



Application for Graduate Admission

Supplementary Application – School of Public Policy (Doctorate Program)

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. Therefore we prefer that you compose a single essay incorporating both this prompt and the Statement of Purpose prompt and upload the same essay in both the "Statement of Purpose" and "Supplementary Application" sections of the Upload Requirements. Write a statement addressing the following:

- What are your reasons for undertaking doctoral study in public policy at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy?
- Indicate the research area(s) or subfields you are interested in, the research problem(s) on which you would like to work, and their potential relevance/significance.
- You may wish to discuss any prior related research or professional experiences, your scholarly goals and career aspirations, and how you developed your interest in or knowledge of your chosen subject area.

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.