

Personal Statements

This worksheet can help you to begin brainstorming what you might include in a personal statement. Make sure to answer the specific prompt provided, and remember to support what you say with evidence. Concrete examples serve as proof!

What motivates you to pursue graduate study?	
Why are you interested in this field? What got you interested in this field?	
What have you done to prepare for graduate study? What actions have you taken that have helped you to learn more about the field?	
What skills/qualities have you developed that will contribute to your preparation for graduate study?	
What do you plan to do with your degree? What are your goals when you complete your graduate studies?	
What sets you apart from other candidates? What makes you a strong candidate?	



