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Dear Varenja,

It is my sincere pleasure to recommend you for admission to the Graduate College for study in the BSLAS-MS in IB program, effective for the Fall 2024 semester. A second, formal application to the Graduate College will be required next semester. If approved, the Graduate College will issue your official notice of admission to the University of Illinois as a graduate student. This offer of admission is valid for enrollment beginning the Fall 2024 semester only. Should you decide not to accept this offer, or if you do not register for the Fall 2024 term, please note you will need to reapply. Please notify us of your decision to either accept or decline our offer of admission by April 15, 2024 by emailing [msib@sib.illinois.edu](mailto:msib@sib.illinois.edu).

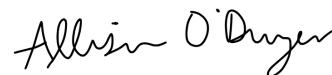
Next semester you may begin taking those 400-level IB courses on the approved course list (see all degree requirements at <http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/integrative-biology-bslas-ms/#degree requirementstext>). Up to 12 hours of these courses will apply toward both the BSLAS and MS degrees.

Once you are fully admitted to the Graduate College, you will be assessed graduate tuition rates. Like many professional degree programs, the MS in IB portion of the program is self-supporting and does not offer or accept tuition waivers. Thus, students are responsible for full tuition and fees. For current rates, please visit the Office of the Registrar's Tuition and Fees page (<https://registrar.illinois.edu/tuition-fees/>). Students enrolled may be eligible for financial aid services—for more information, see the Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://osfa.illinois.edu>).

As your program director, I will also serve as your advisor, aiding in course planning and degree completion. Students also receive significant career planning support in the required IB 592 Career and Skill Development course. We in the BSLAS-MS in IB program are glad to offer these support services to our students as they continue to build their plans for future schooling and/or employment.

Here at Illinois, we have an outstanding School of Integrative Biology and a large network of award-winning and globally renowned faculty who look forward to working with you as a student. We strive, therefore, to attract and admit the best and brightest and to offer them a challenging and supportive environment in which to prepare for their career by obtaining this advanced degree. Congratulations on your recommended admission and we hope you will choose to join our program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the details of our program or your offer of admission.

Sincerely,

Allison O'Dwyer  
Director of Graduate Studies, MS in IB Program