

Professional Master of Industrial Relations

Frequently Asked Questions



- 1. What is the timeline for completion of the Professional Master of Industrial Relations degree?**
 - A. *There are two semesters in the PMIR program; fall/winter and spring. Eleven courses are required for degree completion and the normal course load per semester is two courses. Students attend classes in Kingston one Friday and Saturday each month from September to April and for five days in May and five days in June. The PMIR program will normally take about 30-36 months to complete.*

- 2. Is there anywhere to stay during the two-week residency period?**
 - A. *Individuals are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. The PMIR coordinator is happy to recommend hotels and B&B's that are close to Queen's campus. During the two-week spring residency period, accommodations in the university residences are usually available and are quite affordable.*

- 3. Is there a deadline for applications?**
 - A. *Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the school year; however, the suggested deadline for the fall/winter semester is July 1st, and March 1st for the spring semester.*

- 4. What fee schedule applies?**
 - A. *PMIR students pay course fees, which are currently set at \$2226.66/course. With eleven courses, the current program fee is approximately \$24,500. Please note that fee increases may apply each year.*

- 5. I have been away from academic study for some time. Is it acceptable to have both letters of reference come from professional sources?**
 - A. *While the preference is that all applicants have one professional and one academic reference, we also recognize that some applicants are not able to provide academic references. Professional references will be accepted, when an applicant is unable to obtain academic references.*

- 6. I have a three-year degree. Can I still apply?**
 - A. *The normal minimum academic qualification for admission to the PMIR program is a four-year bachelor's degree with upper second-class standing (B+), or equivalent, from a recognized university. Where an applicant has a three-year degree and superior academic achievement, the case can sometimes be made that his/her work experience be viewed as the equivalent of the fourth year of university. Admission to the program is based on an applicant's academic background, prior work experience, and references.*

Additional update:

Please note that as of May 2010 a university level course in statistics is no longer a prerequisite for entry to the PMIR program.

We look forward to your application. For more information, please contact Anne-Marie Bergman at am.bergman@queensu.ca or by calling 613-533-6000 x.79319.