

## Applying to the Executive Master of Sustainability Leadership (EMSL) program

### When is the application deadline?

#### **June 1 for priority consideration – August 1 for final consideration**

All materials, including letters, transcripts and test scores (English proficiency if required), must be received by the deadline. **We recommend applicants submit the application at least one month prior to the deadline to allow sufficient processing time for materials.**

### What are the basic requirements?

A summary of the basic requirements can be found below. Additional details and instructions are available online at <https://sos.asu.edu/grad>.

#### **GPA equivalent to a 3.00 average**

GPA is calculated using the last 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of undergraduate coursework. The committee may also consider an applicant's cumulative undergraduate or graduate GPA if it is higher than the junior/senior GPA. Applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be considered for provisional admission.

#### **U.S. bachelor's degree**

Admission requires a U.S. bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from an international institution officially recognized by that country.

More details regarding requirements (including additional requirements for international applicants) are available at <https://admission.asu.edu/graduate/apply>.

#### **Five years of professional experience**

The program is designed for active professionals who have five or more years of professional/organizational experience or the equivalent. Applicants will be asked to provide their current employer name, address, phone number, job title, industry category and years/months of experience. Experience does not need to be in the field of sustainability. Providing salary information is optional.

### What needs to be submitted?

#### **Application**

Apply online at <https://students.asu.edu/graduate/apply>.

#### **Application fee**

There is a \$70 application fee for domestic applicants or \$115 for international applicants. Applications will not be reviewed until the fee has been submitted and all required materials have been received.

#### **Transcripts**

You must have one set of transcripts sent to ASU from every college or university where you earned a bachelor's degree or higher. ASU accepts unofficial transcripts as part of the online application, but not transcripts that are emailed or sent in after the application is submitted. If you are admitted to ASU, you will be required to send official transcripts to the university. If you attended ASU, your ASU transcript will import automatically to your completed application. For more information, including how to send transcripts and additional information about international transcripts, visit <https://admission.asu.edu/transcripts>.

## English proficiency requirement

Applicants from a country where the native language is not English (regardless of current nation of residence) must provide proof of English proficiency. Applicants from an English-speaking country who earned a degree in a non-English speaking country may also be subject to the English proficiency requirement. More details may be found online at <https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency>. The program requires a TOEFL iBT score of 100 or greater OR 80% or greater in ASU Global Launch's English for Graduate Admissions course (preferred).

## Recommendations

A minimum of two recommendations are required. Applicants will enter the names and email addresses of recommenders in the online application. After the application is submitted, ASU will invite recommenders to complete an online form that includes short answer questions. Attaching a letter is optional. References should be from academics or professionals familiar with the students' experience and capacity for graduate work.

Applicants should prepare their recommenders with the questions they will be asked:

1. Describe your professional relationship to the applicant.
2. How will the EMSL program benefit the applicant's career goals and aspirations?
3. Describe unique characteristics or strengths this applicant demonstrates.
4. Describe any weakness or areas for improvement this applicant could address.
5. Comment on the candidate's experience and abilities working in a team environment.

References cannot submit letters until the online application is complete. Applicants are encouraged to submit the application one month prior to the deadline to give their references a month to submit recommendations.

## Personal statement

All applicants must upload a personal statement when completing the online application. In approximately 300-500 words per question, applicants upload a statement that answers to the following prompts:

1. At this stage in your career, what are you passionate about?
2. What unique experiences and qualities will you bring to the EMSL program?
3. What are your intended objectives for the EMSL program and how will completion of the EMSL program support your long-term career goals?
4. Please provide any additional information you would like to bring to the attention of the Admissions Committee. (Optional)

## Resume or CV

Applicants must attach their resume or curriculum vita to the application.

## Additional information and questions

For additional information, please visit <https://sos.asu.edu/grad>. Questions can be directed to an Advisor at 1-877-326-6744 or [gradenrollment@asuonline.asu.edu](mailto:gradenrollment@asuonline.asu.edu).

