**CROP SCIENCES, PHD**

*for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Crop Sciences*

### Graduate Degree Programs in Crop Sciences
- Crop Sciences, MS ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/crop-sciences-ms/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/crop-sciences-ms/)) *(on campus & online)*
- Bioinformatics: Crop Sciences, MS ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/concentration/crop-sciences/bioinformatics/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/concentration/crop-sciences/bioinformatics/))
- Crop Sciences, PhD *(p. 1)*

### Admission
Admission to the Ph.D. program will be considered for applicants with the M.S., those nearing completion of the M.S., and highly motivated students with the B.S. Because of the diversity of programs in the Department of Crop Sciences, the preparation that is needed varies considerably. Strong letters of reference, evident motivation to undertake graduate study, and good preparation in basic science courses enhance an applicant’s credentials. For some programs, greater emphasis is given to previous training in plant sciences, chemistry, or mathematics. A grade point average equivalent to at least a B in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate course work plus any graduate level work completed is required. All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit the results of the TOEFL or IELTS as evidence of English proficiency. Official scores are required to be submitted directly from TOEFL/ETS or IELTS to the University. Additional information for international applicants can be found at: [https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/begin/international](https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/begin/international). Please see our web page for additional information: [https://cropsciences.illinois.edu/graduate/admissions/](https://cropsciences.illinois.edu/graduate/admissions/).

### Graduate Teaching Experience
Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

### Faculty Research Interests
Please refer to the following webpage for a detailed listing of our faculty and their areas of interest: [https://cropsciences.illinois.edu/people/faculty/](https://cropsciences.illinois.edu/people/faculty/).

### Financial Aid
Fellowships and assistantships are available to outstanding students on a competitive basis. Awards for financial assistance are based principally on a candidate’s academic record, statement of plans, and letters of reference.