core Application Packet

- Completed official online Graduate School application (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/) and payment of nonrefundable application fee. The graduate application includes the following:
  - Personal statement: The Personal Statement should include a 2-3 page essay demonstrating your written communication skills with the following information: a) statement of purpose (career and educational goals), b) narrative describing your leadership and innovation experiences through summer internships, summer employment, co-op experiences, community engagement, professional societies, etc. and c) narrative describing your professional experience in an engineering position (or equivalent) to meet the 1 year requirement.
  - Vita or Résumé.
  - Three letters of recommendation that attest to your readiness for graduate study and document the requisite minimum of one year of work experience. Letters must be submitted through the online application. Within the online application you will be asked to enter the names and email addresses of three individuals who will be providing your recommendation. Those individuals will receive a note via email asking them to complete a brief form that will serve as your recommendation. Please inform all recommenders they must submit the form in order for your application to be complete.

- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/).

GRE scores will not be accepted.

Applicants who are still completing their baccalaureate requirements at the time of application may be provisionally admitted to the Graduate School (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/provisional-admission/) conditional on the awarding of the baccalaureate degree.