

Guidelines for Recognition as a Professional Science Master's Program

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In order to achieve formal PSM affiliation for a candidate program, an institution must follow a series of key steps culminating in an application for PSM recognition to the Council of Graduate Schools.

The application must explain how the program meets each of the criteria set forth in guidelines established by the national PSM Advisory Board comprised of academic representatives at both the administrative and faculty levels as well as representatives of the employment sector. These guidelines ensure a level of quality and comparability among programs and create nationally accepted and recognizable standards.

The guidelines for recognition are found at www.sciencemasters.com along with resources for program development including a startup checklist which details key steps involved in pre-planning, curriculum development, and program management.

