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

Please note: The essay prompt below is very similar to the first part of the Graduate School’s Statement of Purpose listed in the Upload Requirements section of the application but is more specific to your reasons for studying public policy/public administration. It is acceptable, in fact preferred, that you compose a single essay incorporating both this prompt and the Statement of Purpose prompt and upload it in both the "Statement of Purpose" and "Supplementary Application" sections of Upload Requirements.

Write a statement addressing the following: What are your reasons for undertaking public policy studies at the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy? Indicate, if appropriate, any specific areas of specialization or research interest. You may wish to discuss past work in your intended field and allied fields, your plans for a professional career, and/or how you developed your interest in or knowledge of your chosen subject. Note regarding length: There are no specific word limitations on this statement. As concisely as possible, please tell us about yourself, your interest in public policy and the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy.