



DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION AND QUANTITATIVE HEALTH SCIENCES

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GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING YOUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You are required to submit a Statement of Purpose as part of your application to any of the graduate programs in the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences. The Statement of Purpose is a strongly written essay, highlighting your academic experience and any relevant experience/ application to your current interest (internships, jobs, research, etc.). Students with clearly defined research interests and intended career goals are significantly more likely to be accepted. If intention is to work with a specific faculty member, please state this clearly in your essay.

Please use the following guidelines to complete your statement.

1. Explain why you are interested in population health and why you have chosen to attend graduate school at CWRU, describing particular attributes of the Population and Quantitative Health Science program that appeals to you.
2. Explain how your academic experience and qualifications fit the programmatic areas described on the website, highlighting the specific concentration to which you are applying (although you may describe your skills pertaining to more than one concentration).
3. State a specific area of research which you wish to pursue and name faculty whose research interests fit your own. Describe your professional and personal experiences (e.g. prior jobs, summer internships etc.) that lead to your interest in developing a research portfolio in the named area. Describe the area of research, the length of the exposure, with details of the scope of the experience including challenges faced, skill sets and perspectives gained. Provide supporting documents such as prior thesis, reports, and published papers augmenting the description, if available. Hands-on experience with data management and statistical analysis should be described in depth.
4. Describe other experiences and unrelated skills (e.g. strong organizational, writing, or logic skills) that are valuable adjuncts to your major area of interest, and have enabled your professional development.
5. Describe your motivation for applying for the program, with an in-depth assessment of your professional goals (both short- and long-term), and the specific outcomes you wish to achieve in your career. Describe your personal work style and your ability to work independently and with others.



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