



Dear Prospective Students at Renmin University:

I am writing to you as the Department Chair of the Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (ENRE) at the University of Rhode Island (URI). We are excited about your interest in our MS program and would like to invite you to consider joining our dynamic academic community.

Program Highlights

Our M.S. in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics offers a unique opportunity to work on applied and conceptual issues in this field with internationally-recognized faculty. While the standard MS program takes two years, the special program based on an agreement with Renmin University is designed to complete this M.S. degree in one year. The one-year program is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge in environmental and natural resource economics

Students may also consider adding other programs, including our Graduate Certificate program in Econometrics and Data Analysis (EDA), and staying for our PhD program in ENRE. The Graduate Certificate in EDA is a three-course, 12 credit program which can be completed online or in person as a stand-alone degree or along with the MS degree. EDA will enhance career opportunities by developing your econometric, data processing, database management, and coding skills, which will prepare you to excel in the data analytics field. Many of our MS students go on to complete the Ph.D. program.

[Curriculum information](#) can be found at:

<https://web.uri.edu/enre/academics/phd-environmental-and-natural-resource-economics/curriculum/>

Why Choose URI?

- **#1 Public University in the Northeast U.S.:** URI has been ranked #1 public university in the region and among best nationally by the Wall Street Journal.
- **Faculty Expertise:** Our department boasts faculty members who are recognized experts in the field, known for their pioneering academic research and contributions to major regional, national, and international policies. Our graduate program is recognized for its close faculty-student interaction. Check out our website for [faculty profiles](#).
- **Interdisciplinary Approach:** One of the main strengths of the master's program lies in its flexibility; we develop individualized programs and produce graduates who are competitive with their peers at other first-rate departments throughout the world. You'll benefit from combining the core courses with social, natural and computational sciences, including environmental policy, GIS, machine learning, business statistics community planning, and many more.

- **Research Opportunities:** As a student, you'll have the chance to engage in cutting-edge research with faculty, focusing on critical environmental issues. Whether you choose to do a thesis or a major paper, you can choose from a variety of topics including climate mitigation and adaptation, renewable energy, water resources and quality, fisheries management and policy, coastal resilience sustainable development, trade and the environment, and many more. Check out our website for [major research focus areas](#).
- **Career Prospects:** Our MS program prepares graduates for leadership roles in creating sustainable futures, balancing environmental sustainability with economic development. Our experience is that there is a strong demand for our M.S. graduates, both in the private and public sectors. These include positions in government agencies, private consulting firms, non-governmental organizations, and the private industry.
- **Rhode Island's Beautiful Coastline and Proximity to Major Cities:** Our program will be offered at URI's Kingston Campus. Rhode Island is renowned for its stunning 400 miles of coastline, picturesque beaches and charming seaside towns, which offers ample opportunities to enjoy the coastal lifestyle. RI's small size allows for easy access to major urban centers like Boston and New York City.

Program Details

- Duration: Full time. MS in 1 year for Renmin University students
- Start date: Every Fall semester

Application Requirements and Process

We encourage you to submit your application for the upcoming Fall semester. Please submit an online application through the [URI Graduate School](https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/): <https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/apply/>

Admission requirements for all programs:

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- GPA 3.0 or higher (*Applicants with a GPA lower than 3.0 may be considered for provisional admission)
- English proficiency test for international students, see graduate school on specific requirements at <https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/admission/international/>
- Additional program specific requirement is available at <https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/admission/>

To take advantage of the special program for students from Renmin University, please consult with your advisor at Renmin to ensure that you meet additional requirements needed prior to starting at URI.

Contact

We are committed to fostering an environment where both domestic and international students can thrive academically and personally. If you have any questions about our program or the application process, please contact our **Graduate Admissions Director, Prof. Hui Zhou (hui-zhou@uri.edu)**.

We look forward to reviewing your application and welcoming you to the University of Rhode Island.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emi Uchida", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

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