Supplemental Statement Instructions

A supplemental statement is required. It gives applicants an opportunity to provide a more detailed and integrated explanation of their training and career goals – an expanded statement that is more consistent with the expectations of a graduate school application statement. Please limit your supplemental statement to a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1,500 words. For this integrated, supplemental statement, applicants should find it advantageous to restate many of the points already made in their “research statement” and “personal statement” provided earlier in this application.

Your integrated personal/academic statement should explain the following:

1.) Your academic experiences to date, any past research experiences you have had, your plan for graduate training, the specific field of interest and/or research question/problem you plan to pursue in graduate school, your ultimate career goal, and how you believe the University of Maryland SRI might help you reach your educational and career goals.

2.) Each applicant must integrate a response to the following prompt into their supplemental statement. – Please describe your interest or work (current and past) in diversity and inclusion in the behavioral and social sciences. This can include, but is not limited to, research related to certain populations or groups or sociocultural diversity, educational service-learning activities, internships, courses, extra-curricular activities, etc. In the future, how do you plan to contribute to research and teaching related to diverse, under-served, or historically marginalized groups or to the diversity, inclusion, and mentoring of scholars in the social and behavioral sciences?

Additional Instructions:
• Please prepare your statement in advance – before you begin the UMD Supplemental Application
• Please use a 12-point, Times New Roman or Arial font.
• Please separate each paragraph of your statement with a full blank line to prevent your paragraphs from merging once you submit your supplemental material
• Your statement should be 500 – 1500 words

For More Information:
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