

STATEMENT OF GOALS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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U.S. Social Security Number

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Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy

Proposed Graduate Program

Four Letter
Program Code

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Degree Objective

Area of Interest

Last Name (Family Name)

First Name (Given Name)

Middle Name (if any)

Mailing Address Street

City

State or Province

Zip (+4)

Statement of Goals, Research Interests, and Experiences

Write a brief (1000-2000 word) statement addressing the following two questions: 1.) What are your reasons for undertaking graduate study at the University of Maryland? Indicate, if appropriate, any specific areas of research interest. You may wish to discuss past work in your intended field and allied fields, your plans for a professional career, or how you developed your interest in or knowledge of your chosen subject. 2.) What life experiences that you have had that you feel have prepared you to pursue a graduate degree at a large, diverse institution such as the University of Maryland? Among the items you might care to include would be your financial, community and family background, whether you are the first person in your family to pursue a higher education, or any other factors that you feel would contribute to the diversity of our academic community. You may also wish to give the graduate admissions committee some examples of your determination to pursue your goals, your initiative and ability to develop ideas, and/or your capacity for working through problems independently. Please use additional pages if necessary.

RECOMMENDATION FORM

PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

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I agree that the recommendation I am requesting shall be held in confidence by officials of the University of Maryland, and I hereby waive any rights I may have to examine it. Yes No

Signature of Applicant

Note to College Placement Offices: If your office maintains a confidential recommendation file for students and alumni, appreciate it if you would forward such files directly to the graduate program offices. Please attach this form to the file.

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

We would appreciate your assessment of the applicant's scholarship, personality, character, and professional promise. Please include in the statement an assessment of strengths and weaknesses. If additional space is needed, please feel free to use the reverse side of this sheet or a separate sheet. If you prefer, you may write the entire statement on your own stationery.

Statement:

SUMMARY EVALUATION Applicant's promise as a graduate student, in comparison with others of similar age and experience.

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Unusual	Outstanding	Truly Exceptional	Inadequate Opportunity to Observe
	Lowest 40%	Middle 20%	Next 25%	Next 5%	Almost Top 5%	Top 5%	
Research Aptitude							
Intellectual Potential							
Ability to Work with Others							
Creativity and imagination							
Maturity							
Self-Confidence							
Communication Skills: Oral							
Communication Skills: Written							
Analytical and Problem Solving Skills							
Motivation for Proposed Plan of Study							
Potential as a Teacher							
Potential for Career Advancement							

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement by placing an "X" along the scale

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Not Recommended

Recommended with some reservations

Recommended

Highly Recommended

Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

Position _____ Employer _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____