



RICE UNIVERSITY  
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**PUBLICITY**

The Professional Science Master's (PSM) has received national coverage this summer. The Wall Street Journal just published an article on August 3 titled, *Science Master's for Business Draws Critics*. In July, Rice's Nanoscale Physics degree was mentioned in a USA Today article. You can access this article from our web site. Go to the "What's New" page and click on "Articles About PSM Degrees"

**INCOMING STUDENTS**

We are happy to welcome six new students to our program this fall.

Four full-time students and one part-time student will be entering the **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS & DECISION MAKING** track.

**Varun Anand**, B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, 2004.

**Wenshine Ellice Lin**, B.S. in Biology, University of California, Irvine, 2003

**Sarah Mason**, B.A. in Biological Sciences, Clemson University, 2003

**Avanti Tamhane**, B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Rice University, 2004

**John Feighery**, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, University of Texas, 1999 - presently employed at NASA, JSC working as Lead Engineer for the Biomedical Systems Divisio.

One part-time student is entering the **SUBSURFACE GEOSCIENCE** track:

**Adriana Valerio**, B.S. in Geophysics Engineering, Universidad Simon Bolivar, 2000 - presently employed at Landmark Graphics Corporation as Geology and Geophysics Consultant.

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## **STUDENT INTERNSHIPS**

This spring we had five students looking for internship positions, and everyone found a position by mid-May. All but one student will maintain their internships for six months.

Two students are working with university professors; however, their responsibilities closely mimic those required in a business environment. Christine Robichaud is working with a Rice professor involved in an EPA project concerning the manufacture of nanoscale materials. Andrea Crumpacker is working as a "consultant" in environmental statistics for a University of Houston professor conducting water quality studies.

Iain Cowie is interning at Groundwater Services, Inc. and Christy Mak is working for Trinity Consultants. Christy Mak will remain in her internship for four months, at which time Trinity Consultants will consider extending the duration.

Nd Nebo successfully obtained an intern position with Total E&P USA, Inc. through contacts made at the Corporate Reception in January.

## **UPDATE ON MAY GRADUATES**

Ilia Geltser remained in the Houston area with his family after graduating with the first M.S. in Nanoscale Physics. One of his proudest accomplishments during his study at Rice is the patent application for "Bioartificial Liver Scaffold." His application has been filed through the Rice office of Technology Transfer. Currently, he is involved in a quality assurance project with a Chinese affiliate of Hitachi.

Natalie Irwin moved back to her home state of California and Bill Schleizer moved to Chicago. They both took a short vacation before actively searching for employment.

## **WEB SITE UPDATES**

Make sure to check our web site [www.profms.rice.edu](http://www.profms.rice.edu) regularly, as we keep it updated with new information, resources, and upcoming events.

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