



## THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

### **Application for Graduate Admission**

### **Supplementary Application – Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology (CONS)**

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Please upload the response to the questions below to the *Uploads Requirement* section (*Supplementary Application*) of the online application.

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Please write a 2-3 page essay in which you describe how your background prepares you for the CONS program, and what you expect to gain from the experience.

1. What are your reasons for applying to the CONS Program? You should discuss past academic or work related experiences, your plans for a professional career, and your interest in or knowledge of sustainable development and conservation biology.

2. What life experiences have you had that you feel have prepared you to pursue a graduate degree at a large, diverse institution such as the University of Maryland in the CONS program? You should provide the admissions committee with some concrete examples of your commitment, your leadership skills, your academic background and preparedness, your initiative and independence, evidence of innovative approaches, and/or your capacity for working through problems independently and collaboratively.

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