



COLLEGE OF INFORMATION STUDIES

CPIM | COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

2023 CPIM SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

For your supplemental application, please respond to five short answer questions. Each prompt should be answered in 150 words maximum. The questions should be answered separately, not as a single essay.

Please adhere to the word count. Reviewers look for applicants who:

- Demonstrate data awareness or an understanding of the information management profession;
- Demonstrate characteristics of adaptability, creativity, resiliency, originality and collaboration;
- Clearly communicate their ideas, interests, and career goals;
- Are comfortable with or eager to learn new technologies.

Question 1: Describe a situation where you discovered a critical dependency on data that you needed to address. What was the situation, how was it addressed, and what was your role?

Question 2: Having reviewed the CPIM objectives and curriculum, describe an issue you are passionate about and how a CPIM degree can help you solve it.

Question 3: Review the following three scenarios. Choose one and respond.

- **Option 1:** You're given a dataset of photographs to train a facial recognition algorithm. You notice that the dataset is not representative of the demographics of the country you are working in. What do you do?
- **Option 2:** You're working on research on how the open-source community can improve the security of their software products. Your supervisor thinks you should purposefully contribute vulnerabilities to the open-source product to see if they get through the review process. What do you do?
- **Option 3:** You're creating a new mobile application for your employer. Your boss asks you to make sure it collects location data in the background, so that you can learn more about where your customers spend their time. What do you do?

Question 4: A potential immediate supervisor wants to understand how your background in information management contributes to their team. How would you describe to them what you expect to learn in CPIM?

Question 5: In most information management environments, organizations rely on teamwork and collaboration to ensure high quality outcomes. Describe a situation where you worked collaboratively on a team to achieve great results.