Iowa State University is a worldwide leader in agricultural academics. The Seed Science Center houses the largest public seed testing laboratory in the world, conducting tests on more than 300 species. Currently, the Center is researching new seed technology and conducts international projects on the harmonization of regional seed trade regulations. Iowa State is, quite possibly, the perfect institution to offer a Graduate Program in Seed Technology and Business.

The value of planted seed in the world has reached staggering proportions—an estimated US$55 billion annually. At the same time, the demands of biotechnology, communications, and intellectual property protection have created new challenges and opportunities.

Iowa State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and College of Business have teamed up to meet these needs with a program suitable for working professionals: an online Master of Science in Seed Science and Technology and Seed Business Management.

Program Features

> Science, technology, and business courses with a focus on decision-making in the seed sector
> Flexible and convenient for working professionals: content available over the Internet and on CD-ROM
> Students remain part of an interactive group
> High-quality content delivered by engaged faculty

Master’s Degree Features

> 36-month study course—36 credits paced for working professionals
> Creative component project instead of thesis

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SEED INDUSTRY

The Iowa State University Graduate Program in Seed Technology and Business is preparing a group of well-trained professionals to be managers with a passion for leadership and the skills for decision-making in the world’s seed sector.

Program Admissions
Whether seeking the Master of Science degree or a graduate certificate, you must complete the standard Iowa State University admission process. Please submit the following:

- Admissions application and fee
- Original transcripts to provide evidence of
  - A bachelor’s degree or higher in business or agriculture from an accredited institution (Other majors or areas of concentration will be considered.)
  - A GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or approved equivalent
  - Official English translations of transcript may be required
- If English is not your native language, you will be required to submit evidence of English proficiency (TOEFL—IBT of 85 or better, IELTS—of 6.5 or better)
  - An additional English proficiency evaluation may be required upon admission
- Three letters of recommendation
- Three personal essays
- Resume
- GRE or GMAT standardized tests are not required, but may be submitted as evidence of potential success as a graduate student.

There is no residency requirement, and international students are encouraged to apply. Preference is given to candidates that apply before March 15, 2013.

A GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR TOMORROW’S GENETICS DELIVERY LEADERS

A Valuable Return for Your Investment
As a graduate of the Seed Technology and Business Program, you will be uniquely qualified and highly valued in the commercial seed industry, related public agencies, and affiliated non-profit organizations. Tuition and fee costs associated with earning the Master of Science in Seed Technology and Business are approximately US$33,000. Graduate certificate costs will be approximately US$15,000. Textbooks and other course supplies are not included in this estimate. There may be additional costs depending on individual circumstances. Reliable access to a computer and the Internet is also required.

For More Information
For more information about the Graduate Program in Seed Technology and Business, the Master of Science degree, or the graduate certificates, please see our website at www.seedgrad.iastate.edu

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